



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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2010 - 2011 Officers

President Charlie McDonald
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DATE/TIME/PLACE: Nov. 30, 2010 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 20 plus Alyssa Homan

LOTTO: Alyssa Homan and John Strong

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

12/07 - Christmas Party - No Noon meeting
 12/14 - PCHS
 12/21 - OPEN 12/28 - OPEN



Rotary Christmas - Dec. 7
6:30 at Marchelloni's.
Madrigals & special program

Membership:

Rod and Kay are at Mayo's. You can keep up on Kay by going to caringbridge.org and go to grandmakay.com. If you want to send a card, their address is: Rod and Kay Stevens, Residence Inn by Marriott , 411 Center Street West - Room 514 Rochester, MN 59902



Jon Bachtold - 12/01/10 Bob Nussbaum 12/15
 Bill Fugate - 12/24 Tom Kahle - 12/28

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We still need bell ringers for the Salvation Army bell ringing for Dec. 9 and the 18th.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Henry's Kitchen (mobile kitchen for the Red Cross) for major disasters will be in our Christmas Parade Saturday. It was built in the Year 2000. It can serve 10,000 meals/day. We have 4 CDL drivers from Fairbury. Come tour it after the parade. It will be parked in front of Old City Hall.

Bit's & Pieces

Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand. *Mother Teresa*

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

Giving Tree

Alyssa and Spencer Homan

It all began in 2006 . . . with one family who had a terrible tragedy. The Presbyterian Church reached out to help. What is the goal? To provide children of low income families with Christmas Gifts that they may otherwise not receive . . . and to share the true meaning of Christmas to those in need. The program is for newborns through 18 or still in high school.

What would they receive?

- A new shirt
- A new pair of pants
- One fun "gift"

When they began working with the food pantry, and using their guidelines, everything started to come together. They had 25 families sign up that first year! During the first year of "The Giving Tree", they were able to help 70 children.

It continues to grow:

- In 2007 they helped 70 children
- In 2008 they helped 97 children
- In 2009 they helped 116 children
- This year, they already have 90 children signed up and are working on signing up more. They have flyers out over the town, sign-up at the church or food pantry.

Here's what you do . . .

First - Pick an ornament on the tree. It will say - "Boy or Girl, age, shirt size, pant size, and toy (truck, car, plane, etc.). Then they give you a number, like "Family 5", boy A, next child would be 5-B, etc.



Then take the ornament and shop according to the specifications on the ornament.

Wrap the presents and put the "5-B" stickers on each box and put the "From" sticker on the box but leave that blank so the parents can sign it from them or from Santa. Last year they had 350 presents. They take them to the church basement and group them by number. Each child has a

chair where the presents are put. They then group them into each family. Next they assign them to the deer delivery team.

They have 10 teams for delivery - i.e. might have 5 stops. They try to keep the stops close together for each team.

About 50% of last year's list have moved or have no phone. Ten of them moved out of state for work. They are hoping to have 100 kids this year. This year the Crutcher family is giving each family a Dave's gift card for \$25 in memory of Tori and Alec Crutcher. John Strong (Marchelloni's) is giving 1 free buffet to each family member. If you would like to help a child, the church is open 24/7. They must have the present back by Dec. 19th. This is just one more way our community feels called to help families in need during one of the most financially strapping times of the year.

How can I get involved?

- 1) Sign up to support a child today, or stop by First Presbyterian to sign up.
2. Consider how your business might be able to get involved.
3. Pray for our town of Fairbury and all who may be less fortunate this Christmas.

