



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"Lead The Way"

Fairburyrotary.com

2006 - 2007 Officers

President	Dave Roberts
Pres. Elect	Joan Smeltzer
Vice President	Keith Bahler
Sec/Treas	Leroy McPherson
Editor	Leroy McPherson

DATE/TIME/

PLACE: March 6, 2007 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 25 plus Jim Burkle & Gerry Vance

SING:-A-LONG: My Wild Irish Rose and R-O-T-A-R-Y

LOTTO: Tracy Taylor and Joan Smeltzer

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 03-13- P.C. Music
- 03-20- ?
- 03-27 Bill Fugate - Jim Walter - Trip to Kenya

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

Student of the Month

Student: Norman Mayer

Student's Guardian: Anita Fredericks

Norman has a positive outlook and strives to learn from past mistakes. He is friendly, polite, and helpful. Norman is a hard worker who endeavors to do his best on every assignment putting in extra effort and time before & after school to ensure successful completion of assignments or projects.

Quips and Quotes

There are no great people in this world, only great challenges which ordinary people rise to meet.

William Frederick Halsey, Jr. (1882-1959)
Military officer

Monsanto - DeKalb Asgrow

Jim Burkle and Gerry Vance



Jim is a Rep for Monsanto with Gerry as a Dealer. He started with the viewpoint of an Ag-consumer. Monsanto has evolved through its history from an industrial chemical co. to pharmaceutical and turf to agriculture. They research crop protection through germ plasma and traits. They produce soybean & corn hybrid through traits. Ethanol production will have a large impact on the consumer. The technology to improve vegetable oil along with people demand and the government requires new labeling. Ethanol's demand for corn creates a value positive impact. It has also gained congressional support due to "renewable fuels". They put into law the renewable fuel standard. They feel 7.5 billion gallons will be used by 2012. Ethanol production was 5 billion gallons in 2006. Production in the next 10 years should double to about 13 billion gal. by 2016. It will take 5 billion bushel of corn to produce this. The question is how viable is this? They figure 20% reduction in gasoline. The big push is by the environmental and global warming. 60% of our oil is imported. We are seeing technology continue to advance. We have 53 ethanol plants on the books, 3 on the Illinois river, ADM, Canton and Rochell that are close to being open. They will drive the demand on corn. They are also looking at wood, corn cobs and stalks, etc. using cellulose technology. Ethanol

is produced from starch. They are trying to produce corn hybrids with more starch in them. Process or preferred seed contains higher starch content up to 3% more. This 3% will mean a \$6 million impact on profit for the producers. The co-products from the distillers - dry grains, etc. - what do we do with them? They are trying to make them more appealing for livestock to add protein composition to help balance their ration. Renewable fuel E-85 is at some pumps and used by some vehicles. This is called flex fuel. Another product they are working on is vegetable oil. They are trying to improve the composition of vegetable oil. Jan 06 they had to label all transfats. This was passed by our government. Two-thirds of the vegetable oil used in this country comes from soybeans. It is healthy heart friendly oil. New York City by 2008 will be the first trans fat free city. It is important that the taste remains the same (think of McDonald french fries for instance). There is a recent advancement which preserves taste and shelf life and reduces saturated fat in oil. They want to add Omega 3 into oil. They have found this to be a gene from an algae in the fish. They will identify and breed it into the soybean. They want to produce 15 billion bushel of corn by 2015. We presently are at 11 billion.

Bits & Pieces

Tap In to your surroundings

Years ago, there was a young man in dire need of a job. Because he lacked experience, he was unqualified for most of the jobs he applied for. And he grew more discouraged with each rejection he encountered. But he perked up when he heard about a telegraph operator position available at a local company. Although he'd never operated a telegraph machine, as a boy he'd learned Morse code from his grandfather. Surely that would count for something. However, his hopes were dashed as soon as he reached the reception area of the company. Chairs were already filled with applicants.

No one sat at the reception desk, but a sign posted on it informed job candidates to fill out an application and have a seat until they were summoned to a nearby office for an interview. From the partially opened door of that office, the tapping of a telegraph machine could be heard. The young man took a seat and completed the form.

He sized up the competition - they were older and no doubt more experienced than he was. He read the sign on the desk again and then, scanning his competition once more, he stood up. Confidently, he walked into the interview room and closed the door behind him. After

several minutes, he came back out with a broad smile and left the company.

Following him into the reception area was the owner of the company. "Thanks so much for coming in, ladies and gentlemen," he said. "I just hired someone for the job, so you can leave your completed forms on the desk as you depart."

"Hold on there one minute," protested one of the applicants. "We've been sitting here all morning. None of us has been interviewed. How can you hire the last guy who walked in without speaking to any of us first?"

"Well, while you've been sitting here," replied the owner, "the telegraph machine has been broadcasting your fate: "If you can understand this message, come into my office and the job will be yours."

Opportunity is everywhere. It pays to be aware of all that's going on around us.