



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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2008 - 2009 Officers

President	Josh Clemons
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DATE/TIME/ PLACE: Nov. 25, 2008 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 19+ Jim Meister and Prairie Thunder team members

LOTTO: Mary McCambridge, Jerry McBoung. They gave back their \$5 draw for Hockey Tickets - Bob Nussbaum & Charlie McDonald.

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

12/02 - Xmas Party- No noon meeting
 12/09 - J.H. Council & H.S. Senate
 12/16 - Deb Moran
 12/23 - Jon Bachtold
12/30 - No Meeting - Off for the holidays
Our President has spoken!

Membership

Contact Linda Weber to sign up for the Christmas Party!



Christmas Party	Christmas Parade
Dec. 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Marchelloni's	Dec. 6th - 10:30 a.m. Down Town Fairbury



12/01 - Jon Bachtold
 12/24 - Bill Fugate
 12/27 - Dave Roberts
 12/28 - Tom Kahle

COMMUNITY SERVICE



We need to sign up to ring the Salvation Army Bell at Dave's. Dates are Dec. 3 and Dec. 8. The sheet will be at Rotary next week or call the Methodist Office with times you can ring.

Quips & Quotes

To have big success, you must have big dreams, and you must be willing to take a chance.

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

PRAIRIE THUNDER

Tim Leighton, President



As Tim said . . . Hockey is an addiction. Tim has a law practice in Bloomington and feels if you live in this community you should support it. He tried indoor football but just didn't connect. He started with going to games and buying 4 seats for entertainment of clients. They are now in their 3rd season. It is a very fast, intense game. He felt the law firm should do something like sponsor the team. The Prairie Thunder was not a locally owned team so he got a group together to try to get local ownership. The locals proposed a contract with minority ownership with a 5-year buy out. Prairie Thunder is now locally owned and operated. They now have local owners that care about hockey and the community. They felt they needed a change this year, so the new Prairie Thunder had a meeting with their old coach. They were looking for a vision of the next five years and how it would interact with the players and community. They found this in their new coach. He was very patient and outlined his vision for the group along with sending them a playbook before being hired. He brought with him **SKILL, PASSION** and the

WILL. The **WILL** they need to become a champion. The coach and team are working for that championship with the owners which make this complete. Tim then introduced two of the players - Jeff, who comes from Canada about an hour N.E. of Toronto. This is his 2nd year as a pro. He has been on skates since he was 5 and is now 25. One week ago he was in Austin Texas and was traded to Prairie Thunder. Jason comes from Ontario, Canada. This is his 3rd season. He is 23 and was in Texas one year and Tennessee last year. The season for the team starts in October and runs to April unless in playoffs - then May. Most people can skate until 30 years old. Players come from U.S., Canada, Switzerland and Austria. They have 21 men on the team with only 18 that dress. This leaves them 3 for reserves. When you get to understand the game it makes you appreciate what these guys have to do and go through. It is a combination of sports - football, basketball, baseball. They are trying to educate the public on the game so they can better appreciate the game and enjoy it.

Thanksgiving Day they are having an evening game with \$6.00 tickets.

Bits & Pieces

As I think back over the years, I have been guided by four principles for decision making. First, the only certainty is that there is no certainty. Second, every decision, as a consequence, is a matter of weighing probabilities. Third, despite uncertainty we must decide and we must act. And lastly, we need to judge decisions not only on the results, but on how they are made.

CONFIDENTIAL MEMBERSHIP NOTICE				Date
The following individual(s) has(ve) been proposed for membership into the Fairbury Rotary Club and is/are hereby being published as required by Article XI, Section 1,(5) of the Fairbury Rotary Club By-Laws. Written objections to membership admittance, stating reasons, must be received by the Club Secretary not later than 10 days following publication.				11/25/08
<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed Classification</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>1st/2nd Publication</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>
Jim Meister	Tool & Die	A	1st	Steve Weeks /Jason
Leroy McPherson, Secretary				