

# WAVERLY EXCHANGE CLUB

*Waverly, Iowa*

**DATE:** Thursday, August 20, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Irv Bettenga, Jim Brandau, Clarence Diekman, Kevin Fiene, Al Janssen, Len Jentz, John Johnston, Jim Lee, Ron Leibold, Dan McKenzie, Jeff Meyers, Mike Siberski, Jerry Vallem, Bill Westendorf, Roger Wilcox, Gary Williams

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

**MEETING RECAP:**

- Past-President Williams called the meeting to order with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Announcements:
  - Next week's program will be Barb Prather to talk about the Northeast Iowa Food Bank building drive
  - Reminder of the schedule of inviting guests (see below)
- The program today was another installment of Meet the Members. Highlights include:
  - Len Jentz
    - Grew up in Dubuque, Central City, and Cedar Rapids ... dad worked in the newspaper industry
    - Attended Kirkwood and Iowa State
    - Married for 30 years ... four children (Nick, Andrea, Dustin, Kristin)
    - Moved to Waverly three years ago ... from Independence
    - Been with Pizza Ranch for nine years ... bought into the Waverly Pizza Ranch
    - Philosophy of Pizza Ranch is to give back to the community, including ministering to employees and community
    - Has an eclectic work background
    - Enjoys golf and music
  - Gary Williams
    - Born in Grinnell, attended a one room school and grew up on a farm
    - Moved to Newton when parents separated at age 11 ... two brothers
    - Played basketball for Buzz Levick at Newton and was on the state championship team
    - Met wife Linda in high school, got married while attending Buena Vista
    - Linda was an elementary teacher and Gary was in business education
    - Been in Waverly for 40 years
    - Left teaching in 1981 to go to work for State Farm
    - Two children (Kelly and Kara) and four grandchildren
    - Linda passed away from cancer two years ago
    - Charter member of Exchange Club
    - Enjoys fishing, golfing, yard work, and being a grandpa
  - Ron Leibold
    - Born in Monticello, attended a one room school, grew up on a farm north of Winthrop, graduating from East Buchanan
    - Worked construction before serving in the military, including being a company clerk in Vietnam
    - Became a carpenter apprentice in Waterloo, then a journeyman working for John G. Miller construction
    - Married Norma in 1969 and has two daughters (Robyn lives in North Carolina doing public relations for racing; Julie lives in Dysart and teaches special education)
    - In 1980, moved into the office with John G. Miller

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- Became an estimator ... retired last year from Cardinal Construction
- Very active in civic service and enjoys biking, hunting, fishing, photography, and being a grandpa

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Thursday, August 27 -- Gary Duneman program (Barbara Prather from Northeast Iowa Food Bank will be here to discuss their building project)
- Thursday, September 3 -- Meet the Members program
- Tuesday, September 8 -- Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 a.m. (Grace Baptist Church)
- Thursday, September 10 -- Business meeting (first food drive)
- Thursday, September 17 -- Kevin Fiene program (Website orientation)
- Saturday, September 19 -- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration (evening)
- Thursday, September 24 -- Irv Bettenga program / September Student of the Month
- Saturday, October 3 -- Best Dam Run fundraiser
- Thursday, October 15 -- Firefighter of the Year presentation
- Saturday, October 17 -- Social outing (Wartburg football game and "Hurleyfest" following)
- Saturday, October 24 -- National Day of Service
- Tuesday, November 3 -- Pizza Ranch fundraiser (5:00-8:00 p.m.)

Responsibility for inviting guests/prospective members:

- September – Bettenga, Button, Duneman, Egli
- October – Arns, Fiene, Fox, Lee
- 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, Willemssen

**Respectfully submitted,**

Kevin Fiene



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