



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

[Fairburyrotary.com](http://Fairburyrotary.com)



2008 - 2009 Officers

President . . . . . Josh Clemons  
 Pres. Elect . . . . . Charlie McDonald  
 Vice President . . . . .  
 Sec/Treas/Editor . . . . . Leroy McPherson

**DATE/TIME/ PLACE:** May 26, 2009, 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 21 plus Ralph Converse, Peoria Chiefs

**LOTTO:** Mini-Baseball Bat and Ball donated by Bluestem... Keith Bahler  
 Ticket Voucher donated by Peoria Chiefs . . . . . Leroy McPherson  
 Ticket Voucher donated by Peoria Chiefs . . . . . Bill Fugate

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

- 6/02 - Donnie Simmons, Liv. Co. Health Dept. - Mosquitos
- 6/09 - Mike Frickey - Running for Sheriff
- 6/16 - DAVE'S PIG-OUT . . . .No Rotary Meeting

### 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

### Quips & Quotes

Golfing great Jack Nicklaus once asked baseball pro Henry Aaron, "what kind of golfer are you?" Aaron answered: *"It took me 17 years to get three thousand hits in baseball," (but) I did it in one afternoon on the golf course."*

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mark announced the Dave's Customer Appreciation for this year. Enjoy great food while enjoying music from Sweet Country Jam. Rotarians should attend the Pig-Out that day. No Rotary meeting.

**DAVE'S**  
**Customer Appreciation**

  
**PIG-OUT!**

**On 3rd Street**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2009**  
**10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Enjoy great food, great music and great company...  
**'Small Town U.S.A. at its Finest!'**

*TELL A FRIEND - BRING A FRIEND!*

  
**DAVE'S**  
**SUPERMARKET**

CALL TOLL FREE:  
 800-892-DAVE  
 815-692-2622

STORE HOURS:  
 MON.-SAT. 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
 CLOSED SUNDAYS

**Fairbury, IL**

**WWW.DavesSupermarket.com**

# PEORIA CHIEFS



Bud started us out with some baseball trivia. He gave us the words to the 1908 and 1927 versions of "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" and gave us some background on the song before introducing our speaker. Ralph Converse, V.P. and General Manager of the Peoria Chiefs.

The young guys in minor leagues pitch harder, longer and stronger. They're young and have the stamina it takes. They play 140 games in 150 days. There are about 70 home games. It is a very regimented routine. All have six-pack abs! They make approximately \$1250.00 per month and know they have 2-3 years to make it to the major leagues. Hand-eye coordination is absolutely essential. Some very good players started out in Peoria.

Many of the Chiefs players are right out of high school - some out of college. 29% of the players today are Latino. The V.P. of Player Development does speak Spanish. The players learn English very quickly. They have a player from So. Korea and Japan that have their own interpreters. Baseball is becoming an international sport.

Rotarians enjoyed the many baseball stories Ralph shared and then had a chance to ask questions. The meeting was concluded with "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" led by Rod.

---

---

## Ticket Opportunity

### **BUS**

Bluestem has booked a bus for a game on **Friday, July 24th**. There are some seats left on the bus. Those tickets (including transportation) are . . . **\$22.00**. Game time is 6:30. The bus will leave at 4:15 p.m.

### **GAME ONLY**

If you would like tickets for that same game but would prefer to drive on your own, order your tickets through Bluestem and get a discounted price of . . . **\$8.50**.

Seats are all Club Box Seats. A great fireworks display will follow the game!



**CALL YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!**

**Ask for Denise . . . (815)692-2369**