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DATE/TIME/PLACE: Sept. 18, 2007 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 24 plus 8 athletic & music dept. personnel

LOTTO: Mike Peterson & Leroy McPherson

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs: To be Announced

Membership:

Membership Drive/Steak Fry: Keith thanked Dean, Steve & Jim for a great meal and Gary Huston for our Program - Dan Rutherford. He also thanked Dave Roberts for his presentation on Rotary. Now: Bring your guests back and keep them interested.

We received a thank you from Spence Farms for our donation.

Phil Hermes reported on Interact meeting here and in Champaign. It was a good meeting with a lot of kids. They did have good sessions at champaign.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

When the governor was here we passed the hat for Polio Plus. We received a thank you from him and Rotary International Polio Plus.

Bits & Pieces

Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best.

Bob Talbert (1936-1999), Columnist

The Real contest is always between what you've done and what you are capable of doing. You measure yourself against yourself and nobody else.

Geoffrey Gaberino, Olympic swimmer

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

P.C. Athletic & Music Departments



Brian Hassett (football) has 16 seniors - 4 captains. They have had a little trouble - some major injuries with key guys hurt. Two games they lost by 5 & 6 points.

The Sophomores are 0-4. Freshmen have 1 win. They had 100 kids out. They have great kids and a great coaching staff. Fifteen starters graduated last year. They want to stay positive and coach them up.

Scott Will (golf - boys). Cindy Ifft filled in. They have 2 seniors, 4 juniors, 2 sophomores and 4 freshmen. They have had a lot of meets cancelled due to weather and other teams. They have 7 wins. October 2 will be their regional at Gibson City.

Cindy Ifft (Golf-girls): They have 4 seniors in only their 2nd year and 1 sophomore and 2 freshmen. In a match they take 4 scores out of the 6. They are 4 & 6. They have Regional October 3 at Dwight.

Jim Shepard (Volleyball): He has 7 or 8 seniors. They are 4 & 7 and 1 & 3 in Conference. He feels they could have been 10 & 1. Sophomores only lost 2 matches. The Freshmen are small.

Cara Sweet (Cross Country) has 14 kids out - 8 boys & 6 girls. 5 are seniors, 7 juniors and 2 sophomores. The cross country conference is the same day as the University of Illinois band days. Only 2 are not in band. October 9 is our Invitational at the Fair Grounds.

Jason Strough (High School Chorus). They have 25 girls in the Treble Choir and 70 in Concert Choir. They need more males. They will have the Madrigals this year.



Melissa Nagel (5th & 6th Grade Choir). They have 90 kids - 20 are boys. They have a choir clinic group also.

Brenda Underwood (Jr. High). They have 69 kids - 11 are boys. She teaches breathing and technique. (Dave recommended this for our football team as it would tighten the stomach and teach breathing.) Brenda also instills camaraderie among the students. I.E.M.A. will be October 8. They have to audition for this. Their first concert is October 23 at the High School.

Bits & Pieces

ONE WAY TO HEAL THE PAIN

A routine surgery may have taken Steven Randall's short life, but it could not shake his legacy. For 15 years, he taught at a Wisconsin high school and coached boys' varsity basketball. In his spare time, he coached kids of all ages through a coed basketball organization he helped develop. And in between Randall's passion for the game rubbed off on his family. His son was already moving toward a lucrative career as a college coach and one of his daughters married a coach.

Yet Randall's zeal for the game wasn't about winning. He used basketball as a conduit to share his guidance and wisdom about life with his impressionable students. And he made an impact on them.

"When 3,000 people show up at a high school phys-ed teacher's wake," said Randall's son Lance, "you suddenly see the effect a simple man has had on so many people."

Randall was the reason some students had pursued a career in teaching; he was the reason some colleagues hadn't quit their jobs, and why so many people whose paths had crossed his gained a renewed sense of confidence in themselves. His passing was a loss to all.

Still reeling from his father's death, Lance made a decision after the funeral. To remedy his pain, he needed to feel closer to his father. So he packed up his young family and moved them back to his Wisconsin home - where he would coach his father's team.

The players welcomed Lance in his new role. "Knowing he's doing fine and he's getting through it really helps us, said one of the team's stars, Andy Polka.

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And the community rallied behind Lance: Games sold out and fans chanted Steven Randall's name. Lance, who simply wanted to walk in his father's shoes, coached the team through an undefeated season that year.

Each win honored Randall. And the basketball evangelist was never far from the team. After every huddle, they shouted his motto, "Believe!" The gymnasium at the high school was renamed the Steven L. Randall Court. And the team, still under Lance's direction, swept through another undefeated season the following year.

"I don't want to get overly symbolic about what basketball is, but it's really not about putting the ball through the hoop," says Lance. "It's about distractions and complications and road-blocks thrown your way, and finding a way to get together and get through it as a group. I don't think we were trying to hide behind it, but it became part of the process, part of the journey of healing."

Adapted from the Chicago Tribune
and Sports Illustrated Magazine

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Date 9/18/07

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