

# WAVERLY EXCHANGE CLUB

Waverly, Iowa

**DATE:** Thursday, August 27

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Arns, Irv Bettenga, Jim Brandau, Bill Cashman, Chad DeBoer, Clarence Diekman, Steve Egli, Dave Fox, Kevin Fiene, Dewey Hildebrandt, Jim Hurley, Al Janssen, Len Jentz, John Johnston, Brian Larson, Jim Lee, Ron Leibold, Dan McKenzie, Jeff Meyers, Mike Siberski, Bill Westendorf, Roger Wilcox, Gary Williams, Ken Winter

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Barbara Prather (speaker)

## **MEETING RECAP:**

- Past-President Gary Williams called the meeting to order with prayer (NAME) and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Announcements:
  - Next week again be Meet the Members ... the following folks are asked to be prepared: **Jason Leonard, Clark Wilharm, Dave Arns, Irv Bettenga**
  - Everyone is reminded of the Waverly Exchange Club 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on **Saturday, September 19**, 6:00 p.m. in the Castle Room at Wartburg. Estimated meal costs will be \$15-\$17 per person. A sign-up sheet was passed around and will be again at the next two meeting. **All members are asked to either sign-up (yeah or nay) or email Jerry Vallem your intentions.** Significant others are included in the invitation/required response. Jerry's email is [jvburg1@msn.com](mailto:jvburg1@msn.com).
  - Bill Cashman reminded everyone of the Best Dam Run scheduled on Saturday, October 3. We will need virtually everyone to help in some capacity. Posters and brochures were distributed. Additional details will be presented during September.
- Gary Williams introduced today's speaker Barbara Prather, Executive Director of Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Barbara came to Waterloo in the summer of 1999 to assume the position of Executive Director at the Food Bank. Since taking over as Director of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, the Food Bank has added the Kids Cafe program, Elderly Nutrition programs, Operation Family Pack and a produce program. She has taught a Public Administration class and Nonprofit Management class at the University of Northern Iowa. In 2006 she received the UNI American Humanics Nonprofit Leader of the Year Award. Prather grew up in Northwestern Minnesota and received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Concordia College Moorhead, MN in 1987. In May, 1998 she received her Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. She began her career in the Nonprofit Field, at the Capital Area Food Bank in Washington DC, in 1992. Barbara lives in Hudson, IA. Her family includes her husband Jim and daughter Stephanie age 8. Highlights of Barbara's presentation include:
  - Barb shared a DVD about the history and work of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank
  - Capital campaign (Setting the Table of Hope) underway to raise \$4.8 million to build a new, larger, more efficient building
    - Turns down about 500,000 pounds of food each year due to lack of storage and/or refrigeration
    - 36,000 people served in 16 counties
    - Providing over 200,000 pounds of food yearly
    - Current facility forces food to be moved up to five times before being ready to deliver to clients
    - No racking system currently
    - Had to empty/move the warehouse during the flood last summer while at the same time serving victims of the flood
    - Proposed location for the new facility is behind the old Rath administration building in Waterloo

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- New facility will allow an expansion of services
- Currently at \$2 million with continued work with grants and fundraising
- Hope is to break ground in 2010
- Multiple programs available to collect and disseminate food to the needy in the service area
- Northeast Iowa Food Bank also has a food pantry for the local area
- NEIFB serves multiple agencies in our local area, as well as working with Hy-Vee and Walmart in collection of product

Barb then answered various questions from members.

- Non-profit agency governed by a 20 member board
- Part of the Feeding America program, including regular inspections
- Local food pantries receive assistance from NEIFB
- Agencies pay zero-20 cents per pound for food (covers transportation costs)
- There are six food banks in Iowa

Thanks to Gary Duneman for arranging this presentation. As a club we will be discussing the merits and possibilities of financially supporting the capital campaign for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Thursday, September 3 -- Meet the Members program (**Arns, Bettenga, Leonard, Wilharm**)
- 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.)

You can also find all information for upcoming meetings and activities at [www.waverlyexchangeclub.org](http://www.waverlyexchangeclub.org) by clicking on Calendar and then the red print on a particular date.

#### 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, Willemsen

**Respectfully submitted,**

Kevin Fiene

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