



The Cornpicker

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: September 19, 2006 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 23 + Lesa Kline, Sarah Windham, Jim Shepard, Cindy Ifft, Brian Hassett, Brad Turner, Cara Sweet

LOTTO: Jim Shepard & Bob Nussbaum

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

09-26	Pork Producers	10-17	Carl Borngasser
10-03	Steve Weeks	10-24	Dean Moser
10-10	PrairieCentral	10-31	John Strong
	H.S. Senate		

Programs:

Our Goal - Get all members to become a Paul Harris Fellow. We'd like 100% participation for sustaining membership \$100/year for 10 years. One way we are going to do it is a piggy bank - 1 quarter a day and 2 quarters on Tuesday equal 400 quarters or \$100/year. Count and bring them in and we'll put them in your account.



Bits & Pieces

You have to know you can win. You have to think you can win. You have to feel you can win.

Sugar Ray Leonard, Boxer

Centennial Awards Program Banquet

Joan reminded Rotarians that our library received an award last year at this banquet. The banquet is coming up again . . . Friday, Oct. 13 at the Palmer House in Chicago. Awards this year will be given to Cap. James Lovell, NASA astronaut on Gemini and Apollo launches; Dr. Milton Rosenberg, host of WGN-Radio's "Extension 720", and an Artistic Achievement Award to Green Mill Cocktail Lounge in Chicago "The oldest jazz club in the U.S.". The speakers should be fascinating. If anyone would be interested in attending, see Joan for details. The cost is \$150 including meal.

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

P.C.H.S. MUSIC & SPORTS



Lisa Kline - The 5th graders started band this week. The marching band is the biggest band yet with 105 members. They are in 4 contests - Pontiac, Monticello, Metamora and U.of I. The show this year is "Tommy The Rock Opera". They have 13 football players in band. They are very busy and have a great time.



Sarah Windham - Director of the High School Choir. She comes from Carthage and graduated from Western. This is her first year and she loves it. She has 22 kids signed up for District auditions on Oct. 9. The first Madrigal practice was last yr. with 21 kids. In concert band they have 52 kids and treble 33 kids.



Jim Shepard - Volleyball Coach. He has a great bunch of girls (42). They are learning a new system of coaching and teaching. They look at job skills, then capabilities. They are playing harder and if they are leading at half, they expect to win. The future looks good and he sees a lot of talent coming up. This is one of the toughest down state conferences.



Cindy Ifft - This is her first at girls golf. It can be a very frustrating sport. This year is an all new girls team to rebuild. She has 4 juniors and 1 freshman. For some, it was the first time they touched a club. Practice started Aug. 9 and Aug. 13 was their first meet. They were not used to playing 18 holes. They are improving - 2 & 6 now.

Brad Turner - Boys Golf - They are 4-3 and have had a lot of good finishes. They have 5 seniors and 2 sophomores. The regionals are Oct. 3 at the Lake of The Woods. Their attitudes are good.



Brian Hassett - They have 30 players out and are 4-0. They are averaging 45 points/game. They are having a good year. He has 7 captains this year. There are a total of 90 to 100 kids in the program. They have started the "Fellowship of Christian Athletes". They built a new weight room. This is one of the best additions they have. The Booster Club donated a lot of money. Their goal this year is to win the Corn Belt.



Cara Sweet - Cross Country - this is her 2nd year. They have 13 kids out - 4 girls and 9 boys. They need 5 girls to compete as a team. The boys have 4 seniors, 3 juniors, 1 soph. and 1 freshman. She feels the boys may qualify for sectionals this year. The 2 senior girls could qualify also. They run 3 miles. In practice, they may run 5 to 10 miles/day.

Bits & Pieces

SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

There's not a lot that Richard Branson hasn't done. He's crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a hot air balloon, started a record label, and founded the Virgin Group - a diverse conglomerate that includes everything from music stores and a mobile phone service to an international airline, luxury resorts and game preserves, bridal shops - even a service providing space travel.

In his autobiography, *Losing My Virginity* (Three Rivers Press), Branson recalls an event that occurred when he was not quite 12 years old. His mother, Eve, woke him early one winter morning and instructed him to cycle 50 miles to another village and back. She packed an apple and some sandwiches for him, and sent him on his way with a reminder to find some water to drink.

Eve thought the challenge would give young Branson a sense of direction and develop his endurance. Branson remembers feeling like a "conquering hero" upon his return the next day.

As outrageous as this task may have seemed, Branson believes that completing this and other equally grueling challenges put forth by his mom helped him develop the confidence to try just about anything - and succeed.

Whether you're on the giving or receiving end, just remember: A push here, a friendly dare, a gentle nudge off the beaten path can spark creativity, inspire courage, and unlock a world of potential.