

# WAVERTY EXCHANGE CLUB

Waverly, Iowa

**DATE:** Thursday, March 18, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Arns, Irv Bettenga, Jim Brandau, Dennis Button, Bill Carpenter, Bill Cashman, Gary Duneman, Steve Egli, Kevin Fiene, Darrell Gerrietts, Jim Hurley, Jim Lee, Ron Leibold, Jason Leonard, Louis MacDougall, Dan McKenzie, Jeff Meyers, Dennis Peterka, Mike Siberski, Jerry Vallem, Kasey Wadding, Bill Westendorf, Clark Wilharm, Gary Williams, Ken Winter

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Reverend Vincent Ramos (speaker)

## **MEETING RECAP:**

- President Duneman called the meeting to order with prayer (Gerrietts) and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Announcements:
  - We welcome our two newest members, Dick and Linda Miller. Dick is a former teacher in the Cedar Valley area who is now teaching drivers education here at W-SR. Linda is the current CEO of Cedar Valley Friends of the Family. Welcome Dick and Linda!!
  - Reminder that our goal for hole sponsorships for the Saturday, May 1 golf tournament fundraiser is Thursday, April 1. Please get out and make your assigned/designated contacts. If you have any questions please contact Clark Wilharm, Steve Willemssen, or Gary Williams. Gary also provided posters for members to take and display at the various businesses.
  - Work time is scheduled this Saturday (March 20) to assist Cedar Valley Friends of the Family move some equipment. We will need several pick-up trucks for this project. Participants are asked to meet at Hy-Vee at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast or the downtown office at 9:00 a.m., e.g., either park on the street by the post office or in the Keller's parking lot, and walk over in the alley to the back of the CVFF offices. Pick-up trucks should be brought into the alley for loading. Please contact Ron Leibold with any questions.
  - Reminder that elections for 2010-2011 are scheduled on Thursday, April 8. President-Elect Denny Button is overseeing the slate of candidates.
- Darrel Gerrietts introduced today's speaker Reverend Vincent Ramos, director of the Barnabas Uplift Project in Iowa. Barnabas Uplift is a partnership of faith-based organizations and government agencies that work together in creating jobs/careers for unemployed and marginalized people. Highlights of the presentation include:
  - Challenging economy obviously causing employment issues
  - Labor shortage in health care system
  - Barnabas Uplift works at being a bridge to link employers with employees in careers
  - Mission is to encourage individuals, families, and communities in Iowa to become self-sufficient
  - Services provided through Barnabas Uplift include:
    - Assistance with taxes
    - Access to health care
    - Savings program called Iowans Save
    - Addiction awareness
    - Micro-enterprise development
    - Provide free Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training
      - Tuition
      - Transportation
      - Meals
      - Child care
  - CNA training can also lead to further education in becoming a LPN or RN

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- Very powerful feedback on the program from participants, e.g., making a difference in peoples' lives
- What can we do to help?
  - Spread the word about Barnabas Uplift
  - Volunteer
  - Host a Barnabas Uplift ministry at your congregation or organization
  - Support Barnabas Uplift ministry through financial donation

Thanks Darrel for a very interesting program!

### **UPCOMING SPEAKER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS:**

- Saturday, March 20 -- Cedar Valley Friends of the Family assistance (8:00 a.m. for breakfast @ Hy-Vee and/or 9:00 a.m. @ downtown offices)
- 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 / Elections
- Thursday, April 15 -- Al Janssen program
- Saturday, April 17 -- BCCP Family Fun Day (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
- 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:

- March – Leonard, Vyverberg, Wilcox, Wilharm
- April – Larson, Williams, Willis, Winter
- May – DeBoer, Hurley, Janssen, Willemssen

**Respectfully submitted,**

Kevin Fiene

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