

# WAVERLY EXCHANGE CLUB

Waverly, Iowa

**DATE:** Thursday, October 1, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Arns, Irv Bettenga, Jim Brandau, Dennis Button, Bill Carpenter, Bill Cashman, Clarence Diekman, Gary Duneman, Steve Egli, Dewey Hildebrandt, Jim Hurley, Al Janssen, Len Jentz, John Johnston, Jim Lee, Louis MacDougall, Dan McKenzie, Jeff Meyers, Mike Siberski, Stu Thorson, Jerry Vallem, Jere Vyverberg, Bill Westendorf, Roger Wilcox, Clark Wilharm, Rick Willis

**GUESTS PRESENT:** (names listed)

## **MEETING RECAP:**

- President Duneman called the meeting to order with prayer by Jim Lee and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Congratulations to Jere Vyverberg, recently named Iowa Supt. of the Year
- Congratulations to Gary Williams on the birth of his new granddaughter
- Newest member to our group is Dennis Peterka. Welcome Dennis!
- Lou McDougal has officially joined our group as well. Welcome Lou!
- Best Dam Run is this Saturday! Dennis Button is in need of two more people to help with his station. Bill Cashman gave a recap of the event. We will be putting racing packets together tonight at 6:30 pm at the Civic Center. Early pickup for racing packets is 5:30-7:00 pm on Friday at the Civic Center. We have 118 runners as of Sept. 30.
- Social Event: "HURLEY FEST" information was shared. There was a sign up sheet that was routed. You are welcome to come to either the football game, the social at Jim Hurley's home, or both.
- Clothing Drive is NEXT WEEK. President Duneman mentioned that several of us have clothes in our closets that we should probably get rid of, AND several in attendance are wearing clothes that should be donated as well...
- Money Calendars will be distributed next week.

Clark Wilharm gave us his bio. Clark graduated from HS in 1981. He was in Marine Corps Reserve...ended up at UNI, graduated. Has a teaching and coaching degree. Golf coach at WSR. Married to Julie Wilharm. Clark has two children and two step-children. Clark's life-changing event was that his mother suffers from mental illness. All his siblings have professions that help others. Clark loves to golf and enjoys being a member of Exchange.

Irv Bettenga talked about his life and started off by mentioning his parents. Born in Rock Rapids, went to school at Storm Lake. His is the oldest of four brothers in the family. Irv was in the Navy and was transferred to the Marines. He ended up being sent to Vietnam for 13 months. He met his wife in Waverly and has been married for 41 years. Irv has two children and five grandchildren. Fishing is Irv's hobby. Irv also enjoys hunting and sprint car racing.

Jim Brandau finished up the bios for the day. He grew up and graduated from Osage HS in 1964. He came to Wartburg and wrestled. He was drafted by the Army during his junior year at college. He was in Vietnam, wounded in July in 1969, was discharged in 1970. Married 39 years; two children and four grandchildren. Jim has worked as a magistrate for 36 years. In 1984 he started work in the financial industry. Jim likes to fish, but he loves to follow amateur wrestling. He is very active in Exchange Club-both locally and regionally.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Saturday, October 3 -- Best Dam Run fundraiser
- Tuesday, October 6 -- Executive Committee meeting (Grace Baptist Church @ 7:00 a.m.)
- Thursday, October 8 -- Business meeting (clothing collection)
- Thursday, October 15 -- **Meet at Waverly Fire Station for breakfast and program /**  
Firefighter of the Year presentation
- Saturday, October 17 -- Social outing (Wartburg football game and "Hurleyfest" following)
- Thursday, October 22 -- Jim Brandau program
- Saturday, October 24 -- National Day of Service
- Thursday, October 29 -- Denny Button program
- Tuesday, November 3 -- Pizza Ranch fundraiser (5:00-8:00 p.m.)

**Responsibility for inviting guests/prospective members:**

- October – Arns, Fiene, Fox, Lee
- November – Gerrietts, Hildebrandt, Jentz, Johnston
- December – Cashman, Leibold, McKenzie, Meyers
- January – Brandau, Carpenter, Knudson, Westendorf
- February – Meyers, Siberski, Thorson, Vallem
- March – Leonard, Vyverberg, Wilcox, Wilharm
- April – Larson, Williams, Willis, Winter
- May – DeBoer, Hurley, Janssen, Willemsen

**Respectfully submitted,**

Roger Wilcox



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