



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: July 24 , 2007 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 23 plus Amber Steidinger

SING-A-LONG: In the Good Old Summer Time - You're A Grand Old Flag

LOTTO: Keith Bahler and Amber Steidinger

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 7/31 - OPEN
- 8/7 - John Tollensdorf
- 8/14 - Dist. Governor
- 8/21 - Tom Kahle

Rotary Membership Drive September 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Our Membership Drive will be held on September 11th at 6:30 p.m. at Knoll Lodge with steaks and the fixins. Bring a prospective member. Note: It is Bud's & Joan's birthdays.



Dean will need a count next week!

Bits & Pieces

So the next time you're running against your limitations, push yourself to cross that line. No matter the outcome, you'll be a winner.

Satisfaction will come to those who please themselves
Arnold Lobel (1933-1987)
Children's book author and illustrator

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

STAFFORD SWIM TEAM

Amber Steidinger



Amber is the swim team coach and lifeguard. Last summer they had 105 kids out, had 10 meets and 1 invitational. This year they had 92 kids out, 12 meets meets and 2 invitationals. The problem is there are so many other camps and summer leagues going on, so they come when they can. She averaged 55 kids per meet. There are 8 events in a meet but there are 10 groups so the meet has 80 events total broken down into age groups and gender. They have to set it up and put kids in each event. They have 12 parent volunteers for time, usually 7 lifeguards, someone for concessions, announcer, starter and 2 runners for lane cards for time, and 2 on the computer that run the meet and give out ribbons. They compete with Clifton, Pontiac, Gridley, El Paso, Colfax, Flanigan, Lexington, Dwight and Roanoke. They lost 4 meets - two to El Paso (they have a large team and can score more points), Lexington and Pontiac. They practice to make the kids better swimmers. They had 3 swimmers at

the El Paso invitational. The problem is the \$4 per event cost and transportation. Also Lexington had an invitational. Once a swimmer here, you can go to Pontiac under our co-op and swim on their fall and winter swim teams. In high school the girls are in the fall and boys in winter. They have people from Dwight, Pontiac, Fairbury, Lexington and Flanagan. The swim team just finished.

This year Amber was going to have to take her lifeguarding over again. She took the WSI course during her spring break 9 to 5 every day. She renewed her lifeguard and got her WSI - LTI training and became an instructor. As a training instructor, she had to teach and learn new things like backboard on land, changes in CPR and back blows on a choking victim. She taught a class of 7 for lifeguards. Six of the seven passed. Also she taught two renewal lifeguards.

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THE FINISH LINE

In *Letters to My Son* (New world Library), Kent Nerburn tells the story of a runner who daily put himself through grueling physical exercises. One day, Nerburn met up with the man after he'd just finished a track workout. The man had exhausted all of his energy and was bent over trying to recover.

"Why do you do this to yourself?" Nerburn asked him.

The man straightened up and returned to the track, ten yards in front of the finish line. "This is why I do this," he said. "These last ten yards. I learn more about myself here than anywhere else."

Each of us can recall a moment in life when we stopped short before we ever reached the finish line. Or when we pushed ourselves beyond our expectations to cross some line that seemed impossible to reach. The last ten yards of any "race" - whether you're preparing for an exam, developing a new product, recovering from an injury - are the ones that will test your will and perseverance.

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