



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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DATE/TIME/ PLACE: April 21, 2009, 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 19 Rotarians plus Katrin Sanders and Laura Barrera

LOTTO: Dave Roberts and Steve Weeks

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 4/28 - Technology H.S.
- 5/05 - Craig Sutter - Russia
- 5/12 - H.S. FCCLA
- 5/19 - H.S. Student-Of-The-Month
- 5/26 - Ralph Converse, V.P./Gen. Mgr. Peoria Chiefs

Food Pantry

Thursday, April 30



Rotary is in charge that day.
We need 4-5 volunteers.
Should be there by 4:45

If you can help, contact
Josh Clemons at 692-2343

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

A friend at one's back is a safe bridge.





Katrin Sanders



Katrin is with the American Red Cross and talked to us about Platelet Apheresis and how we can help. Apheresis is the process where platelets are separated from the rest of your

blood, which is then returned to your body. Blood is made up of four components – red cells, white cells, platelets and plasma. Millions of platelets move through our body and they stick together at a wound to form a clot. They are the body’s defense against excessive bleeding and are essential to cancer patients, who have to rely on transfusions following chemotherapy and radiation. Cancer patients can use between 2 – 4 units of platelets in a single treatment.

Even if you are a regular blood donor you can still donate platelets. Katrin described the process and encouraged each of us to consider becoming a donor. Platelet Apheresis drives are held at the Fairbury American Legion on the first Friday of each month and you may call Helen Steidinger to schedule an appointment. The phone number is (815) 692-3710 and donations are by appointment only, between 11:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The time is now.

The platelet apheresis process

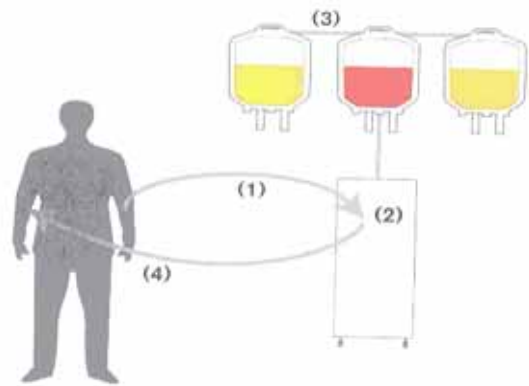
A relatively small amount of blood is drawn from a donor's arm and (1) goes into a blood cell separator.

This blood is rapidly spun, (2) which forces the platelet cells to the bottom.

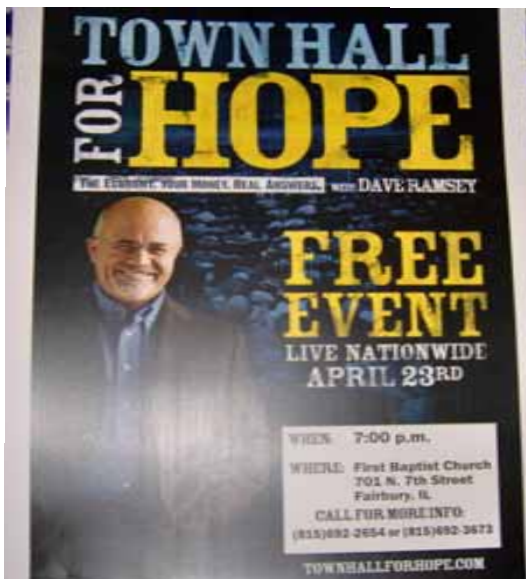
These cells (3) then go into a sterile plastic bag.

Meanwhile, (4) the rest of the blood – the plasma, red cells and white cells – is returned to the donor.

This cycle is repeated several times. About eight times more life-saving platelet cells can be collected by this method than from a whole blood donation.



Gary Huston announced:



Thursday, April 23 - First Baptist is hosting “[Town Hall for Hope](#)” live broadcast presentation, with [Dave Ramsey](#), a personal money-management expert and extremely popular national radio personality and best-selling Author. His presentation will “offer straight talk about the economy, recession, foreclosures, and more. He’ll carefully explain where we’ve come from, where we are now, and what we should be doing with our money during this time.” The last hour he will answer viewers’ questions live. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Broadcast starts at 7:00 p.m. There’s no charge, no reservations required.