



# The Cornpicker

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**DATE/TIME/PLACE:** August 31, 2010 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 22 plus Ray Ropp and Carol

**LOTTO:** Gary Huston & Leroy McPherson

## **ACTION ON THE AVENUES**

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

- 9/7 - Bob Bertche (Meadows Home)
- 9/14 - Steak Fry
- 9/21 and 9/28 - P.C.H.S.
- 10/5 - Corner Society (cancer)
- 10/12 - P.C.H.S.
- 10/19 and 10/26 - OPEN



Please pay your dues. I am sending them to R.I. by Saturday.



**Steak Fry**  
 Sep. 14, 2010  
 Knoll Lodge at 6:30

Gary has the program. He said *"if you miss it, you will kick yourself"*. Signup sheet has been passed. If you are coming, contact Leroy at 692-2223 and give him your name and that of your prospective member.



### Happy Birthday

- 9/11 - Bud Gerber
- 9/11 - Joan Smeltzer
- 9/24 - Carl Borngasser

### Bit's & Pieces

In dreams begins responsibility.  
 ...William Butler Yeats

The older you get, the more you realize that kindness is synonymous with happiness.  
 ...Lionel Barrymore.

### AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thurs.	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wed.	The Country Kettle
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tues.	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	11:50 a.m.	Wed.	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wed.	Bone Student Center

## District Governor Ray & Carol Ropp



Over 40 years ago Ray's Dad was District Governor. He believes in cows-corn-and being a catalyst for Rotary. As he was going around to make his visits, he had to stop and ask for directions to one of the clubs. He asked the young man "where does Rotary meet"? The man replied "You don't want to go today - the district Governor is here!" He is "milking" Rotary for all it's worth.

Ray passed out a sheet showing a list of fellowships available to all of us. He recommended that we at least go to one International Convention. There are no strangers at the convention. The speakers are world famous. Rotary has a terrific impact on the world.

Three things he wants to stress:

**1. There is a 5th avenue** - a new generation of young leadership. We have RYLA - international scholarships. They learn why this is a great place to live. On April 15 & 16 we will have two contestants per club to compete at the Dist. Conference.

**2. Membership** - Ray used a kernel of corn as an example. If you put a kernel of corn in water and place it in a closet it will germinate, grow and die. We need to replace these members. The 2nd kernel - put it on the 2nd shelf & it will stay that way. The 3rd kernel you put in soil, water it, fertilize it, give it sunlight and it will grow 10' tall. It will put 400 - 800 kernels on. These members will have a concern for their community, have fun together, and have a terrific impact. You have a talent, use it.

**3. Foundation** - We have international simplified grants, matching grants, polio plus - we used to see 400,000 cases per year. Today less than 1,000. We treat over 400,000 kids/year. There are over 1 million lives saved per year by projects of Rotary.