



The Cornpicker

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: May 30, 2006 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 22 + Katie Schweizer

SING-A-LONG: You're A Grand Old Flag - My Gal Sal

LOTTO: J. Strong and J. Paternoster

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 06-06 Mark Steffen - UPS Pilot
- 06-13 Denny Vaughan - Identify Theft/Scams
- 06-20 Tracy Taylor Tissue & organ donations
- 06-27 Tom Kahle - Ethanol Plant



Steve Weeks - 6/25

July 16th - Cardinals vs. Dodgers at 1:00 p.m.



\$30 box seat • \$20 terrace level
Proceeds go to Cardinal Care

Bits & Pieces

*A life that hasn't a definite plan
is likely to become driftwood.*

AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thursday	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wednesday	The Country Kettle
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tuesday	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	11:50 a.m.	Wednesday	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wednesday	Bone Student Center
Piper City	6:15 p.m.	Monday	Azz Izz Tavern

Argentina Foreign Exchange

Katie Schweizer

Kate will be *kind of* a senior. She will *kind of* get credit for four to four and a half hours/day of school. She is an Outbound student until October then a Rebound and finally Inbound in Argentina. She showed her pin jacket and the many pins. Each month they get together and exchange pins, etc. She has met several youth from Thailand through Lead the Way. Also, in Global Feast they meet everyone from everywhere. She hopes to have her jacket filled by July. She is in the central group of Illinois, Iowa, Mich. & Canada. It has between 500 to 750 kids. They exchange pins and cards. Most jackets are blue but Canada - green. Her grandpa talked her into it. "Just to do it!" They have 50 countries to pick from if the parents approve. Then Rotary picks the top 30. If you wait until you are 18 they only offer 8 to 10 countries. In her host family, the wife can speak some English. She felt Argentina was beautiful and just felt right. They accepted 8 for Argentina. They interview you, then your parents, then together. She went crazy and wacked out that she was accepted. They go before 3 judges that rank them 1-10. Katie will be there for 11 months because Argentina will only give an 11 month visa. Then the board looks at your score before acceptance. Katie really knew she was going when she got an email from her host Mom all in Spanish. They give an allowance of \$100 per month. Kate does speak some Spanish and has been using instant message for the past two months. Host family - The wife is an Accountant and husband an Economist. They have two kids - Pala (18) who is in Buenos Aires studying for the big test to get into college and Andriess (17) who is going to Germany as an exchange student. She will be living 40 miles

from the mountains. The town has 75,000 population with 2,500 at the school. They live in a big house with two cats and are 20 blocks from school. Classes are four hours per day. They have had fun at Global Fest and St. Louis Arch. She participated in the Dist. Conf. Rotary is looking for more clubs to send out and bring in students. The application fee is \$700. The travel insurance and tickets are \$2000.00 for open ended tickets. Insurance in Argentina is \$40/month. Spending money will be \$2000.00 and \$1,000 at the end for a two-week trip to 15 days. It is cheap for what they do. Kate has been working and raised \$2-3,000. "It has changed me. You see things differently."

In Argentina they are either really poor or really rich. Kate has two more months before she leaves.



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FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS

"Can I get a dozen oatmeal cookies to go?" asked Paula as she walked into the bakery.

"Why, you can have anything you want," said Paula's aunt, who came out from behind the counter to hug her niece.

"Mom called and told me that you were starting your own business, so I decided to come home for the weekend to check things out for myself."

"Well, you came at the right time - the afternoon rush just ended."

"Aunt Gloria, this place looks great!" said Paula as she glanced around the shop. "We always said you should have a pastry business with the way you like to bake."

"I'll let you in on a little secret. I've always wanted to have my own bakery, but for years I talked myself out of it."

"Why?"

"Well, I convinced myself that I wasn't smart enough to run my own business. Also, I thought I didn't have enough money and that my family obligations were more important than chasing a silly dream. But after 30 years, I still had the same dream and had run out of excuses. So I said why not?"

"I'm so happy for you, Aunt Gloria!" said Paula.

"I am too, Paula. And you want to know something else? Living your dream is a whole lot more exciting than just dreaming about it."