

WAVERLY EXCHANGE CLUB

Waverly, Iowa

DATE: Thursday, January 28, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Arns, Irv Bettenga, Jim Brandau, Dennis Button, Bill Carpenter, Chad DeBoer, Clarence Diekman, Gary Duneman, Steve Egli, Kevin Fiene, Jim Hurley, Al Janssen, Len Jentz, John Johnston, Jim Lee, Louis MacDougall, Jim Maixner, Jeff Meyers, Dennis Peterka, Mike Siberski, Stu Thorson, Jerry Vallem, Kasey Wadding, Bill Westendorf, Roger Wilcox, Clark Wilharm, Steve Willemsen, Gary Williams

GUESTS PRESENT: Jason Passmore (co-speaker), Kimberly, Dave and Lisa MacDonald

MEETING RECAP:

- President Duneman called the meeting to order with prayer (Egli) and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Gary Duneman is working on an Exchange Club Family Tree. Please email him information regarding the following two questions:
 - Which Exchange Club member was your sponsor?
 - Who have you sponsored as new members of Exchange Club?
- Reminder of the Winter Social outing on Wednesday, February 3:
 - Meet for Pizza Ranch buffet at 5:15 (\$7.00 cost per person to be paid that night)
 - We will van pool to UNI from the Pizza Ranch parking lot at 5:50 (meet there if not eating beforehand)
 - UNI/Wichita State men's basketball game at 7:00 p.m. (Please write checks for ticket payment to the Waverly Exchange Club ... \$10 per ticket ordered ... Jeff Meyers has the tickets so please pay him directly to get the tickets)
- Golf committee meeting today at 4:30 p.m. at First National Bank.
- Anyone who ordered an Exchange Club shirt should pay Gary Duneman ... checks should be made out to GoHawk Graphics.
- Are there any additional nominees for the Book of Golden Deeds? If so please see Denny Button for the forms. They are due today; selection of the recipient will be at next Thursday's meeting (February 4).
- Dave Arns introduced the January Student of the Month Kim MacDonald. Kim is the daughter of Dave and Lisa MacDonald and is currently ranked first in her class with a 4.0 grade point average. She has earned an Academic Award each semester of high school, been on the A Honor Roll, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Kim has been involved in softball, is President of DECA, Spanish Club, and Yearbook. Within the community she has worked with local blood drives, food drives, and various benefits. Kim plans to attend a four year college to study biology and/or psychology to become an occupational therapist or family practitioner. Congrats Kim and family!
- Steve Egli introduced today's program about economic development on Main Street. He also introduced Jason Passmore as a co-presenter to assist in the presentation. Jason is the Director of Economic Development for Waverly. He was the first person hired by the community for this position (2007), e.g., previously was a position of the Chamber of Commerce. Highlights of the presentation included:
 - Responsible for Waverly, Bremer County, and area communities
 - Also serves on a regional board working with a six counties
 - Shell Rock, Readlyn, and Denver are all active in area economic development
 - Even though the economic downturn has been painful, there also have been some very positive things transpiring the past couple of years. Steve and Jason shared a listing of projects et al. that have occurred since 2000. There have been and are many more projects than most of us know! A link to this list is available on our website with this Bulletin.
 - The Chamber of Commerce is still active and works cooperatively with Jason and his office/position. Waverly still is a Main Street Community, one of 45 in the state of Iowa. This involves emphasizing historical as well as economic development.

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- The primary focus of the Chamber is:
 - Tourism
 - Retail promotion
 - Design
- Jason also gave an update on the McDonalds project ... Miller's True Value and McDonalds were ready to go last fall but the owner of the strip mall (national company) has been balking on an easement issue. McDonalds is going to build, the location is the only thing still up in the air.
- Two new restaurants are slated to open in February: Mexican restaurant in the old Pablo's site and a new Chinese restaurant across from Walgreens.

Thanks Steve and Jason for a very interesting program!

- Please note that there was an error in the Upcoming Speaker Schedule and Events in last week's Bulletin. The list below is not correct. ☺

UPCOMING SPEAKER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS:

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| ● Wednesday, February 3 | -- | Social Outing (UNI/Wichita State men's basketball game) |
| ● Thursday, February 4 | -- | Meet the Members / Selection of Book of Golden Deeds recipient |
| ● Tuesday, February 9 | -- | Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 a.m. (Grace Baptist Church) |
| ● Thursday, February 11 | -- | Business Meeting |
| ● Thursday, February 18 | -- | Book of Golden Deeds presentation / Student of the Month |
| ● Thursday, February 25 | -- | Darrel Gerriets program |
| ● Thursday, March 4 | -- | Meet the Members |
| ● Tuesday, March 9 | -- | Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 a.m. (Grace Baptist Church) |
| ● Thursday, March 11 | -- | Business Meeting |
| ● Thursday, March 18 | -- | Dewey Hildebrandt program |
| ● Thursday, March 25 | -- | Jim Hurley program / Student of the Month |
| ● Thursday, April 1 | -- | Meet the Members |
| ● Tuesday, April 6 | -- | Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 a.m. (Grace Baptist Church) |
| ● Tuesday, April 6 | -- | Pizza Ranch fundraiser |
| ● Thursday, April 8 | -- | Business Meeting |
| ● Thursday, April 15 | -- | Al Janssen program |
| ● Thursday, April 22 | -- | Len Jentz program |
| ● Thursday, April 29 | -- | John Johnston program / Student of the Month |
| ● Saturday, May 1 | -- | Tee Off Against Child Abuse Golf Tournament |
| ● Tuesday, May 4 | -- | Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 a.m. (Grace Baptist Church) |
| ● Thursday, May 6 | -- | Business Meeting |
| ● Thursday, May 13 | -- | Peace Officer of the Year presentation |
| ● Thursday, May 20 | -- | Brad Knudson program / W-SR A.C.E. Award / Bremwood Student of the Year Award |
| ● Thursday, May 27 | -- | Brian Larson program / W-SR Student of the Year |
| ● Thursday, June 3 | -- | Meet the Members |
| ● Tuesday, June 8 | -- | Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 a.m. (Grace Baptist Church) |
| ● Thursday, June 10 | -- | Business Meeting |
| ● Thursday, June 17 | -- | Jim Lee program |
| ● Thursday, June 24 | -- | Ron Leibold program |

Responsibility for inviting guests/prospective members:

- February – Meyers, Siberski, Thorson, Vallem
- March – Leonard, Vyverberg, Wilcox, Wilharm
- April – Larson, Williams, Willis, Winter
- May – DeBoer, Hurley, Janssen, Willemsen

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Fiene

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