



WATERMAN LIONS CLUB

ROAR

February 2012



Waterman Lions Serve Up Dinner As Hosts for Ski for Sight Banquet

Waterman Lions Club hosted the Saturday evening banquet for participants in the annual Ski for Sight Activity, sponsored by about a dozen clubs in District 1-J and 1-D. Eleven members from our club served dinner to about 100 visually impaired skiers and guides on Jan. 28, 2012. Lions from other clubs also pitched in.

Friday evening, two bus loads of participants arrived in DeKalb at the Best Western Inn on West Lincoln Highway. Many have been attending the event for years and Friday evening's mixer was a chance for them to reacquaint.

Saturday morning the skiers and guides met at Waterman Middle School for breakfast and to fit skies. Then, they traveled to Shabbona Lake State Park for cross-country skiing and other outside activities. They returned to the inn in the afternoon to rest up for that evening's banquet and "record" hop.



Waterman Lions Harold Giddings, left, and Jeff Weber, right, serve up dinner for Ski for Sight participants.

Sunday morning they went to Cortland for breakfast; then, they went to either Sycamore for bowling or Elburn for skiing or bingo. The Sycamore group went to Elburn to meet up with the others for a luncheon and good-byes.



1VDG Lion Leo Snyder, left, visits with Lion Phil Nielsen at the Ski for Sight banquet.

Waterman Lion Dave Stryker was chair of the event. The following Waterman Lions helped at the banquet: Tim Badal, Bob Bend, Steve Bock, Dale Gaston, Harold Giddings, Phil Nielsen, Craig Rice, Richard Smith, Janelle Stein and Jeff Weber.

Hopping Around Looking For the Easter Egg Hunt

Since the school district started charging fees for using its facilities, the club is looking for another location for the Easter Egg Hunt. The past several years we've held it at the Middle School, making use of the kitchen, old gymnasium and the school grounds for the morning's activities.

Have any ideas for a new location? Contact Lion Harold with your suggestions.



How to Resign

We hope it doesn't ever come to this, but at some time you may for various reasons decide not to participate in Lions Club any more. Here's what you should do to end your membership.

—Send a written letter, signed by you, saying you wish to terminate your membership in the club. Send it to the club president, to the club secretary or to the membership chair.

—Pay for dues and for meals in arrears.

That's it. That's the way you terminate your membership in good standing. BUT we hope you will be with us a good long time.

Mission Statement

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.



Waterman Lions gather at the Ski for Sight banquet. From right, counterclockwise: Bob Bend, Richard Smith, Jeff Weber, Dale Gaston and Steve Bock.

Dinner Meeting and Tour

The club's February dinner meeting will be held at the Clinton Twp. Community Building, in Waterman, on Thurs., Feb. 23, 2012. We will gather in the back room around 6:00 PM. Dinner will begin at 6:30.

The dinner will be catered by Trattoria Da Francesca Family Restaurant. Cost should be around \$10 per person. Spouses and guests are welcome.

At 7:30 we will walk to the Waterman Historical Society for a presentation.

Please let either Lion Shawn (815-264-9091) or Lion Norm (815-264-7796) know by the Tuesday prior to the event if you can make it.





Minutes From January Meeting

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Bite `em, bite `em,
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LIONS TOAST

Not above you,
Not beneath you,
But with you

Call to Order & Pledge—President Lion Harold Giddings called to order the January 12 business meeting of the Waterman Lions Club shortly after 7:00 p.m. at the conference room in the KishHealth Center. Lion Warren Sommerfeld led the Pledge to the Flag. Roll Call showed the following members present: Harold Giddings, Craig Rice, Shawn Blobaum, Mark Fenske, Warren Sommerfeld, Nathan Rice and Bob Bend.

Secretary's Report—Secretary Lion Craig Rice reviewed the minutes of the November business meeting. Lion Shawn Blobaum moved to accept the minutes as presented. Lion Mark Fenske seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report—Treasurer Lion Bob Bend presented the financial report. It showed a beginning balance of \$10,700.02 in checking as of the last meeting. Since then the club had income of \$14,916.20 from Gobbler Gallop 5K donations and entry fees, tail twister fines, Christmas tree sales and citrus fruit sales. The club also incurred \$15,246.57 in expenses since the last meeting. These came from 5K Race expenses, administrative expenses, Christmas tree set up costs, citrus fruit purchase, sales taxes and donations. The balance in checking as of January 12, 2012, is \$10,369.65. The balance on hand in Certificates of Deposit and passbook savings account is \$9,183.67. Balance on hand in all accounts is \$19,553.32.

To date figures for recent fundraisers show the following net income: 2011 Christmas Tree Sales, \$776.12; 2011 Fruit Sales, \$531.76; and 2011 Gobbler Gallop 5K Run/Walk, \$5,643.07.

Lion Shawn Blobaum moved to accept the treasurer's report and Lion Nathan Rice seconded the motion.

Following a voice vote, Lion Harold declared the motion carried.

President's Comments—Lion Harold noted the following:

- He received a thank-you note from the NICE (Neighbors In Christ Ecumenical) Center for the club's donation of items collected at the club's Christmas Party; and
- He read an e-mail note from Heather Collins to Lion Dave Stryker in which Collins states she has a collection of never-opened Barbie and Beanie Baby dolls that she would like to donate to the Easter Egg Hunt. Lion Harold will coordinate with Ms Collins.

Committee Reports

Gobbler Gallop 5K Run/Walk—Lion Mark Fenske noted deposits to the school district to use its facilities are no longer refundable. He expects the final figures for the event to show a net income of about \$5,000.00.

Members discussed how much to donate to the Waterman Fire District, Sheriff's Auxiliary and Indian Creek Band Boosters. Lion Shawn moved to give the fire department association \$50.00, to give the Sheriff's Auxiliary \$200.00 and to give the band boosters \$150.00. Lion Warren Sommerfeld seconded the motion. Lion Harold declared the motion carried following a voice vote.

There was more discussion about how income from the 5K event should be used. Lion Harold said the Village of Waterman still has funds from a gift to Waterman Lions Park from the estate of Lion Carl Olson. With the Olson gift and funding from other sources, there is suggestion that an open shelter could be built at the park.

SummerFest 2012—Lion Harold said the club has been approached by an antique truck group that would



Lions Apparel Repository

The club has an inventory of Lions apparel consisting of caps, T-shirts and vests in its commissary. These items are for purchase, except new members each get a free cap. Contact Lion Dave Stryker if you need these items.

For Your Calendar

- Feb 9: Business Mtg, KishHealth Center, 7 pm
- Feb 21: Dinner Reservation Deadline
- Feb 23: Dinner Mtg, Community Bldg, 6 pm
- Mar 8: Business Mtg, KishHealth Center, 7 pm

like to participate in the next Waterman SummerFest and Antique Tractor Show and Garden Tractor Pull. Also, Lion Harold reported a member of the committee suggested marketing a calendar with pictures of antique tractors. Matters were referred to the committee.

Citrus Fruit Sales—Income was up because sales were up, according to a report submitted by chair Lion Dave Stryker.

Christmas Tree Sales—Lion Shawn Blobaum moved to approve the expenses involved in building the new tree display stands. Lion Mark Fenske seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lion Warren said next year weatherproof price tags should be used on the trees. Also, twine or cord should be on hand to help tie trees to vehicles.

Program Committee—Lion Shawn Blobaum said the January dinner meeting is the Ski for Sight banquet at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at the Best Western Inn & Suites, 1212 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb. The February dinner will be at one of the restaurants in Waterman followed by a tour of the Waterman Heritage Museum.

New Business—Lion Harold showed

a banner patch presented to the club for participating in International President Lion Wing-Kun Tam's Million Tree Planting Campaign, which challenged Lions around the world to plant one million trees this year to demonstrate the strength of our global network. (Number of trees planted so far: 6,644,475). Waterman Lions planted two trees at North Clinton (Waterman) Cemetery on Lee Road.

Adjournment—Lion Nathan Rice moved to adjourn the meeting. Lion Shawn Blobaum seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Post Meeting Discussion—Lion Craig Rice said he had sent dues statements by email late that afternoon. Some members, who had gotten quite far behind, have caught up their dues; however, past due bills amount to over eight hundred dollars. Of the quarter-year dues, \$9.75 goes to Lions Clubs International, \$2.50 goes to Lions of Illinois, \$1.00 goes to Lions District 1-J and \$6.75 goes to Waterman Lions Club for a total of \$20.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Craig Rice, Secretary
Waterman Lions Club



This pooch waits patiently for its owner to finish dinner at the Lions Ski for Sight banquet