

WAVERLY EXCHANGE CLUB

Waverly, Iowa

DATE: Thursday, December 8, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Arns, Irv Bettenga, Jim Brandau, Doran Butschi, Bruce Coleman, Ruthie Davis, Chad DeBoer, Gary Duneman, Steve Egli, Jim Hurley, Jim Janssen, Len Jentz, John Johnston, Jim Lee, Ron Leibold, Louis MacDougall, Dan McKenzie, Veronica McKenzie, Jeff Meyers, Colleen Miller, Dennis Peterka, Kyle Richards, Heidi Solheim, Megan Sullivan, Stu Thorson, Jerry Vallem, Kasey Wadding, Bill Westendorf, Gary Williams, Ken Winter

GUESTS PRESENT: Beth Burrow, Anna Haywood (Student of the Month), Wahnetta & Bill Haywood (parents of the Student of the Month), Quinn Pettifer/Jill Wilkins (speakers)

MEETING RECAP:

President McKenzie called the meeting to order with prayer (Dennis Peterka) and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reminders:

Basketball Tournament Fundraiser – 12/10/11 – remember to show up for your assignment.
Final push for selling tickets for the Holiday Cash fundraiser. Drawing will be 12/12/11.

Ken Winter presented the December Student of the Month, Anna Haywood. Anna is the daughter of Wahnetta & Bill Haywood. Anna has a 3.95 grade point average and is ranked 9th in her class of 152. She has been active both at W-SR High School and the community: academic award recipient, President of the Student Senate, member of the National Honor Society, cross country, assistance with the elderly, mentors a girl in the community and assists at the Middle School helping 6th grade students with reading and spelling. Anna plans are to attend a college in the Midwest to obtain a degree in communication science and disorders. Her goal eventually is to get a masters in speech and then maybe a doctorate in audiology. Congratulations Anna!

Dennis Peterka introduced today's speakers Jill Wilkins and Quinn Pettifer. Jill just happens to be the daughter of Dennis Peterka. Jill and Quinn are on the staff of the Cedar Rapids Downtown Business District. Jill is the Director of Events and Quinn is the Director of Marketing & Community relations. Their mission is to cultivate and promote a dynamic downtown. They are "Bringing Downtown to Life" through six major sectors: business advocacy, riverfront enhancement, community development, sustainable infrastructure, flood recovery and first rate event planning. Pub crawls, Taste of Downtown, Uptown Friday Nights, Freedom Festival and Downtown Farmers' Market are just a few of the events hosted or supported by them. In regard to marketing and community relations, there main focus right now is parking and housing. For more information go to www.downtowncr.org.

Thought for the Day – "The only dangerous, powerful and biggest enemy to your life is you. Situations have no power to shake you until you authorize them. You are the ruler of your life. All what leads you, hurts you and brightens your future was your choice; you gave it the chance to do so." Written in 2011 by Mpendulo Chala – South Africa.

UPCOMING SPEAKER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 13	--	Executive Committee Meeting (Duos)
Thursday, December 15	--	Business Meeting
Thursday, December 22	--	No Meeting – Merry Christmas
Thursday, December 29	--	No Meeting – Happy New Year
Thursday, January 5	--	Megan Sullivan, program
Tuesday, January 10	--	Executive Committee Meeting (Duos)
Thursday, January 12	--	Business Meeting
Thursday, January 19	--	Stu Thorson, program
Thursday, January 26	--	Jim Janssen, program

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Brandau