



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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**DATE/TIME/PLACE:** Sept. 4, 2007 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 23 + Jay Nussbaum

**LOTTO:** J. Schahrer & M. Petersen

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

Dean Moser



## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

9/11 - Steak Fry at 6:30 - **no noon meeting**  
 9/18 - Dr. Capasso

**Steak Fry  
 Membership Drive**  
 September 11th at 6:30



**Keep us informed.**

Let Leroy know if your email address changes!

### Bits & Pieces

There is never a wrong time to do the right thing.

### 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

# Code Red

Dr. Capasso



The program decision was difficult - Bud on his horses in Wyoming or Dr. Capasso on P.C. and being prepared. Dr. Capasso won out to go first. The "Code Red" at Pontiac was very troubling. The students were locked in rooms with their cell phones. The students called parents who showed up only to hinder their operations. This situation was managed very well. You have to remember schools and teachers are not emergency personnel. They are trained to teach. P.C. does do locker & car searches. Our people are trained and review our Code Red every year. As you recall we had a Code Red at the Jr. High a few years ago with a bomb

scare in the building. Well - you couldn't lock them up in the school where the bomb was so it created a new twist. You try to be prepared with some plans, but a lot of the time it calls for human judgment. You need to inform the parents but most of all - keep the kids safe. It took four hours to declare the lockdown safe and the kids were locked up in rooms with no bathrooms, air conditioning, etc. They had to improvise. Schools are not on emergency footing. It is very important to know your kids. We know them pretty well. We track behavior and watch them. Rural schools can't afford metal detectors and sophisticated equipment. Vigilance is the key - keep track of them. Dr. Capasso answered a lot of questions. We ran out of time for Bud but we do have several openings for programs.

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## Bits & Pieces

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### A PLAN FOR SUCCESS

"What could it be this time?" Peter thought to himself. Just weeks into the new school year and he was already being summoned to his son Shelby's school for a parent-teacher conference. Peter went over a list of Shelby's past offenses from junior high - vandalism, bullying, truancy - and wondered if things would be worse now that Shelby was in high school.

"Thank you for coming in," the teacher said to Peter. She motioned for him to sit down. On her desk was a folder with Shelby's name on it. She took her seat across from Peter and flipped through the folder before closing it and pushing it aside.

"I think you know what's in this folder."

"Yes", Peter said. He folder his arms across his chest as knots began forming in his stomach.

"Well, I'm not buying in to it," the teacher announced. "Shelby is one of the most brilliant students I've ever encountered!"

Peter's jaw dropped as the teacher spoke for the next several minutes about Shelby's gifts and talents. "I just wanted to tell

you that I am going to do my best to challenge Shelby, and develop his potential."

For the next hour, Peter and the teacher were engaged in the most positive conversation he'd ever had regarding his son. And whenever Peter began to stray into the area of Shelby's past troubles, the teacher would interrupt with, "I hear what you are saying, but let's focus on Shelby's future."

Peter began to realize that this teacher was on to something; He would follow suit and focus only on his son's positive attributes. Every day after that, Peter offered his son words of encouragement and support.

Over the next few months, Peter watched his son transform from the rebellious troublemaker he'd always been to a thoughtful and ambitious young man. Yet as much as Shelby was learning from his new teacher, his father had learned the more important life lesson.

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