



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"Rotary Shares"

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DATE/TIME/ PLACE: Jan. 8, 2008 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 27 + Barry Corban, Vanessa Strenge, Lauren Little

SING-A-LONG: Wait Till The Sun Shines Nellie - In the Good Old Summer Time

LOTTO: F. Wing and J. Schahrer

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 01/15 - Gary Huston - Pontiac Visitor's Bureau
Route 66 Museum
- 01/22 - Bob Nussbaum
- 01/29 - Dean Moser

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



Our own Bill Fugate, the Secretary of the Illinois Association of Ag Fairs, was voted the Outstanding Secretary of the entire U.S.A. and Canada and has become the new President of Fairs.

AREA CLUB MEETINGS

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| 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 |

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Red Cross - Due to the flooding, Jon Bachtold, our ESDA Director found out that if it affects 20 or more families they will come in to help. Help is available to a single family but they need to ask for assistance.

Rotary served two days on the **Salvation Army Kettle**. The estimate brought in for this year was approximately \$8,000.00.

The **Boys & Girls Club** thanked us for our sponsorship. They offered us the use of the facility for a day this year. (How about a fund-raiser - The "Rotary Jocks" against the 5th grade volley ball team?)

Mike Coppinger Benefit - Steve Weeks moved, seconded by Dean Moser to donate \$100.00 to the benefit.

Bits & Pieces

Trust life, and it will teach you, in joy and sorrow, all you need to know.

James Baldwin (1924-1987) Novelist

Winter Coaching Staff

Joe Cliff was unable to make it due to a death in the family. We think McGuire got lost trying to get here from Forrest.



Barry Corban is the high school girls basketball coach. They are 12 & 5 this year. Their one goal is to *"Do the Best You Can!"* As a coach and team they stress this. "We are a small team at 5'3 to 5' 10" tall, but we are very quick. We try not to let them get to the other end. They are good kids and work very hard."

Vanessa Streng and Lauren Little are both Cheerleader coaches. Cheerleading is now classified as a sport in school. Their last competition they took second place. They will have

a cheerleading clinic on February 2. They have big plans for the February 8th game. There is a lot of competition in Division II. They will compete in the IHSA & ICCA Division. They hope to qualify for State in the ICCA. Their main goal is to take their seniors to State. They are judged using 400 points and 22 judges. They are judged on movement, tumbling, etc. They have many stunts, move with music and are under a time limit. Their program was choreographed by our own cheerleading squad this year and did not hire a professional choreographer.



Bits & Pieces

Winning Through Defeat

Martina Navratilova once said, "The moment of victory is much too short to live for that and nothing else."

This philosophy is one that softball pitcher Lisa Fernandez has taken to heart. Despite her successes, Fernandez remembers vividly the worst game she ever pitched. At the age of 8 and during her pitching debut, Fernandez gave up 20 hits and walked 24 batters. Her team lost 25-0.

But it was Fernandez's mother Emilia who, waiting on the sidelines, would impart an important lesson in sportsmanship to her teary-eyed daughter: "The next game, work on only walking 23 instead of 24."

In fact, Emilia Fernandez coached her daughter in their backyard every day to help her get better. At first Emilia only had to sit on a milk crate and catch the balls. But as time passed and the young Fernandez improved, Emilia had to expand both her coaching skills and her protective gear.

Once the young Fernandez's needs surpassed her mother's abilities, Emilia sent her daughter to a professional pitching

coach. Unfortunately, the coach refused the job: He thought the youngster's arms were too short. But that didn't hamper the budding softball pitcher. Fernandez was determined to prove the coach wrong and spent countless hours working on her technique.

As a freshman in high school she pitched a no-hitter. Yet the game Fernandez will always remember from those years is the one her team went in to with overconfidence and underpreparedness because they thought it would be an easy win. When they lost, Fernandez made that her example of what you give up when you fail to show up mentally and play your best game.

Even after a stellar college sports career and three Olympic gold medals, Fernandez says, "I'd like people to remember me as being determined and always giving my all."

Her modesty and ability to learn and grow from adversity illustrate true sportsmanship.

Adapted from *How To Be Like Women Athletes of Influence*
Pat Williams with Dana Pennett O'Neil