



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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2009 - 2010 Officers

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**DATE/TIME/PLACE:** January 26, 2010 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 27 + Jim Meister, Nicole Wnterland & Marda Cottrell

**LOTTO:** J. Paternoster & K. Bahler

## **ACTION ON THE AVENUES**

### **CLUB SERVICE**

**Programs:**

02/02 - Terry Casson  
 02/09 - OPEN  
 02/16 - Bill Schweizer (annual giving)  
 02-23 - P.C. #8

**Membership:**

Gary Huston's father passed away. We send our sympathy.



### **Happy Birthday**

2/05 - Rod Stevens  
 2/24 - Phil Hermes

### **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

We will be taking a collection for the Haiti Relief Fund. Our club will match up to \$100. We will give a check to the Red Cross. Bring your donations next week to Rotary.

### **Bits & Pieces**

Worry doesn't help tomorrow's troubles, but it does ruin today's happiness.

(author unknown)

### **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



# BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF PRAIRIE CENTRAL

The Club has experienced growth since Sept. 2006 when Nicole started. They are averaging 22 kids every day. They have experienced giant cuts and the state has not paid since

July. Their current fee is \$25 per child. The after school program is another \$50/child. They participate in a lot of programs like "Toys for Tots", collecting 904 toys this year.

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## Boys and Girls Club of Prairie Central Update:

### See our growth:

<u>Average Daily Attendance</u>	March 2006	March 2007	March 2008	March 2009	Nov 2009
Fairbury	22	31	52	75	72
Chatsworth	26	35	35	52	43
Chenoa	not open	52	52	62	51



### What do we do?

Aside from being an affordable safe place to go, we offer numerous programs to the youth in our surrounding communities. There is no other agency like ours that offers the programming we do to the amount of youth we serve.



- Athletics: basketball, baseball, volleyball and soccer (We served over 300 kids in summer baseball leagues last year, 205 kids in our recent two basketball leagues)
- After school programs include:
  - Power Hour (daily homework assistance program)
  - SMART Moves (drug awareness and prevention program)
  - SMART Girls (program for girls to boost self-esteem, etc.)
  - Fitness and sport leagues
  - Arts and crafts
  - Quarterly Service Learning Projects with our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders (Some of our projects have included making disaster relief kits for the Red Cross and collecting toys for the Toys For Tots campaign.)

### A brief look at our employment:

We provide services at three Clubs in Chenoa, Chatsworth and Fairbury. Between the three sites, we employ 3 full time employees, 12 part time employees, and numerous seasonal umpires and referees for baseball and basketball.

### Looking at the financials:

- Our operating budget for 2009 was around \$220,000.
  - Major sources of income are:
    - Teen REACH grant
    - Community Fund
    - Sponsors
    - Membership fees and Program fees
    - Daycamp fees (\$19,000+ in 2009)
    - "It Just Takes One Campaign" (our individual giving campaign where we target individuals, rather than businesses)
  - Major expenses for the Club:
    - Wages and salaries
    - Insurance
    - Program expenses



The Board of Directors and I feel that if the Club can keep operating with the same patterns we've seen in the past, that we will continue to maintain our current positive financial situation. Thanks to all the investments by sponsors, parents, and the community, we're still sustaining our finances.

### Exciting News:

- We were lucky enough to receive pass through funding from Boys and Girls Clubs of America, from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. We received \$42,000 from this stimulus funding. This money will be used for a variety of programs, and focus mainly on our mentoring program that we partnered with the Prairie Central School District. We are currently serving around 40 kids through this program and these are kids who will benefit from this service.
- Just received an "Energy Star Grant"
- We were fortunate to be chosen by a professor from ISU, to be part of a "Fiscal Management in Recreation" class. We will be assigned a group of ISU students who will research and write grants for us.