



Waterman Lions Club News

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For Our Next Meeting . . .

It's 7:00 p.m. on Thursdy, Aug. 12. Where are you? The rest of the members of our club will be at the shelter house in Lions Park going over the results of the smashingly successful Antique Tractor Show and planning for the club's next brilliant endeavor.

Speaking of endeavors, the Boys and Girls Committee is planning the Back to School Picnic for students from Waterman Grade School. For the kids it will be 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2010. Of course, Lions should arrive earlier to set up. The committee will give us more explicit details soon, after its planning is done.

Other ventures in the works include steak and awards night, pork sandwich sales at the orchard, the Gobblers Gallop 5K Run/Walk and, bang: we are right up to our December projects--fruit sales, Christmas tree sales, and Pancake Day.

Lion Harold Giddings (left) succeeds Lion Mark Fenske as president of Waterman Lions Club. His term runs from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011. Here District 1-J, Southwestern Region, Zone Chair Lion Chris Halsey administers the oath of office at the club's June dinner meeting, which was held at Pub West in Waterman.



At the July meeting, President Lion Harold (from left) presented Lions Leonard Johnson, Mark Fenske and Dale Gaston Candy Day pins in recognition of their work on Tootsie Pop Day. Waterman Lions collected \$2,126, which will be used for programs and services for the detection, treatment and rehabilitation of visual and hearing impairments.

10th Annual Antique Tractor Show



The tractor show committee (clockwise from left starting at 7 o'clock position): Lions Dale Gaston, Bob Bend, Steve Bock, Shawn Blowbaum, Mark Fenske, Harold Giddings and Leonard Johnson. Not shown are Lions Richard Smith, Jeff Weber, Phil Nielsen, Ralph Johnson and Jack Ryen.

Right Lions President's Choice Trophy: Bob Johnson, Sycamore, showing a John Deere Model B Tractor with a one-row mounted JD Model 127 corn picker.



Above, Left Best Restored Trophy: Roger Singletary, Minooka, who showed a 1940 Minneapolis Moline ZTS.

Above Right People's Choice honorable mention: Jerry Enger, Serena, 1970 Minneapolis Moline Model G.

Right Most Unique Trophy: Howard Pohl, Plano, scale model Massey Harris collection.



Right People's Choice Trophy: Ben Anderson, Waterman, who showed his 1954 Allis Chalmers WD45



We Thank Our Supporters



We members of Waterman Lions Club are very pleased at the support we received from local citizens, businesses and civic organizations for the recently held 10th Lions Club Antique Tractor Show and Summer Fest.

In particular, we thank broadcaster Max Armstrong for announcing the tractor parade and his good friend Tony North who helped. We also thank our spouses, family and friends who helped with many tasks when our numbers were spread thin. We appreciated the work of the Waterman Public Works crew and Caudle's Lawn Service in preparing Waterman Lions Park and we thank them. A special thanks goes to Yaeger's Farm Market of Cortland for donating the use of the air castle and bouncy cage. We thank Tim Badal of 5-B's Catering who let us use his charcoal grill for the pork chop dinner.

Nearly 50 vendors helped make the event interesting and successful. These community groups we thank for participating: Acts Baptist Church, United Methodist and Presbyterian Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop #39, Clinton Township Public Library, Indian Creek FFA, Waterman Heritage Association and the Waterman 4H Club.

Without the financial support from the following companies and individuals the event would not have been possible. We thank Caterpillar, Inc.; Kishwaukee Health Services; Monsanto Ag Products, LLC; and Casey's General Stores; Rusty and Vickie Baie; Farmers & Traders State Bank; Overby Trucking; Hogan Walker, LLC; Hintzsche Cos.; and AAA Critter Sitter; Nelson Funeral Home; Espe Seed Service; Resource Bank, N.A.; Waterman State Bank; Olson & Assoc. Physical Therapy, LLC; Mike and Lynn Martz; Linda Swenson; Holland & Sons, Inc.; Honey Hill Orchard; Farm Credit Services; Next Era Resources; and DeKane Equipment.

We express our appreciation to the Waterman Business Association for their cooperation in promoting and running the late afternoon and evening programs.

And our special gratitude and thank you to the citizens who chose to spend the day with us.

Steve Bock
Chair, Waterman Lions Club
Antique Tractor Show & Summerfest

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Max Armstrong, farm broadcaster and radio personality, announced the parade of tractors at the 10th Annual Waterman Lions Club Antique Tractor Show and Summerfest. He is shown here sitting on a tractor of the brand he favors.



Helen Keller's Speech to Lions

1925 International Convention
Cedar Point, Ohio, USA
June 30, 1925

Dear Lions and Ladies:

I suppose you have heard the legend that represents opportunity as a capricious lady, who knocks at every door but once, and if the door isn't opened quickly, she passes on, never to return. And that is as it should be. Lovely, desirable ladies won't wait. You have to go out and grab 'em.

I am your opportunity. I am knocking at your door. I want to be adopted. The legend doesn't say what you are to do when several beautiful opportunities present themselves at the same door. I guess you have to choose the one you love best. I hope you will adopt me. I am the youngest here, and what I offer you is full of splendid opportunities for service.



The American Foundation for the Blind is only four years old. It grew out of the imperative needs of the blind, and was called into existence by the sightless themselves. It is national and international in scope and in importance. It represents the best and most enlightened thought on our subject that has been reached so far. Its object is to make the lives of the blind more worthwhile everywhere by increasing their economic value and giving them the joy of normal activity.

Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today. Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence, gone. In that dark world wouldn't you be glad if a friend took you by the hand and said, "Come with me and I will teach you how to do some of the things you used to do when you could see?" That is just the kind of friend the American Foundation is going to be to all the blind in this country if seeing people will give it the support it must have.

You have heard how through a little word dropped from the fingers of another, a ray of light from another soul touched the darkness of my mind and I found myself, found the world, found God. It is because my teacher learned about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. It is the caring we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness.

The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?

I thank you.

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Just So You Know . . .

Waterman Lions Club

- Donated \$500 to Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)
- Donated \$500 to Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF)
- Paid \$95 tuition for Waterman child to attend Kish College Children's Community Theatre
- Paid \$150 toward funding teacher training for Lions Quest
- Contributed \$1,280 to LIF from Tootsie Roll Pops Candy Day
- Transferred \$500 to Indian Creek Education Foundation for one fall scholarship
- Paid \$525 for Senior Citizen Appreciation Night dinners

Minutes from July Meeting

President Lion Harold Giddings called to order the July 8, 2010, meeting of Waterman Lions Club at 7:05 p.m. at Lions Park Shelter House in Waterman. Lion Shawn Blobaum led the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed 13 members, or 48% of the membership, present. Taking seats at the meeting were the following Lions: Warren Sommerfeld, Dave Stryker, Steve Bock, Mark Fenske, Robert Bend, Craig Rice, Richard Smith, Dale Gaston, Shawn Blobaum, Harold Giddings, Jeff Weber, Leonard Johnson and Ralph Johnson

Lion Dave handed out the June minutes. Lion Bob move to accept and Lion Steve seconded.

Treasurer Lion Bob Bend distributed copies of the treasurer's report. It showed income of \$1,488.50 since the last meeting. Expenses since the last meeting totaled \$3,763.00. Balance on hand in checking as of June 30, 2010, was \$2,317.32. Balance on hand in savings accounts and certificates of deposit was \$11,980.04. Lion Shawn moved and Lion Leonard seconded motion.

Correspondence

President Harold read letter from District Newsletter editor stating to send notices for newsletter to her.

Lion Harold read letter on LIF's 17th Golf Classic event..

Lion Harold read letter for Lions Project Canine Companions for Independence. Group raises and trains dogs to provide care. Lion Craig moved and Lion Mark seconded motion to refer to Budget Committee. Motion passed by voice vote.

Lion Harold read letter from Illinois Eye Bank.

Lion Harold announced Camp Lions was held on June 27.

The first Southwestern Region Meeting is on July 27th in Maple Park. Lion Harold replied he will attend. Lion Dave, Lion Mark and Lion Craig will also attend.

Lion Harold read letter on Candy Day Jamboree on August 16, 2010.

Committee Reports

Candy Day: Lion Harold asked how many boxes of candy to get.. We did 4 boxes last year and we will get 4 boxes again. Lion Harold asked Lion Leonard, Lion Mark and Lion Dale to come forward. Lion Harold presented each with a pin for their help on Candy Day.

Fishing Derby: Lion Dave updated Club on Fishing Derby. Helpers to show up by 9:30 am and will be done by 2 pm. We will serve the evening meal at 6 pm. Spouses are invited to attend. Lion Dave will raise evening meal to \$10.00.

Tractor Show: Lion Steve reported donations are doing well. Sign will be ordered on Monday of those who donated. WSPY has packages on announcements. One package is 15 announcements for \$195.00. Other



bigger packages also. Lion Steve asked how many were for Package 1. We will buy package 1. Breakfast is from 7:00 am to 9:30 am, doors need be open by 6:00 am. Lion Dave to bring purple table for printing of Tractor Tags. Lion Harold, Richard, Mark, Craig, Warren, Leonard will help set up tents at 7:30 am. We need to get about 3 cases for pop. Lion Steve has rest of food on order. Road signs will be put up. Lion Dave handed out Pork Chop dinner tickets. The Hearing Bus will be here. The Peddle Pull is ready. Committee should entertain giving Max Armstrong some honorarium for his attendance.

5K Gobbler Gallop: Next meeting will be on July 21 at Fenske's at 7:00 pm.

Boys and Girls: Lion Harold noted we need to start thinking about the Back to School party. Lion Harold will set up a meeting. Lion Mark suggested August 26 at date. Lion Shawn seconded motion. Motion passed by voice vote. Lion Craig suggested in future we make special invites to Scouts and 4-H, leaders and parents. Lion Shawn suggested sending discussion to Boys and Girls committee.

Program: Lion Shawn will start preparing for December program.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Road Signs: Lion Harold passed around a picture of a sign from Mt. Morris.

Hats: Lion Dave reported he has 12 hats. Cost for each will be \$10.00.

Lion Shawn moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Lion Steve. Meeting declared adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Dave Stryker, secretary



Lions and volunteers and spouses staffed the concession stand at Lions Park in Waterman for the Antique Tractor Show and Summerfest event in July 2010.

