

# WAVERLY EXCHANGE CLUB

Waverly, Iowa

**DATE:** Thursday, October 29, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Arns, Irv Bettenga, Jim Brandau, Dennis Button, Bill Carpenter, Chad DeBoer, Clarence Diekman, Gary Duneman, Steve Egli, Kevin Fiene, Darrell Gerriets, Dewey Hildebrandt, Jim Hurley, Al Janssen, Len Jentz, John Johnston, Brian Larson, Jim Lee, Ron Leibold, Louis MacDougall, Dan McKenzie, Jeff Meyers, Dennis Peterka, Mike Siberski, Stu Thorson, Bill Westendorf, Roger Wilcox, Clark Wilharm, Steve Willemssen, Gary Williams, Ken Winter

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Dan Kittle, Sally Thorson, Truman Stone, Kathy Olson (speaker), Indigo Scott (Student of the Month) and her father Tom

## **MEETING RECAP:**

- President Duneman called the meeting to order with prayer (Thorson) and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Announcements/Information:
  - Duneman reviewed details for the Pizza Ranch fundraiser on Tuesday, November 3. All workers are asked to wear their Exchange Club shirts (and/or hats) to the event. Even if you're not able to work the event, please come to eat! Works shifts are as follows:
    - 5:00-6:00 p.m. – Williams, Brandau, Button, Carpenter, Bettenga, Janssen
    - 6:00-7:00 p.m. – Cashman, DeBoer, Fox, Hildrebrandt, Hurley, Lee, Leonard
    - 7:00-8:00 p.m. – McKenzie, Meyers, Thorson, Vallem, Westendorf, Willemssen
  - Jeff Meyers gave an update on the Money Calendar. The first drawing is scheduled for November 10. At this point, we're at the break-even point, e.g., every sale from now on is direct profit to the Exchange Club.
  - A sign-up sheet was passed around for the One Nation Under God Banquet at Waterloo on November 19.
  - Thanks to all who participated in last Saturday's National Day of Service at Cedar Valley Friends of the Family. Special thanks to Jim Hurley and Jim Lee for their organizational efforts. A good time was had by all as well as getting some projects done for CVFF.
- Ken Winter introduced the October Student of the Month, Indigo Scott. Indigo is the daughter of Tom and Sarah Scott and ranks 6/164 in W-SR senior class and has a cumulative grade point average of 3.964. Highlights of Indigo's involvement include honor roll, Academic Awards, National Honor Society, State History Day champion and National Qualifier, speech, math competitions, as well as playing cello in the orchestra. Outside of school Indigo is involved in 4-H (served as secretary, vice-president, and president), volunteers at the Recycling Center and soccer complex, and worked with fundraising for Self-Help International. After graduation, Indigo plans to attend a small liberal arts college to major in biology or environmental studies, and eventually pursue an engineering career with a focus in "green" technology. At this point, Carleton College (Minnesota) and Grinnell College are Indigo's frontrunners for college. Congratulations Indigo!
- Sally Thorson shared information regarding the upcoming census. Everyone is encouraged to complete the census when it arrives in February/March. So much funding et al. is based on population so it is critical to have everyone counted.
- Sally Thorson introduced today's speaker Kathy Olson. Kathy is running for the at-large seat on the Waverly City Council. Kathy and her husband Lynn (Wartburg College Professor of Mathematics) have three grown children and have lived in Waverly for many years. Kathy shared stories about being a first-time candidate for office. Highlights of her presentation include:
  - Walked in virtually every part of Waverly; noticed diversity of housing but also there really isn't a "bad" area within town
  - Personalities of each ward are different

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- Genuine interest in local politics; anticipating a large turnout on November 3
  - Great deal of work done by City Council occurs in committee, prior to the actual council meeting
  - Assistance of a committee in a local election is critical
  - Importance of lawn signs, as well as other publicity for name recognition
  - Utilization of the web, even for a local election, is critical
  - Focus on economic development is growing and very important for the community
- Kathy also entertained questions. Thanks Stu for a very interesting program.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Tuesday, November 3 -- Pizza Ranch fundraiser (5:00-8:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, November 5 -- Meet the Members
- Tuesday, November 10 -- Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 a.m. (Grace Baptist Church)
- Thursday, November 12 -- Business Meeting
- Thursday, November 19 -- Bill Carpenter program
- Thursday, November 19 -- One Nation Under God banquet in Waterloo
- Thursday, November 26 -- HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- Thursday, December 3 -- Meet the Members
- Tuesday, December 8 -- Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 a.m. (Grace Baptist Church)
- Thursday, December 10 -- Business Meeting
- Saturday, December 12 -- Basketball Tournament fundraiser @ W-SR High School
- Thursday, December 17 -- Bill Cashman program
- Thursday, December 24 -- NO MEETING
- Thursday, December 31 -- NO MEETING

Responsibility for inviting guests/prospective members:

- 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,**

Kevin Fiene

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