



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"Lead The Way"

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DATE/TIME/

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

ATTENDANCE: 29 + Dist. Gov. John Behrend and Sue and A.D.G. Joyce Shore

SING-A-LONG: You're a Grand Old Flag & R-O-T-A-R-Y

LOTTO: B. Nussbaum & M. Steffen

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

09-19	Prairie Central - Music & Fall Sports	10-10	Prairie Central H.S. Senate
09-26	Pork Producers	10-17	Carl Borngasser
10-03	Steve Weeks	10-24	Dean Moser
		10-31	John Strong

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Bill Orth has been on Meals on Wheels forever (since it began) 20+ years. Bill wants some relief on Saturday. It takes about 1 hour.

Can you help deliver on Saturdays?

Bits & Pieces

He who has confidence in himself
will lead the rest.
Horace (65-8 B.C.) Poet

INTERNATIONAL

R.I. Convention

Salt Lake City - June 17th

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

District Governor

John Behrendt

Joyce Shore, Asst. District Governor introduced District Governor John Behrendt. John got involved in Rotary when he hosted a student from the Netherlands. He joined Litchfield Rotary in 1978 but had to resign in 1984. In 1989 he came back. He was in the grocery industry, an elder at the Presbyterian church, works for St. Francis and the Baker Trust. In 2000 he received the Rotarian Award for 6490, and in 2002 the Service Award.

Reminder: President Elect March 24-25 Multipets at the Crown Plaza in Springfield. Oct. 5 Champaign, Foundation, May 4-5 District Conference Champaign, at the New Hilton (Old Chancellor). The guest speaker will be Bruce Weber Saturday Night. We didn't have anyone at the St. Louis ballgame this year. Joan needs a count for next year. This money goes toward our literacy program. John has a one of a kind we pay for the Dist. Gov. jacket (one of 530 of a kind). They have to pay for it.

We Rotarians are the luckiest people in the world. We change more lives than anyone can count. In India, the polio victims use skate boards to get around. The drops Rotarians gave allow the kids to jump and run. The world is facing a crisis, "fresh water". Fresh water is so important. Most travel about one hour one way to get water. We have used 1/2 of all the fresh water in the world. In 2025 we will have used 3/4ths. The last 100 years the population will increase three times and the fresh water use by 6 times 20% of the people in the world have

no fresh water. Of all the water in the world only 1% is fresh water. The Great Lakes contain 23% of all the fresh water in the world. We need to think about fresh water and work on it. Literacy is the root of all poverty. Fresh water and schools go together. He recalls the Rotary water well in China. "Give him fish but teach him to fish". We need to educate the women for they are the ones sent to get the water. Bill Boyd is the 5th president to realize the need.

The Foundation is simple. The Rotary Foundation - I give and I am a part of it. It is our Foundation. We are the workers and the doers. Have you looked at the Ambassador Scholarship fund? It is a \$26,000 scholarship for someone trying to get a doctor's degree and going to a non English country. They had only 4 apply. What about the G.S.E. (group study exchange). Our district was the first to host from China. They wanted to know why there is a tariff against them and not other countries for their products. People are the same the world over. The Foundation is completely separate from Rotary. Rotary gives the Foundation no money. You owe money to our Foundation. D.D.F. (District Designated Funds. Of all the money sent 50% comes back to the district. They set 20% aside for District Simplified Grants, the rest go for scholarships, grants, etc. Six years ago John went to work for Rotary. He became a stock broker because it was easy money. He can sell stocks to Rotarians and he knows 2700. They pay dividends every day. The stock certificates are \$20 in a water well, \$20 in books, \$50 for eye surgery. John will match the first \$100 from our club.

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What Will You Do?

During my long life, I have learned one lesson: that the most important thing is to realize why one is alive - and I think it is not only to build bridges or tall buildings or make money, but to do something truly important, to do something for humanity. To bring joy, hope, to make life richer for the spirit because you have been alive,

that is the most important thing.
Arthur Rubinstein (1887-1982) Pianist