



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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2009 - 2010 Officers

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DATE/TIME/PLACE: December 15, 2009 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 21 plus District Governor Jay Stortzum

LOTTO: L. Ritter & C. Borngasser

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

12/22 - Marty Meredith	01/12 - Bob Nussbaum
12/29 - NO MEETING	01/19 - P.C. #8
01/05 - Ken White	01/26 - OPEN

Bits & Pieces

Our aim should be not one civilization supreme at the cost of others, but as many types flourishing on this Earth as possible.
 ...Felix Adler

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



DG Jay receives the District Governor's Banner from Urbana Secretary Kermit Harden.

ABOUT ROTARY

Jay Stortzum, District Governor

Founded in Chicago in 1905

- 104 Years of Service
- 1.2 Million Members
- 33,000 Rotary Clubs
- 200 Countries and Geographical Areas
- 438,840 Rotaract and Interact Members
- 19,080 Rotaract and Interact Clubs
- The First World Wide Service Organization
- Volunteer Organization(Have Fun)

What were your expectations when you became a Rotarian?
 What did you think the first time you recited The Four-Way Test?
 How did you feel when you learned about:

- Club Service Activities
- Vocational Service
- Community Service
- International Service
- Polio Eradication
- World Peace Fellows
- Ambassadorial Scholars
- Group Study Exchange
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- Youth Rotaract, Interact, Early act Clubs

District Governor - Jay Stortzum

During their 6 1/2 days of training, Winnie Stortzum came out of the meetings with our new District Project - "Shelter Boxes". If each Rotarian in our District will give \$2 to \$5, we will be able to purchase 5 to 14 shelter boxes for our project. Shelter boxes started in England in 2000 after a disaster. The one thing everyone was in need of was shelter. These boxes are equipped for 10 people. Everything fits into a 40 gal box. It includes a 10 person tent, blankets, stove, cooking utensils, water container, tool kit, children activity kit and more. These boxes are put together by volunteer people. They get a 2 week training, then go out with their box and a relief team. The box weighs 144 pounds. Each box is numbered. You can trace your box where it is deployed. They place various items in the box by need. Boxes are always in need - the Congo has 1.5 million people in need. Some people live in the tents 2 to 5 years. This project is done by all volunteer contributions. It is the largest Rotary Project in the World.

Jay noted Rotary is 104 years old with 1.2 million members. December is Rotary family month. The number one thing to realize is Rotary is a family. Secondly, you need to have fun

with what you do. The District and Rotary International are here to help. There were 533 Dist. Governors who met. They met Bill Gates and learned how polio has impacted his family. His father had challenged us with a \$100 million challenge. He, in turn, has issued a second of \$255 million if we raise another \$100 million. We just met the first challenge. He has given us



until 2012 to raise this. We are down to less than 1400 cases per year. Our fight started in 1987.

Bill Gates thanked Rotary for recognizing that a world without polio is possible. *"You have been the catalyst for the world to accept and carry out the challenge of eradicating polio from the earth."*



Shelterboxes are sponsored by service clubs, (Rotary Clubs), school and church groups, businesses and individuals, etc. Materials are ordered from a range of suppliers selected for general use, long-life, quality and price. Shelterboxes are prepared and packed using all new materials as delivered from manufacturers, at the Shelterbox warehouse based in Helston, Cornwall. The standard Shelterbox weighs 110 lbs. and has approximate dimensions 2'3" x 1'4" x 11". They are sealed and banded for transit and security. Box contents vary depending on the nature of the disaster requiring their use.

The entire contents of a Shelterbox:

- One 49 gallon box (The Shelterbox) initially the container for delivery of the materials listed below. Once delivered, can be used as water tank, food store, cot, table, etc.
- One ten-person tent, including two fabric interior privacy partitions, outer fly-sheet and repair kit. These tents are considered 'winter suitable' by international relief standards.
- Vinyl insulated sleeping mats and lightweight thermal blankets. More compact than sleeping bags, these mats and blankets have multiple uses. The blanket can also be fashioned to catch water, as a tarp, etc. while the mat also serves as a ground 'table' for meals, or tent rugs.
- One pack of 180 water purification tablets or a water purification kit; and one 5 gallon flat-pack water container (Each tablet will purify a full container of water providing 1,800 gallons of clean drinking water which should be sufficient for a family of ten for up to three months).
- Two 2.1 gallon, collapsible, plastic water carriers. • One collapsible trenching shovel • Rope, 164 foot • Repellant-treated mosquito netting • Ten PVC Ponchos/ ten HD plastic bags • Tool kit in canvas bag: hatchet, jack-knife, screwdriver, hammer, hoe head etc. • Multi-fueled cook stove • Eating utensils: enamel plates/cups • Children's activity kit-simple school supplies, stickers and coloring book