

WAVERTY EXCHANGE CLUB

Waverly, Iowa

DATE: Thursday, May 20, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Arns, Irv Bettenga, Dennis Button, Bill Carpenter, Gary Duneman, Kevin Fiene, Dewey Hildebrandt, Jim Hurley, Al Janssen, Len Jentz, John Johnston, Brad Knudson, Jim Lee, Louis MacDougall, Dan McKenzie, Jeff Meyers, Dennis Peterka, Stu Thorson, Kasey Wadding, Bill Westendorf, Roger Wilcox, Gary Williams

GUESTS PRESENT: Randy, Renae, and Isaiah Krull, Kathy Whitney, Marilyn Moore, Deb Ashton, Marj Krull, Chastity Deur, Deann Borglum, Justin Stockdale, Samantha, Deb and Dennis White, DeLon Gobel

MEETING RECAP:

- President Duneman called the meeting to order with prayer (Knudson) and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Announcements:
 - Thanks to Bill Westendorf and Dewey Hildebrandt for organizing last week's program at the Law Center.
 - Sign-up for Softball Opening next Monday and Thursday was passed around. Please contact Dan McKenzie for additional information.
 - Sign-up for Memorial weekend activities:
 - Saturday, May 29 – 9:00 a.m. ... Set-up flags at Harlington Cemetery
 - Monday, May 31 – 10:15 a.m. ... Carry flag in parade
 - Monday, May 31 – 4:00 p.m. ... Remove flags at Harlington Cemetery
- DeLon Gobel from Heartland District presented a \$500 check from a Heartland fundraiser earlier this year.
- Thanks to those that helped at the Hurley Rockfest ... Jim presented a check to the club for \$300.
- Bill Carpenter shared that we will be doing the food drive at Hy-Vee
- Dave Arns introduced the 2010 W-SR A.C.E. Award, Isaiah Krull. Kathy Whitney, former English teacher and tutor for Isaiah presented background information on Isaiah. Isaiah was involved in a car accident, resulting in very serious injuries. Originally it was not known whether Isaiah would survive. He spent one month in Iowa City, then another two months in Chicago where he had to re-learn basic life functions. Isaiah continues regular therapy locally as well as school at W-SR. Isaiah's drive has been amazing: driver's license, Student Senate, Homecoming King, taking upper level classes, National Honor Society, to name a few. In addition, Isaiah and his family were the impetus for passage of what is known as Isaiah's Law (Youth Seat Belt Law). Isaiah is truly an amazing young man from an amazing family. Congratulations Isaiah, Randy, and Renae.
- Justin Stockdale introduced the 2010 Bremwood Student of the Year Samantha White. Samantha comes from Clarksville and has overcome multiple obstacles in her life and will be graduating from Clarksville this week. Congratulations to Samantha and her parents Deb and Dennis.
- Brad Knudson introduced today's speakers Marilyn Moore, Executive Director of ASPIRE, and Deb Ashton, Head Instructor for ASPIRE. ASPIRE is an organization that uses therapeutic riding programs for children and adults that have physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities. Highlights of the presentation include:
 - Program started 11 years ago by Marilyn and her daughter
 - Accredited by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA)
 - Serve Blackhawk and six surrounding counties
 - 807 clients served last year
 - Multiple benefits from the program, e.g., mobility, strength, flexibility, belonging, positive relationships
 - Programs include: therapeutic riding lessons, mini-visitations, Bremwood Residential Treatment Facility, summer outreach, Camp Hope,
 - Funding comes from grants, donations, program fees, and special events

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- Always looking for volunteer assistance
 - Hoping to expand facilities to include an actual office space on Marilyn's farm
- Thanks Brad for a most interesting program!

UPCOMING SPEAKER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS: (new additions are highlighted)

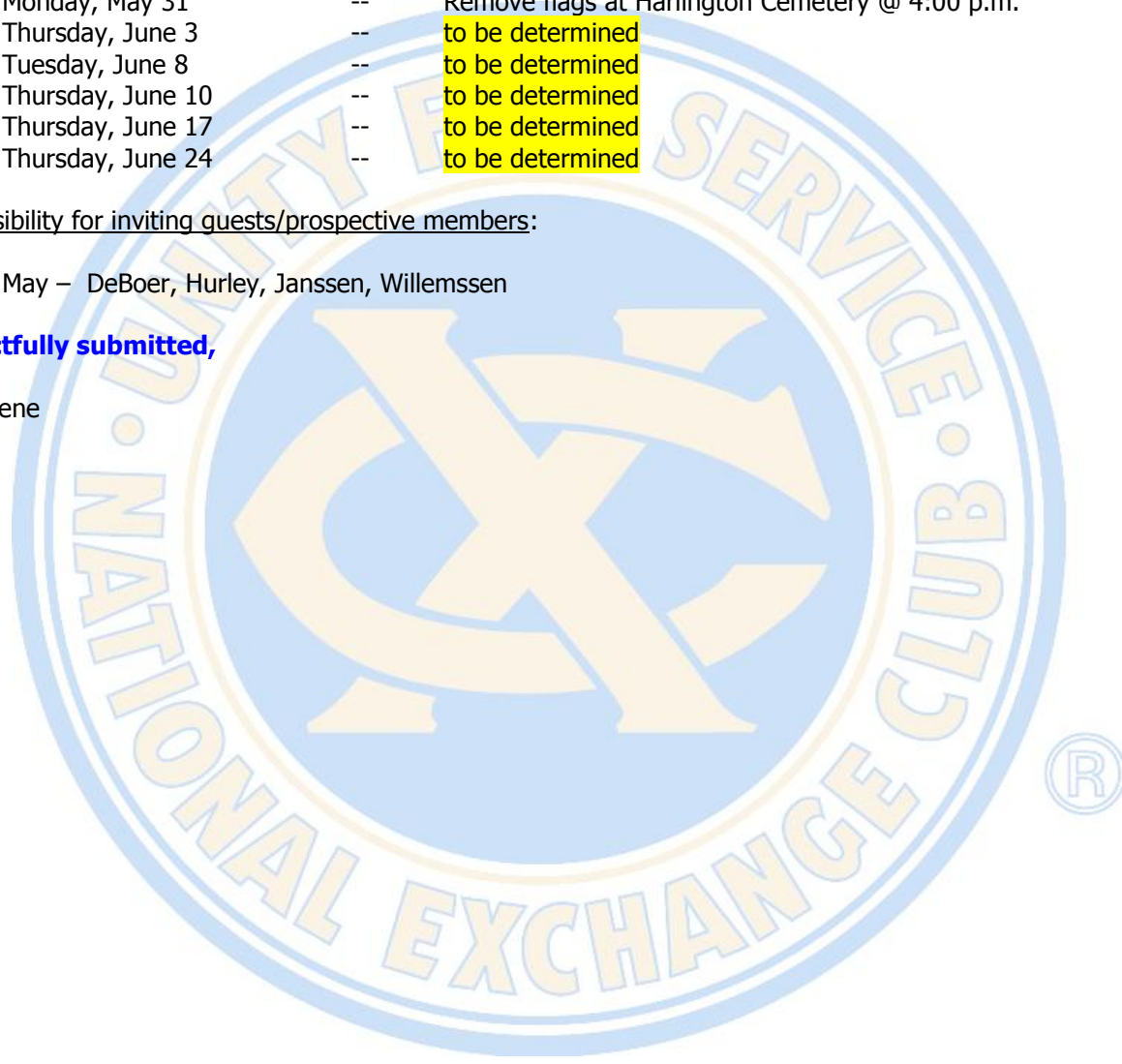
- Thursday, May 27 -- W-SR Student of the Year / Proudly We Hail / W-SR music will be the program
- Saturday, May 29 -- Putting up Avenue of the Flags @ 9:00 a.m. (Harlington Cemetery)
- Monday, May 31 -- Memorial Day parade @ 10:15 a.m.
- Monday, May 31 -- Remove flags at Harlington Cemetery @ 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 3 -- to be determined
- Tuesday, June 8 -- to be determined
- Thursday, June 10 -- to be determined
- Thursday, June 17 -- to be determined
- Thursday, June 24 -- to be determined

Responsibility for inviting guests/prospective members:

- May – DeBoer, Hurley, Janssen, Willemsen

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Fiene



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