The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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2009 - 2010 Officers

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

DATE/TIME/PLACE: April 27, 2010 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 21 plus Phil Tetley

LOTTO: Leroy & Dr. Capasso

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

5/04 - OPEN
5/11 - P.C. #8
5/18 - P.C. #8
5/25 - OPEN

Happy Birthday

5/29 - Charlie McDonald
5/31 - Robin Coady

Bit's & Pieces

I would rather have a mind opened by wonder than one closed by belief.
Gerry Spence

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

P.C. TECHNICAL COORDINATOR

Phil Tetley

This year P.C. received an ARA Grant for $460,000. With this they will try to enhance learning and hope for better student performance. Technology is expensive and we see continuous change. Educators are wanting to see one laptop per child in K-12 classes. We say one device. Universities are banning laptops in classes. P.C. is using interactive white boards. This is a board with a computer in it. They can create lessons, using a dynamic screen. They have 90 boards, purchased from Smart Technology Co. Keyboarding - they are revamping K-12. P.C. would like to acknowledge State Farm for the role they have played in technology advancement through their donations. Since Phil has been here he has seen 3 to 4 major and 2 to 3 smaller donations of computers. They just gave 75 H.P. Pentium 4 computers and kept P.C. in the business.

The $460,000 American Recovery Grant was to enhance Math, Reading and Special Needs. They will be getting 308 laptops - 240 will be mobile labs on a cart to enable them to keep the battery charged up. They will be wireless with printer. Sixty-four of which half will go to Special Ed Teachers and Smart Board management. They will be able to keep IEP development records, etc. on line. They will spend $120,000 of this on special needs software. They are a member of CIRBN.org (Central Illinois Regional Broodbon Network. They will be building a fiber or the backbone through Illinois in the next 3 years. Currently P.C. is with Illinois Central network, running on 22 mega bites for 12 - $1500 per month. When CIRBN hits Chenoa, they will become a hub at the elementary school and will be pulling 300 mega bites for $5 - 700 per month.

The building will be completely wireless. Students will be doing one to one computing. What device are we going to be putting in the hand of each student? Currently, Net Books do 90% of what we do. Some schools are giving out tablet computers - touch computing. The IPOD computer gives you touch and Y-Fi. Cell phones - we are using Smart Phones. The newest - the I-Pad is amazing. It has Smart Phone, Tablet and computer touch. Apple is a very smart company and good at developing product. They continue to enhance and update their products as a leader in the industry.