



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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DATE/TIME/ PLACE: Mar 18, 2008 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 17 plus Chuck Goodwin & Gordon Ropp

LOTTO: Bud Gerber & Tom Kahle

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

03/25 - OPEN	04/15- Charlie McDonald
04/01 - OPEN	04/22 - Tracy Taylor
04/08 - Dr. Capasso	04/29 - Dr. Capasso

Membership:

Asst. Gov. Gordon Ropp was present. We sang Happy Birthday to Dean Moser.

Bits & Pieces

Love conquers all things: Let us too give in to Love.
VIRGIL (*Publous Vergilius Maro*) Eclogues

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dr. Robin Coady noted Illinois passed a new law requiring Kindergarden children to have an eye exam (any Illinois first-time schoolers). *"Kids Learn Through Vision"*.

Student of The Month

Student: Erin Petersen **Parents:** Mike & Kimberly
Nominating Dept: Agriculture

Currently Chapter President and Section Reporter. Is on the Dairy Judging and Farm Management team. Outstanding leader for our FFA chapter.

Student: Kinsey Teubel **Parent:** John & Lavonne
Nominating Dept: Business

Kinsey is a conscientious student who is well prepared for class, actively participates in classroom discussions, and puts forth her best effort in her work. Kinsey intends to major in Accounting, beginning her education at a community college.

American Passion Play

Dr. Capasso

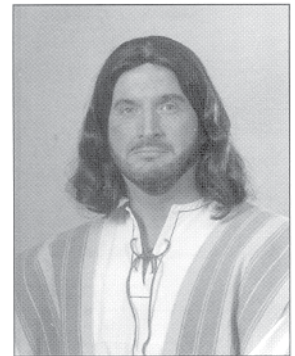
Christus



The American Passion Play, performed in Bloomington Illinois at the Center for the Performing Arts (formerly Stottish Rite Temple) is in its 85th season.

Dr. Capasso plays Jesus. This is his 27th year with the play. He has played Christus for 23 seasons, 3 years in the choir and 1 year as Pontius Pilot/John The Baptist. They

use huge lofty sets and drops that are hand-painted. The play took a lot of research. The cast is made up of 200 people. All performers are strictly amateur and volunteers. It takes around 300 people with ticket takers, stage crew and choir. They use live animals - donkey & peacocks.



John C. Capasso

What is the American Passion Play?

- One of the earliest passion plays produced in the United States (writing began in 1915)
- Large-scale dramatic depiction of the Gospel According to St. Matthew
- It spans the ministry, trial, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus of Nazareth
 - Prologue by John The Baptist – Ascension
 - Three-and-a-Half Hours
- Written, produced, and originally directed by Delmar W. Darrah
 - Playwright
 - Professor
 - Mason

Where are the American Passion Play's roots?

- New Testament
- Morality play – Man's salvation is paramount
 - *Everyman* – only "Good Deeds" accompanied protagonist to the grave
- Passion plays – A script found at Bodleian Library
- A mix of Greek, Medieval, Elizabethan, even modern drama; and traditional pageant
 - Shakespearean elements of tragedy, history
 - King James English
 - Melodramatic elements
 - Heroes
 - Jesus, Disciples, Mother Mary, Mary Magdalene, Malachi
 - Villains
 - Judas, Sanhedrin, Pilate, Romans, the "Mob" (the "chorus")

What is the nature of the cast of the American Passion Play?

- Strictly amateur
- Stage performers are volunteers
- Longevity
 - D. Hodge Fuller – 36 years as Judas
 - James "Wimpy" Gordon – 60 years on stage crew
 - Family affair
 - Harold Walters – 24 seasons (without an understudy) as the Christus
 - My experience – 23 seasons as the Christus
 - Three years in choir
 - One year as Pontius Pilate/John the Baptist
 - "The Role"

Does the American Passion Play translate well to the stage?

- Jesus – the perfect protagonist
- Joseph Caiaphas, Judas Iscariot, Pontius Pilate – the perfect antagonists
- The "Mob" – the "Chorus" of a Greek tragedy (the voice of public opinion)
- A natural catharsis – "A cleansing of the soul"
 - Jesus' victory over the grave (a victory for what is best in people)
 - The defeat of Judas, Caiaphas, Pilate (the defeat for what is worst in people)