



The Cornpicker

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"Lead The Way"

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: June 26, 2007 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 26 plus Kate Schweizer, Bill & wife, Steve Hermes, Grant Woodham

LOTTO: Heather Schweizer & Steve Weeks

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

07/03 - Changing of the Guard

Membership:

We sang happy birthday to Steve Weeks!

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

Bits & Pieces

Life is the continuous adjustment
of external relations.

Herbert Spencer (1820-1903), Philosopher

Our language is funny - a fat chance
and a slim chance are the same thing.

J. Gustav White

Foreign Exchange Students

Grant Woodham

Grant was an exchange student in 1970-71 staying at Jim Roberts. He traveled from Geraldton, Aus. as part of the Legislative Assembly. They have two houses of Parliament. They have the National Party which is conservative and the Labor which is like our Democratic liberal. He is here researching problems in education. They are having problems attracting teachers. They have a shortage of science and math teachers. He will visit our high schools and universities. They feel if you are educated in the rural area you will return to this rural area to teach. It took two years to convince them of this study to get here.



Kate Schweizer

Kate Schweizer was our foreign exchange student in South America - Argentina. She arrived on August 24 to "parents" who could not speak English. She was overseas for ten months. They expect you to wear your shoes in the house - it is a must! This is part of the culture. Also you sit to eat with your hands on the table. They are very formal with a fork & knife at every meal. The city she was in had all one way streets. They drive fast - 90 m.p.h. is slow. She spent three months with her first family. The second family felt right and seven months later she left them. Rotary rules say you have to have three families. They had three girls 15, 18 & 22. In school each person sat in their class all day with the teachers rotating. The public school was the lower class level with a lot of drugs and drunks. After three months, Kate got to go to a semi-private school. You had to learn Spanish. After the first three months, they had a three month vacation. In the semi-private school they had a higher level of people and it was harder to fit in. Kate went on many trips. In November they went as a Rotary group to South Argentina to see the whales swim. Fifty-two kids and five adults went for 18 days on a bus. She got to go to the end of the world. In Esquel they had their chicken thanksgiving dinner - then to the Andies. She lived in Patagonia, Argentina. She has connections all over the world. They had 30-40 kids in their Interact Club. She was a mummy for Halloween - 3 toilet paper roles later. Their Rotary District is 700 miles long or 20 hours in a bus long. They have taken on building a cafeteria and bathroom for the poor. They do food and clothing drives. She got to see the good of people and it was a great experience. You never say you are an American over there. Kate has been back for one 1 1/2 weeks.

