

# WAVERLY EXCHANGE CLUB

Waverly, Iowa

**DATE:** Thursday, May 27, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Arns, Irv Bettenga, Jim Brandau, Dennis Button, Bill Carpenter, Bill Cashman, Gary Duneman, Steve Egli, Kevin Fiene, Al Janssen, John Johnston, Brian Larson, Ron Leibold, Dan McKenzie, Jeff Meyers, Dennis Peterka, Mike Siberski, Jerry Vallem, Jere Vyverberg, Kasey Wadding, Bill Westendorf, Roger Wilcox, Clark Wilharm, Steve Willemssen, Rick Willis

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Jan Kahler (speaker), Dave and Betty Nelson, Alan Ellwanger, Jim Vowels, Heather Landrum, Grant Young, Leah Colsch, Faithe Guyer

## **MEETING RECAP:**

- President Duneman called the meeting to order with prayer (Janssen) and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Announcements/Reports:
  - Thursday, May 27 – Kick-off celebration at Little League Softball field (Dan McKenzie)
  - Saturday, May 29 – Assist in putting up flags at Harlington Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. (Breakfast at Hy-Vee @ 8:00 a.m. – tentative)
  - Monday, May 31 – Meet at Civic Center @ 10:00 a.m. to carry the flag in the Memorial Day Parade
  - Monday, May 31 – Assist in removing flags at Harlington Cemetery @ 4:00 p.m.
  - Saturday, June 5 – Food drive at Hy-Vee from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Details from Bill Carpenter)
- Al Janssen presented the 2010 recipients of Proudly We Hail Awards: Dave and Betty Nelson, and Alan Ellwanger. The Proudly We Hail Award recognizes community patrons who consistently and appropriately fly the American flag.
- Brian Larson introduced today's speaker Jan Kahler. Jan owns and operates the Waverly Redemption Center. Highlights of his presentation include:
  - Got involved in can/bottle redemption at Charles City
  - Saw an opportunity here in Waverly
  - Located across from Strottman Lumber (north)
  - Have worked with non-profit organizations who collect cans/bottles
  - Averaging about 60,000-70,000 can/bottles per week at the Waverly site ... Wal-Mart still has a presence in the market
  - About 18 months ago the state looked at going from 5 to 10 cents for redemption ... did not pass
  - State focus group is studying options for redemption
  - One issue is the non-refundable plastic and glass bottles ... what to do to keep these out of the ditches, landfills, et al. ... several other states have already moved on these items
- A special thank you to Jim Vowels (Director), and W-SR instrumental music students Heather Landrum, Grant Young, Leah Colsch, and Faithe Guyer, who provided special music during the presentation of the Proudly We Hail Awards.
- Here is the sign-up thus far ... could still use some help, especially carrying the flag on Memorial Day ...
  - Saturday, May 29 @ 9:00 a.m. ... Assist in putting up flags at Harlington Cemetery ... **Brandau, Button, MacDougal, McKenzie, Meyers, Siberski, Vallem, Wilcox, Willis**
  - Monday, May 31 @ 10:00 a.m. ... Meet at the Civic Center to carry the flag ... **Arns, Button, Cashman, MacDougal, Meyers, Wadding**
  - Monday, May 31 @ 4:00 p.m. ... Assist in taking down flags at Harlington Cemetery ... **Arns, Brandau, Button, MacDougal, McKenzie**
  - Saturday, June 5 ... Assist in food drive at Hy-Vee
    - 9:00-11:00 a.m. ... **Cashman, Janssen, Peterka**
    - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ... **Egli**

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**UPCOMING SPEAKER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS:**

- 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.
- Tuesday, June 1 -- Executive Committee meeting @ 7:00 a.m. (Grace Baptist Church)
- Thursday, June 3 -- Business meeting
- Saturday, June 5 -- Food Drive @ Hy-Vee (9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, June 10 -- Dave Fox program (Linda Pagel) / W-SR Student of the Year
- Thursday, June 17 -- Jim Lee program
- Thursday, June 24 -- Ron Leibold program (Bill Dix)

**Respectfully submitted,**

Kevin Fiene



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