



Waterman Lions Club News

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Waterman, IL

Dinner Meeting at Presbyterian Church

This month's dinner meeting and program will be at the Presbyterian Church of Waterman, located at Cedar and Garfield Streets, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2010. Cost of the meal is \$9.00 per person. Spouses or significant others are invited to attend.

The program will feature a presentation by attorney John R. Corneille of DeKalb. If you missed the deadline to reserve a meal, you can still attend the program. It will start about 7 o'clock.

Waterman Lions Highlights

- Received thank-you note from Clinton Twp. Library for donation of \$50 for an audiobook player
- Received thank-you note from NICE Center in Lee for donations of Christmas trees, food and cash



- Approved \$50 donation to Canine Companions
- Approved \$200 donation to County Sheriff's Auxiliary, \$100 to Indian Creek High School Band, and \$50 to the Waterman Fire District Assn. for participation at Gobbler Gallop 5K Run/Walk
- Learned of gift of balloon arch to the club
- Approved spending up to \$160 for balloons and balloon blow-up machine
- Approved \$100 donation to Cub Scouts for helping with Pancake Breakfast
- Approved \$250 to sponsor two visually impaired skiers to attend Ski for Sight
- Approved purchase of ½ page club advertisement for District Convention brochure

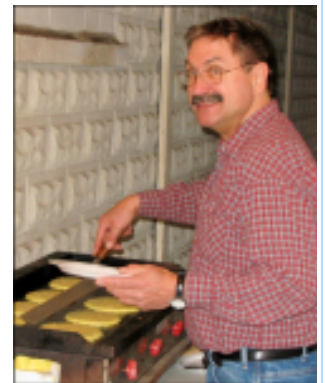


President Lion Mark Says ...

Christmas season is over now, and here we go again! After attending the Lions Southwest Region District 1J Meeting this last January 26, it became clear to me that we must be goal-oriented in our planning.

One of our goals for last year, which was membership increase, will likely be talked about a lot this year, as well. A good place for us to start would be at our Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, as there are many fathers and mothers being attentive to their children. This group of people makes extremely good Lions! Let's keep our eyes peeled at the Easter party.

Lion Steve Bock



Pancake Breakfast



Lions Wayne and Dave Stryker (L-R)

Lion Harold Giddings



Lions Ralph Johnson and Mark Fenske (L-R)



Lions Bob Bend and Janelle Stein



Lion Leonard Johnson



Lions Warren Sommerfeld and Jack Ryen



Lions Shawn Blobaum, Mark Fenske and Mike Genslinger



Minutes From the Last Meeting

President Lion Mark Fenske called to order the February 11, 2010, business meeting of Waterman Lions Club at 7:03 p.m. at the Waterman Community Building. Lion Jeff Weber led the Pledge to the Flag. Roll Call showed the following Lions present: Craig Rice, Mark Fenske, Bob Bend, Shawn Blobaum, Steve Bock, Ted Ball, Ralph Johnson, Phil Nielsen, Wayne Stryker, Dale Gaston, and Harold Giddings. Also present was guest Hazel Stryker. Percentage of membership present was 41%.

Secretary, pro tempore, Lion Craig Rice distributed copies of minutes from the previous meeting. Lion Bob Bend moved to approve the minutes as presented. Lion Phil Nielsen seconded the motion. Following a voice vote, Lion Mark declared the minutes approved and accepted.

Treasurer Lion Bob Bend distributed copies of the treasurer's report. It showed income \$2.00 and expenses of \$3,296.27. Balance in checking is \$6,728.16; in passbook savings is \$3,757.15; and in certificates of deposit is \$5,249.86. Balance on hand in all accounts is \$15,735.17. Donation from ROTC of \$1,000.00 for 2009 Gobblers Gallop 5K Race/Walk has yet to be received. Lion Mark said race director Karen expects the donation to be here by the March meeting. The club also plans to present a check to the Sheriff's Auxiliary for helping at the race. Lion Dale will set up the presentation. Lion Shawn moved to accept the treasurer's report with one correction: The expense line item "5K - Donation - Indian Creek Bank Boosters" be changed to "5K - Donation - Indian Creek Band Boosters." Lion Jeff seconded the motion. Following a voice vote, Lion Mark declared the report accepted as corrected.

Lion Mark read correspondence. The NICE center sent a thank-you note for the club's cash donation from the collection taken at the Lions Christmas Party. The Lions Project for Canine Assistance sent a thank-you note for the club's donation. No action was taken on a letter soliciting contributions for the Lions Someone Special at Drury Lane program. The area blood bank sent an e-mail to the club suggesting it was time for the club to sponsor a blood drive. Request was referred to the health services committee. A flier from Hinckley Lions Club promoting its 36th Annual Consignment Auction was distributed. Members noted that Leland Lions Club also sponsor a consignment auction not too long after Hinckley's.

Committee Reports

Ski for Sight: Lion Dale said it was a wonderful day with temperatures in the mid 20's and bright sun for the hikers and skiers. Between 80 and 85 people participated, down in number from previous years. Several participants never showed after making reservations and several canceled at the last minute. The Ski for Sight committee is considering requiring a deposit, refundable if the participant shows up.

Health Services: Lion Mark said he received correspondence from the Lions of Illinois Foundation Hearing bus unit saying that our club is scheduled for June. Members suggested seeing if the date could be moved to July 17 for the club's tractor show.

Boys and Girls: Lion Clidea said the cub scouts could use a canopy and two pup tents. Lion Shawn moved that the club buy one 12' X 12' canopy and two pup tents to cost no more than \$500 with funds to be taken from the community enrichment fund. Lion Steve seconded the motion. Following a voice vote, Lion Mark declared the motion carried.

Easter Egg Hunt is April 3 at the Indian Creek Middle School. The club will partner with the Aurora Sportsman's Club. Members should show up at the school at 10:00 a.m. , and plan to start the event at 11 o'clock. It should be over by 1:00 p.m. Lion Steve suggested ordering pizza for the March business





meeting when the members will stuff plastic eggs with candy. Members suggested the club have a promotion table to highlight the club's activities and membership in the club.

Tractor Show: Lion Steve said the committee is investigating whether it would be possible to get farm broadcaster Max Armstrong to announce the parade of tractors. Since this will be the 10th anniversary of the event, Lion Steve suggested the club should plan on spending more on the show.

Program: The next dinner meeting, spouses included, will be 6:30 p.m. February 25, 2010, at the Waterman Presbyterian Church, according to Lion Shawn. Cost will be \$9.00 per meal. Lion Mark took roll call of members present to see who would be attending.

District Events: Lion Mark reported on the last regional meeting which was held in Sycamore.

SightFirstII: Lion Shawn moved that the club make the final payment on its pledge to the SightFirst II campaign, the last payment being \$3,800.00. Lion Ted seconded the motion. Following a voice vote Lion Mark declared the motion passed.

CCC Auction: Lion Steve moved that the club donate two certificates, each for a 2-chop dinner, to the auction. Lion Shawn seconded the motion. Motion passed following a voice vote.

Donation to District Lions for Haiti earthquake relief: Decision tabled until next meeting.

Tail Twister: Lion Shawn reported that he presented the treasurer with \$27.12 from fines collected by his lion.

Next Meeting: Because of the noise from the group using the room above the front room of the Community Building, members suggested to Lion Mark that the club try meeting elsewhere. Lion Mark will work on locating another meeting place for the next meeting.

Lion Bob moved to adjourn the meeting. Lion Mark declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Craig Rice, secretary, pro tempore

LIONS ROAR

Roarrrrrrrr Lions
Roarrrrrrrr Lions
Roarrrrrrrr Lions
Bite `em, bite `em,
bite'em.

LIONS TOAST

Not above you,
Not beneath you,
But with you

Lion Bob Bend

Waterman Lions Host Ski for Sight Banquet



Lion Dale Gaston





LIONS INVOCATION

Where Lions meet be present Lord
To weld our hearts in one accord.
To do Thy will, Lord, make us strong
To aid the weak, and right the wrong.

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Lion Ted Ball



*Pancake Breakfast
helpers taking a
break on the chair
rack*

Calendar

Feb. 25, Lions Dinner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.,
Waterman Presbyterian Church.

Mar. 4, Boys and Girls Committee, 7:00
p.m., Waterman Presbyterian Church.

Mar. 11, Lions Business Meeting, 7:00
p.m., Kishwaukee Health Service Clinic,
Rts. 23 & 30—just east of Waterman, use
east entrance.

Mar. 25, Dinner Meeting.

Apr. 3, Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m.,
Indian Creek Middle School, Old (South)
Gym.

Lions Club of Waterman

The Club's Beginning The organizational meeting for the Waterman Lions Club was held June 14, 1954. The first officers were: Carl Rylander, president; Russell McAllister, Kenneth Tate, and Harold Rompf, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd vice presidents, respectively; Jack Templeton, secretary; Lloyd Waldee, treasurer; Sheldon Swann, Lion tamer; and Dean Swift, tail twister. The first directors were Preston Woods, Paul Johnson, Kenneth Peterson and D. E. Stitzel.

The idea for the club started in 1953 when Carl Rylander came to Waterman to teach vocational agriculture at Waterman High School. Having been a Lions Club member in Paw Paw, Rylander started promoting a club for Waterman. The Paw Paw Lions Club sponsored the new club. Charter Night was July 29, 1954.

The Park In November 1958 the club bought 11 acres directly west of Waterman High School to be developed as a park. In 1960 it erected a large shelter house in the center of the park and set out trees and shrubs. In 1962 the club built restrooms and the following year they installed several pieces of playground equipment. Last payment on the land was made in 1964.

The club built an open shelter house on the west side of the park in 1965. A legal size ball diamond was installed south of the main shelter house in 1968. In 1977 the club leased a portion of the park west of the main shelter house to the Village of Waterman for the construction of two tennis courts which could be used as an ice skating rink in the winter. The lease ran for 20 years.

Each year the club continued to maintain and improve the park. In 1987 bleachers were purchased for the ball diamond; in 1988 a water fountain and permanent outside picnic tables were installed around the shelter house; in 1989 new trees were planted. Ceiling fans were installed in the shelter house, a memorial to Carl Rylander. In 1995 the club entered into a contractual arrangement with Pete Robinson to build and operate a model railroad train that goes around the park. In 2002 the club voted to donate the park to the Village of Waterman as part of a grant proposal to obtain matching funds for park improvements.

Projects and Activities Over the years the club sponsored many community service projects. The first, in 1954, was buying and placing trash barrels in the business district in the village. In 1963 it conducted an oral polio vaccine clinic and donated an X-ray table and wheel chairs to the DeKalb Hospital. Here are some other activities:

- Each year the club sponsors the Lions Glaucoma Unit or the Lions Hearing Unit to screen local citizens for those problems.
- The club sponsors a blood drive each year.
- It provides scholarship funds for Kishwaukee College for students from the former Waterman High School district.
- The club donated \$5,000 to the Lions Eye Research Center at the University of Illinois, Chicago Campus.
- In 1990 the club undertook the installation of equipment at the new playground at the Waterman Grade School.
- In 2010 it completed its pledge of \$10,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation in its campaign to combat preventable blindness.

These projects and donations have been funded by Lions Club moneymaking activities such as selling light bulbs, putting on Home Talent Shows, auto raffles, tractor-pulls, Sandwich Fair raffles, chicken and pork chop barbecues, Christmas tree sales, fruit sales, 5K Run/Walk and pancake days.

In 1970 the club sponsored two clubs: Shabbona Lions Club and Hinckley Lions Club. The club has provided seven Lions zone chairmen: Carl Rylander, Howard Kauffman, Walter Carroll, Robert Bronson, Floyd Johnson, Wayne Stryker, and Dave Stryker. For several years Johnson was Lions Club International Foundation chairman for District 1-J and Illinois Lions Foundation chairman for District 1-J. Lion Dave Stryker was District 1J Governor for 2000-01.

Dues The club secretary bills each member for organizational dues and meals for the monthly dinner meetings. Make checks payable to "Lions Club of Waterman" and send to the club secretary.

When your spouse or guest attends a dinner meeting the cost of the meal will show on your next billing. If you bring a prospective member to a dinner meeting, the club will pick up the cost of the meal one time for that person.