



# The Cornpicker

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### DATE/TIME/

**PLACE:** November 7, 2006 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 20 plus Sandy Schrof, Don Bathgate, Nate Addis & Josh Clemons

**LOTTO:** Robin Coady & Don Bathgate

PERFECT ATTENDANCE



John Strong

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

#### Programs:

- 11-14 Craig Sutter - Russia
- 11-21 Paul Anderson - Rotary Foundation
- 11-28 OPEN
- 12-05 Christmas Party
- 12-12 P.C.J.H.Literacy
- 12-19 OPEN
- 12-26 OPEN

### Bits & Pieces

In order to succeed, at times  
you have to make something from nothing.  
Ruth Mickleby-Land

### 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

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Don Bathgate asked that we give to Polio Plus. We started 20 years ago and are down to 3 African Nations, India and Eastern Europe. They had 135 adult cases last year. District 6490 wants to raise \$25,000 or \$10/ Rotarian. Please give.

Polio primarily affects children under the age of three, and it can cause paralysis in hours.



Photo by Jean-Marc Giboux  
from Polio-Plus Photo Essay



Sandy Schrof, Livingston County

To determine eligibility, they look at medical bills, periods of unemployment, and disability. They strive to eliminate poverty housing in the world. It's a matter of soul, mind & will. Love your enemies and do good. The houses are not given to anyone. Most people have incomes 30 - 50% below the median income. They have to have a down payment of \$400.00 and work at least 400 hours. People pay for their house. The criteria is: 1. need; 2. ability to repay with no interest loan in a 15-20 year period. It ranges from \$300-450/month, including insurance & taxes. Most of the people work at low wage jobs. None of the people receive public assistance. A lot is good faith. They cannot discriminate if the family is Christian or not. They try to eliminate poverty and welcome all. Their philosophy - Build a simple decent home.

To most - this house will be a big change. The design criteria is set by HFH - 900 square feet for two, up to 1500 square feet for a family of four. They have to follow the code of the town they build in. The mortgage is set up in two sections. A) equals the cost of the house and B) is the difference in the appraisal. After 20 years the loan is forgiven. HFH is an independent, non-profit organization. In Livingston County, they have built 12 homes and rehabed one. They are located in Pontiac, Fairbury, Chatsworth, Forrest, Cullom, Saunamin, Dwight and Odel. The lot costs have been running the cost up to \$50 - 60,000. They get their finances by fundraisers, donations, churches, etc. Their tradition is to pass a lamp on to the new homeowners. This is to give hope and shed light. They deal in "Jesus Economics".

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### GIVING BACK

"I guess you're too good for us now," said Tessa over the phone to her friend Peter.

"Excuse me?" he replied. "I'm working on a big case. Now what do you think is more important - my career or giving a speech to your junior high students?"

He felt horrible for what he'd just said, but it was too late to apologize because Tessa had already hung up the phone. For months she'd been begging him to come back to their alma mater and address a group of at-risk students she tutored.

But the thought of being in the old neighborhood made him feel sick. He's always hated growing up poor, and being looked down upon by the kids of the surrounding affluent neighbor-

hoods. His former middle school held one of the lowest rankings in the city's school system.

"It would just be a waste of my time," he told himself. And then he realized that all the reasons he could find to talk himself out of going back were the exact reasons why he should.

He picked up the phone and dialed his old friend. "Tessa, don't hang up. I want to apologize for what I said earlier . . . and let you know that I can make some free time in my schedule next week,"

"Oh, Peter. Really? What made you change your mind?"

"I realized I have some giving back to do," he replied.