



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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2009 - 2010 Officers

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DATE/TIME/PLACE: March 16, 2010 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 21 + Marty & Kris Travis, Willa Virkler, Rich Aberle, Kay Stevens, Denise Kinzer & Beth Gouge.

LOTTO: Willa Virkler & Carl Borngasser

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

03/23 - Gary Huston (Mike Fazio, FBI Agent)
 03/30 - Deb Moran - Lyn Hruska

Quips & Quotes

*There will never be another now.
 I will make the most of today.
 There will never be another me.
 I will make the most of myself.
 -Robert Schuller*

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Cubs vs. Cardinals Game - 8/15/10 - 3000 tickets are available through Rotary. More information on P. 3.

American Red Cross Evening of the Stars - 4/29/10 with Cal Ripken, Jr. as the guest speaker.

Bluestem National Bank and P.C.schools have AEDs (defibrilators). These machines can save a life. Businesses located near these locations should know they are available for use.

An **automated external defibrillator** or **AED** is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm. AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the layman.



Spence Farm Foundation

Kris & Marty spoke of the projects taken on by the Foundation this year.

The Harvest Feast was held on September 27, 2009. The feast brought together famous chefs, local farms, and food enthusiasts for a great evening on the farm. Over \$20,000 was raised for the Foundation. This will help Spence Farm Foundation continue to grow in their work to provide quality educational programs.

School programs - The school programs have been expanded and they are now able to provide a hands-on-day for 2nd graders and home school students from the area.

The programs show the importance of keeping our small farming com-



munities alive for future generations. They are teaching our youth to have pride in their community. And, they show how the simple act of growing food can connect a food lover from California to a chef from Chicago to a farmer from Fairbury. We are shining a light on our community.



Buying local is better for the environment. Less petroleum is used to get products to you when they are manufactured closer to your home. Local food is filled with more nutrition. Their products are chemical free.

They are also working with an FFA student, Brianna Rinkenberger, who has begun research on local food producers for a directory. The directory will help consumers locate farms where produce, meats, and farm products can be purchased.

Upcoming Events

Gardening 101 **Sat. April 10th at 2:00**

Come learn the basics for getting your garden started. We'll cover starting seed indoors, how to plant outside, tools of the trade, where to get seed, insect and predator issues, and much more. Even experienced gardeners might learn a tip or two. All ages are welcome. Cost is \$5 per person.

Small Equipment Day **Sat. May 22nd 1:00**

Are you interested in what kinds of equipment can be used on a small farm? Join us for a day of seeing many kinds of small equipment that are perfect for gardens and small farming. Some old and some new. Some can be used in a small garden and some on a few acres. None is very expensive and we'll talk about how to find them. We'll discuss what specialty pieces can be used for and talk about safety on the farm. This program is ideal for those wanting to step up to growing more.

Registration is required. There is a fee of \$15 per person. To register online, visit web.extension.uiuc.edu/smallfarm/begin_farm.html or contact: Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant at (217)968-5512; cvnghrn@illinois.edu



PLAY BALL 2010

AUGUST

ROTARY FAMILY DAY AT THE BALLPARK/8/14/2010



**3:15 P.M. TICKETS SALES OPEN TO EVERYONE IN EVERY CITY
AND EVERY ROTARIAN IN EVERY CLUB 3000 TICKETS TO BE SOLD**

ALL MONEY RAISED DONATED TO ROTARY DISTRICTS FOR LITERACY EDUCATION

BUSCH STADIUM – ST. LOUIS

CUBS – CARDINALS

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ROTARIANS FOR TICKETS

CALL:

ALL TICKETS WILL BE ON A FIRST COME SOLD BASIS

NO REFUNDS – NO RETURNS

LOST TICKETS WILL BE CHARGED A SERVICE FEE