



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club
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2007 - 2008 Officers

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: Nov. 27, 2007 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 21 plus Donna Roland, Kym Lacey & Chuck Goodwin

LOTTO: Phil Hermes and Leroy McPherson

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

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| 12/04 - Christmas Party | 01/08 - John Capasso |
| 12/11 - John Capasso | 01/15 - OPEN |
| 12/18 - Life International | 01/22 - Bob Nussbaum |
| 12/25 - NO MEETING | 01/29 - Dean Moser |
| 01/01 - NO MEETING | |



Membership:

Primary Focus - Robin presented this to the Paxton-Buckley-Loda school district. They are going to have two programs sponsored by Robin & the IGA store owners.



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| 12/01 - Jon Bachtold | 12/27 - Dave Roberts |
| 12/15 - Bob Nussbaum | 12/28 - Tom Kahle |
| 12/24 - Bill Fugate | |

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Salvation Army Bell Ringer. We still need volunteers for Dec. 5th and 17th. All the funds stay in our local community.

Student of the Month for October: Beckie Sass and Daniel Maurer

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Ed Palen introduced Kym Lacey as an exchange student that lived in Metamora with her host family. They are now her Mother-in-Law and Father-in-Law.

We are looking at "Water Well" for our international project.

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

SUNRISE CLUB ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA - Robin

Robin's father went on the Sunrise Club of Orange Park Rotary Club's flight. They went on the WWII, Vietnam and Korean & Arlington Park tour. They left at 6:30 a.m. from the airport and got back at 11:30 p.m. It was very enjoyable for them. The Sunrise Club sponsored the trip.

ENGLAND - Keith

Keith went to England for eight days. His daughter is a sophomore at ISU and is spending a semester in Canterbury, England. They flew into London. This is the area along the North Sea and English Channel. Keith had pictures to share. He noted they drive on the wrong side of the road and the wrong side of the car. They drove 90 miles from London to the place they stayed. He found it interesting when he came to his first "Roundabout". It is like a wheel in the road with spokes with 2-5 roads coming into the center. They saw Canterbury Cathedral. He noted the streets were very narrow with a lot of "stop and give right-of-way to pedestrians" areas. It took about 30-35 minutes to travel 12 miles. England is full of WWII historical landmarks. They saw Dover Castle. In the 1700s the

British started to build a tunnel to stage troops. During WW II they worked hard to complete the tunnel system. They used it to move their planning stations in the cliffs. The Castle is over 1,000 years old. Canterbury Castle is over 1200 years old. They stayed in a cottage while there. Keith noted that on one side of a street, one block long, they would house 22 families so in 1 block, you would have 44 families. He noted with all these families it was amazingly quiet in this area. The people in England walk with their heads down looking at the ground. They decided to take a ferry to France to eat but could not communicate so got a coke and left. He felt they were more courteous on the road. It seemed in England to be a more continuous mixture of country and city.

Bits & Pieces

Some would say that the Dutch Town of Drachten has some of the most considerate drivers in the world. There are no traffic jams and on the rare occasion that an accident occurs, it's usually a minor one. In fact, Drachten is such a great place to learn about traffic safety that students from nearby villages often go there for that very reason.

So it might surprise you to learn that there are only a few streetlights and stop signs in the town, and pedestrians have no sidewalks to use. Anyone trying to get anywhere in Drachten is in close proximity to everyone else who is doing the same.

As an illustration of "shared space," Drachten makes a strong argument for the benefits of chaos. Since this environment creates more risk, drivers are required to exercise more caution, restraint, and courtesy with one another. Signaling a turn or lane change and establishing eye contact with motorists in merging vehicles are priorities when there are no other means of directing the flow of traffic.

And once people are more mindful of the world around them while on the road, could that make them more mindful off the road as well?