

WAVERLY EXCHANGE CLUB

Waverly, Iowa

DATE: Thursday, September 24, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Arns, Irv Bettenga, Dennis Button, Clarence Diekman, Gary Duneman, Kevin Fiene, Darrell Gerrietts, Jim Hurley, Al Janssen, Len Jentz, John Johnston, Brian Larson, Ron Leibold, Jason Leonard, Dan McKenzie, Jeff Meyers, Mike Siberski, Stu Thorson, Jerry Vallem, Jere Vyverberg, Bill Westendorf, Roger Wilcox, Clark Wilharm, Rick Willis, Ken Winter

GUESTS PRESENT: Clare Boerigter (Student of the Month), Tom and Jill Boerigter

MEETING RECAP:

- President Duneman called the meeting to order with prayer (Bettenga) and the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Announcements/Reminders:
 - Congratulations to Roger Wilcox for being named the 2009 Iowa Outstanding Administrator for Support of Music Education!
 - Congratulations to Gary Williams for being elected Heartland Exchange District Vice-President. Gary will assume the District Presidency in two years!
 - Jim Hurley shared Hy-Vee/Pizza Ranch booklets as fundraisers for Dollars for Scholars. See Jim for additional information.
 - There are some potential interesting "on-site" programs, e.g., new rural water treatment plant, new hospital wing/facility, etc. Contact Gary Duneman if interested in pursuing any of these options.
 - "Final" sign-up to work at the Best Dam Run on Saturday, October 3. This is an excellent fundraiser for the club and actually a lot of fun to work! Please contact Denny Button about working if you haven't done so already.
 - Reminder that we will have another segment of Meet the Members as next week's meeting (October 1). We will start with remaining members of the Executive Committee (Jason Leonard and Clark Wilharm) then proceed alphabetically (Irv Bettenga, Jim Brandau, Bill Carpenter, Bill Cashman, etc.)
 - Kudos to Jerry Vallem and his committee for their work on the 25th Anniversary celebration. The Waverly Exchange Club has accomplished a great deal in the past 25 years, including donating back to the community over \$200,000! Special recognition goes to our six charter members still active in the Waverly Exchange Club: Jim Brandau, Denny Button, Steve Egli, John Johnston, Jerry Vallem, and Gary Williams.
 - Ken Winter introduced the September Student of the Month, Clare Boerigter. Clare is the daughter of Dr. Tom and Jill Boerigter. Highlights of Clare's accomplishments thus far include:
 - Cumulative grade point average of 4.00 and ranked first in her class of 162
 - Academic Award and Honor Roll for each semester of high school
 - President of National Honor Society, Advanced Placement Scholar, qualifier in Preliminary National Merit Scholars, and winner of three consecutive Zoller Writing Competition Awards
 - Hoping to be a State of Iowa Assembly Page during spring semester
 - Active with the Go-Hawk Eye (student newspaper), individual speech, History Oratorical, Iowa Student Mathematics and Science Symposium, Mock Trial, Constitution Day, National History Day, cross country, track, and soccer
 - Within the community, Clare is active with Self-Help International, VolunTeen at the Waverly Health Center, Waverly Public Library Teen Advisory Board, Hilltoppers running program, St. Paul's Church Choir.
 - Planning to attend a private liberal arts college with Macalester College (St. Paul, MN) and College of St. Benedict (St. Joseph, MN) currently topping the list
- Congratulations Clare and family!

"Building a Better America and Eliminating Child Abuse"

- Irv Bettenga introduced today's speaker, KWWL Meteorologist Mark Schnackenberg. Mark joined KWWL in January, 1995 after he received his degree in Meteorology from Lyndon State College in Vermont. Mark is originally from New Jersey, just outside of New York City. He is a member of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) and National Weather Association (NWA). He has been awarded the Seal of Approval of the American Meteorological Society in recognition of the quality of his television weather broadcasts. When Mark was a youngster, he'd watch the weather segment on his favorite New York television station. From where he sat, forecasting the weather seemed fun, and he thought he could do a better job of it. Highlights of Mark's presentation are listed below.
 - Has learned to "love" Iowa winters
 - Started at KWWL with weekend morning shows; currently working evenings as Chief Meteorologist
 - In severe weather situations, meteorologists work 12 hour shifts for continuous coverage
 - Meteorologists are on-call 24 hours a day for emergency situations
 - Accuracy in forecasting is most challenging with predicting winter precipitation
 - Technology in the industry changes rapidly
 - Question and answer session

Thanks Irv for a very interesting program!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thursday, October 1 -- Member biographies (**Leonard, Wilharm, Bettenga, Brandau, Carpenter**)
- Thursday, October 1 -- Preparation for Best Dam Run, 6:30 p.m. @ Waverly Civic Center
- Saturday, October 3 -- Best Dam Run fundraiser
- Tuesday, October 6 -- Executive Committee meeting (Grace Baptist Church @ 7:00 a.m.)
- Thursday, October 8 -- Business meeting (clothing collection)
- Thursday, October 15 -- **Meet at Waverly Fire Station for breakfast and program /** Firefighter of the Year presentation
- Saturday, October 17 -- Social outing (Wartburg football game and "Hurleyfest" following)
- Thursday, October 22 -- Jim Brandau program
- Saturday, October 24 -- National Day of Service
- Thursday, October 29 -- Stu Thorson program
- 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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