



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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**DATE/TIME/ PLACE:** Dec 16, 2008 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 24

**LOTTO:** Rod and Leroy

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

Next Week's Program - Jon Bachtold



Col. Rick Yoder  
 Ill. Air National Guard

**12/30 - No Meeting - Off for the holidays**  
**Our President has spoken!**

### 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

### Bits & Pieces

The secret of life is that all that we have and are is a gift of grace to be shared.

Lloyd John Ogilvie, Cleric



### Your Life In Review

If you thought that the coming year would be your last, what changes would you make in your life? Who would you connect with? Would you have any regrets? These are the kinds of questions that author Stephen Levine began to ask after years of teaching meditation and healing techniques to terminally ill patients.

Levine became his own research project. He called it "the year to live." He acted as if he would be alive for only one more year. He reviewed past events that had impacted his

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# AMERICAN RED CROSS

Deb Moran



Deb works for the Red Cross 3 days a week. She graduated from Olympia High School, went to college and became a nurse. She worked at an Indian Reservation for a time and then moved to Sheridan, Montana. From there to Bloomington and

Fairbury. She worked at the hospital and the Helen Lewis Pavilion in Fairbury until she became ill.

Deb received a heart transplant in 1996. She received her heart from an 18 year old girl. They saved her life with 45 units of blood. After working for Joe Keeley part time for 9 years, Carolyn Wetzel got her involved with the Red Cross in Fairbury. An ex-Fairbury boy, Harlin Giezer, is the Red Cross of Heartland Chairman.

The Red Cross is under a congressional charter with most of their money coming from the public. They supply 1/2 of the nation with their blood. They also respond to disasters. They train millions and work with the military. Ken and Ruth Broquard have responded to disasters since 1996. The Red Cross gives a comfort kit. All these items are donated. The Life

Skill Class at P.C.H.S. has helped with getting items. The Fairbury Community Fund donated \$6,900 mainly for disaster relief. Indian Grove Township supports the Transportation Program. Sheri Metz has run this since 1985. They have donated \$3,469 plus \$1,000 for flood relief. If you are a driver for Red Cross you get \$.58.5/mile for using your vehicle and driving.

The Red Cross offers CPR training, first Aid, AED training, babysitting, water safety and life saving classes. Clean-up kits for flood victims are also distributed by The Red Cross. The Red Cross at Fairbury does have an Advisory Board tied in with Pontiac. Kay Dickey was our forerunner and was with the Red Cross for years. She is now in Hospice Care. If you would like to send her a card, see Deb for her address. Fairbury does have recruiters for their blood drive. They will have a blood drive on New Year's Eve day at the Walton Center. The owners at the Walton Center offer them this service free of charge. Their largest fund drive was the "Evening of Stars" last year. Mike Ditka was there. This year's event is scheduled for April 30, 2009 and the speaker will be Duke's head coach. They have a hero breakfast each year. Last year Tate Schauble was honored for helping his Dad in their fire. This year Brian Munz was honored for public service award. Deb then showed a DVD on the program.

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## Bits & Pieces

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life, both good and bad. This process inspired Levine to show his gratitude and appreciation to the many people who had touched his life in a positive way. And it helped him develop a more loving and compassionate view of the world. He found the strength to forgive the past hurts and resentments he'd been holding on to. The thought of dying allowed Levine to find the courage to commit to living a full life - to believe that nothing could hurt him now.

*"I learned from 'the year to live'  
that love is the only rational act of  
a lifetime. Everything else pales  
in comparison."  
Stephen Levine*

When you're living on borrowed time, every minute counts. And it's not about taking a wild and crazy vacation to Mexico. It can be about volunteering for a literacy program if you're passionate about reading; not shaking your fist at the SUV driver who just cut you off; and making eye contact with the woman at the deli counter who slices your ham just right and wishing her a good day.

If you could create more meaning in your life, what would you do? More to the point, what are you waiting for?