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OUR 76th YEAR!

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FARMER'S MARKET

All throughout the Summer, down on the North end of the LeClaire Levee, every Saturday from 3 PM to 6 PM, There have been farmers, volunteer organizations, crafters, and vendors, selling their products. It's quite a display of goods; a cornucopia if you will, of large varieties of fresh vegetables, delicious 'made on the site' Kettle Corn, high quality goods such as name brand knife sets, along with food drink and occasional baked goods. If you have not been there yet... Get on down there and see for yourself! The prices are reasonable and the atmosphere is very friendly. And...of course, the Civic Club is there every Saturday..



Fresh Watermelon and Sweet Corn.
It doesn't get any better than this!



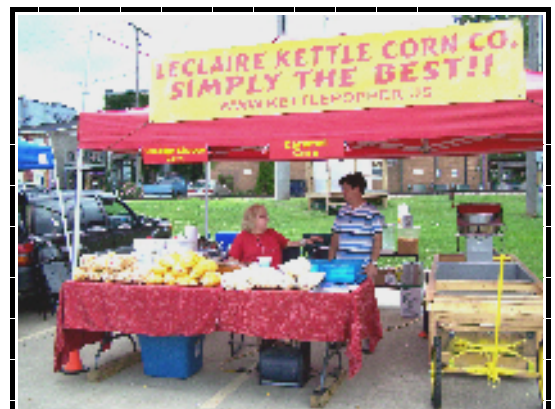
Terry Applegate & Deborah Lewis
selling top quality sets of knives for the LeClaireCivic Club.



Green beans, potatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, turnips., **'Fresh from the Farm'**.



More Fresh Vegetables by the Tuck Load!
Just look at those Tomatos!



Dan Morrell & Vicky Haynes were selling their outstanding 'Made Fresh' Kettle Corn



LeClaire's Famous 'Green Tree' is the LeClaire Civic Club's logo.

The LeClaire Civic Club was organized Dec. 12th, 1938.

The Civic Club meets on the 4th Tuesday, each month with a Pot-Luck Dinner at 6:15 PM & Regular Meeting at 7 PM in the LeClaire Civic Center. You are welcome, & encouraged to attend.



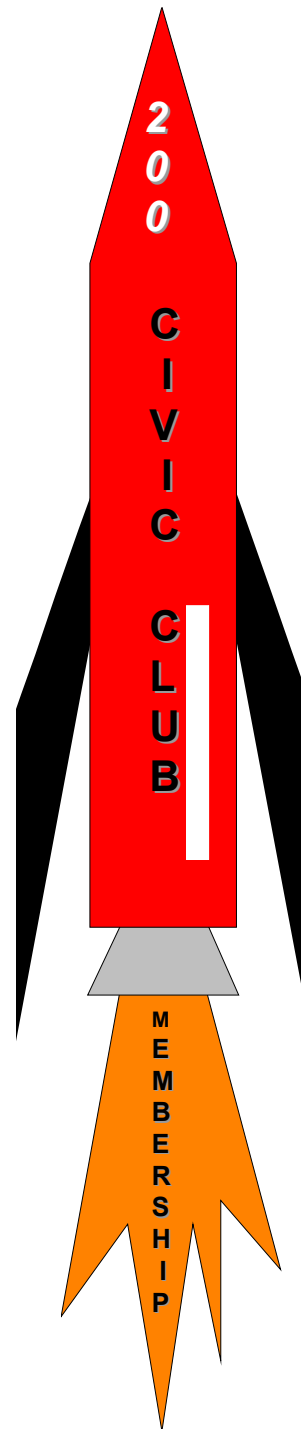
OPEN HOUSE

During the March Regular Membership Meeting a proposal was placed before the members present for the Civic Center to be open to the public three mornings a week. The days were to be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. **Dan Morrell** told the members that he would organize it and be there on those days to welcome whoever might show up. After discussion involving the cost of this proposal, including heat, electricity, water, maintenance, etc, and another proposal to have it open only one day a week instead of three, the majority of the members present decided to disregard the costs involved and go with the proposal as presented.

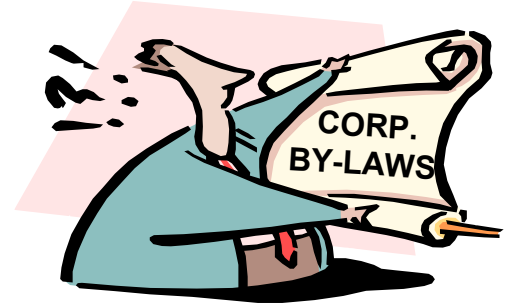
The main underlying reasons for this project was to attract new people to the building to meet and hopefully persuade them to join our club, and second, we wanted to provide another place where citizens could just drop in and “*shoot the bull*”, and perhaps get a bite to eat, such as donuts, or a minor breakfast.

Although during the first several weeks we were sometimes getting 6 to 16 people coming in to “*shoot the bull*”, the overwhelming majority of those “*bull shooters*” were our own members. According to our President, one time there were 15 members and only one citizen guest present, which happened to be her Husband. We did manage to sign him up during the “*Open House*” event, so we made a plus out of that. In addition, coupled with some donuts, etc, provided by Dan, and some donations coming in through the door, we did manage to break even on the food and drink, so that was another plus.

Hopefully, as this Open House idea continues, it will become totally cost effective, as a result of the many new members we will be signing up. It wasn't going to be open during the Summer, but will now operate one day a week, per our President. Sometimes new ideas take some time to catch on and produce the results we are looking for. We're sure those involved will continue to give it their best shot.



The Membership Drive Rocket was launched in February. It's powered by the members of our club. Will it reach new heights this year? It's up to you. Each new member you sign up will push it a little bit closer to our goal.



Every now and then, we have to bring up this subject. I suppose it's because we get new members who may not be familiar with our By-Laws, or because older members seem to forget why we have them or just don't care...

Within our By-Laws and Corporation papers are words stating that we are **Non-Sectarian** and **Non Political**. We try hard not to bring up these subjects at Civic Club Meetings or any events sponsored by us.

There are reasons for this policy. All of us have different ideas and opinions involving both of these subjects... and sometimes we are very adamant and vocal about our thoughts and opinions, which if kept to ourselves is not a problem. But... when we start pushing our thoughts and ideas involving these subjects on to our fellow members, or guests, during a Civic Club meeting or Civic Club sponsored event...it can upset them and be detrimental to the well being of our club. Members have been known to drop their membership over a heated argument or even a minor disagreement as a result of an unwanted, or uninvited negative conversation involving one of these subjects, whether religion or politics. We can't afford to lose members...or to influence possible new members to not join our club because of this.

What you do outside of your membership in this club is your business and you have every right to think what you want and share your opinions with whom ever. But please refrain from doing so in the company of other Civic Club members when in the capacity of a Civic Club member. It is just better for everyone concerned and the well being of our club, and its future. THANK-YOU.

Almost all of our accomplishments were possible because we were usually standing on the shoulders of those who blazed a trail for us , as we reached for the stars.

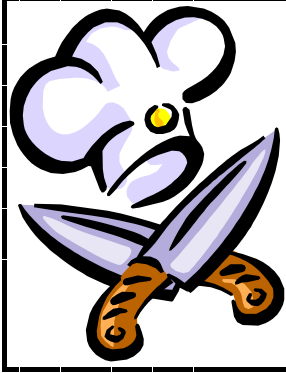


PARKING LOT SPACES FOR RENT

We have made note of this in a prior newsletter but it's worth mentioning again. Anyone can rent spaces in the **Civic Center Parking Lot**. **10X10 Spaces** rent for **\$15.00** each day, and **10X20 Spaces** rent for **\$25.00** each day. These spaces are only available if the main hall is not rented. Those who rent our building come first, even if they rent the building after you have reserved a space in the parking lot. So...there is a small risk to you. But, we rent the hall about 30% of the year, so that makes the lot available most of the remaining year.

We have rented spaces in the lot many times to local vendors, some within our own club. It's a good location for the vendors and the cost to them is minimal. This policy allows us to still make some extra revenue when our building is not rented. All but the rented space/s would still be available to the public for parking. Everybody wins.

So.... spread the word. Perhaps you have some "Yard Sale" type items you would like to get rid of, or a lot of garden produce you could sell, etc. Give our Booking Agent a call at **639-4621** and reserve a space today. Just remember, Building Rentals come first, and you are on your own when it comes to insurance. Also... No Alcohol for Sale!



KNIVES FOR SALE

The Civic Club tried our hands at selling knife sets at a stand on the levee during the '**Junk in the Trunk**' event held on Saturday, May 3rd, from 10AM to 4 PM. 40% of the gross was ours to keep. It didn't go over that well... but it was our first time doing it. We brought in revenue of **\$ 27.40**. Our President, Debbie Smith, set it up and worked it almost all the time with very little relief. Thanks to those members and others that did help.



FOOD STAND

During the **Farmer's Market** part of French Market Days on Saturday, May 3rd, from 4PM till closing, the Civic Club operated a Food Stand on the levee. This is something we know a lot about. We served our usual menu of food and drink, which included the old Riveresta Burger, and made a profit of about **\$ 125.00**. Not bad for 3 or 4 hours. Thanks to all who helped, including Joyce Kuehl, Deborah Lewis, and many others. They were sure tired at the end. Thanks also to the Optimists Club for helping with the tent.



CIVIC CLUB BAKE SALE

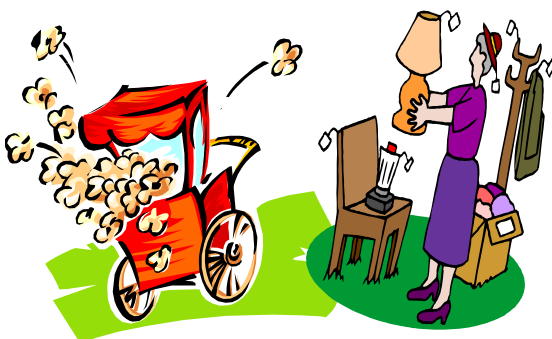
Our Bake Sale was held on the levee during the '**Junk in the Trunk**' sale from 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, May 3rd. Our efforts netted us about **\$107.40**. Many delicious home made baked goods were sold quickly to those who lined up early. Thanks to all who made and donated the baked items, and the members who worked the stand.



All 3 totaled \$ 259.80 in Revenue for our club!

BOAT DISASTER RENTAL REVENUE ARRIVED!

Our Treasurer reported at the April General Membership Meeting that she had received the Rental Fees incurred by the Tug Boat operation, Marquette Transportation. Back in November of 2013, one of their big tow boats was sinking and they tied it up directly in the rear of our building. It took many days of on site work to get it repaired. During that time period, they used our facility as their headquarters and for their crews to warm up, 24 hours a day. The total bill which was estimated at \$2000, came to **\$1,875.00**. It was extra revenue we had not counted on in our overall budget for 2013. It was put to very good use.





RESERVE THE CIVIC CENTER FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT

RENTAL COST IS
\$ 75 FOR 6 HOURS
\$125 FOR THE WHOLE DAY
\$200 FOR COMMERCIAL USE

(OVER NIGHT RENTAL NEGOTIABLE)

As a Civic Club Member, you can support the Civic Center by using it for family events such as Birthday Parties, Retirement Parties, Baby Showers, Bridal Showers, Family Reunions, Etc.

We now have a 60" TV. in the main hall! Remember, the deposit & rental fee are required up front. If there will be alcohol on premise, you will need a certificate of insurance. If you want our maintenance people to set up tables and chairs for you, there is a \$50 charge. There is also a \$10 charge to use our exterior lighted sign. To Reserve the building, go to our Web Site, leclairecivicclub.org, or call Vicky at 639-4621.



DONATIONS

We greatly appreciate any donations to our club... federal law states we must tell you we are a 501C-4 non-profit. So, be sure to check with your Tax Consultant first.

KEEP THESE PHONE #s HANDY

President (Debbie) Tel. # 289-4458

Treasurer (Joyce) Tel. # 289-4205

To Reserve Hall or Cleaning Problems (Vicky) # 639-4621

For Building Maintenance - (Jeff) # 340-2065



A PERSONAL NOTE FROM OUR 2014 PRESIDENT...



I have been your President for over six months now and what a learning experience it has been. Although I have made so many new good friends, the best of all has been meeting so many wonderful community volunteers. I have always defined a volunteer as someone you can count on to follow through, no matter the odds, with the last thing on their mind is a Thank You. Even though they are not seeking a thank you... those very words are still precious and very important. Most times the thank you can mean more to the person giving it, than the person receiving it.

During the previous monthly membership meetings, we have had programs featuring speakers who are proficient on various topics of interest. I would like to hear from you if this is something you would like us to continue, or not. If you do, then please let us know what type of program speakers you might enjoy.

In closing, always remember, this is our club, not just mine. All of us need to pull together to make it the best we can.

Thanks to all of you, Debbie Smith



HELP US UPDATE OUR RECORDS



Over the years we have had many of our members change their telephone numbers and addresses. We're asking any members with changes to call **Joyce Kuehl** at **289- 4205** & give her the update.

Also, we ask all members to provide your Email Address for our records. Contacting you by e-mail saves us time and money. We do not sell or give our membership lists to anyone outside our organization, and if requested by you, we can put notations next to your name in our files to make sure your number is only available on an "as needed" basis.

Please do this as soon as possible.

THANK - YOU !

All articles & pictures are by Ron Leiby, unless otherwise stated.

WEB SITE - leclairecivicclub.org



15 YEARS
AS EDITOR

If you have some ideas, digital pictures of Civic Club projects or of big LeClaire events for our newsletter, please call our Editor at 289-5259, or E-Mail him at f4phantom31@windstream.net



Made in
LeClaire,
Iowa, USA

FRENCH MARKET DAYS



FARMER'S MARKET OF LECLAIRE

During French Market Days their committee held a “**Junk in the Trunk**” sale down on the LeClaire Levee by the Museum and the Twilight Landing. There were about 10 groups of people selling all kinds of things.

The day started out cool at 8:30 AM and was very sunny and warm by closing time at 5 PM. Although there were on and off wind gusts which played havoc with some folk's merchandise, all in all, it was a pretty nice day for this event. There were many lookers & buyers.

Our **Civic Club** had a stand set up in one of the parking spots and sold sets of knives and Baked Goods. Because of our Non-Profit status, the rental fee was waived. We did fairly good with both the knives and baked goods.

Pictured above are some vendors and residents selling quite an array of goods, ranging from crafts, antiques, vintage furniture, baked goods, and modern items. Some of our members were among them, selling and buying. Several car trunks and truck loads were displayed and offered to the public.

The parking spots rented for \$5.00 each and all of the rental fees were generously donated to the LeClaire **Buffalo Bill Museum**.

This Summer, on every **Saturday** from **3 PM to 6 PM**, LeClaire has been playing host to a **Farmer's Market** down on the Levee. The event, which offers a wide variety of produce, also includes many local and area wide vendors displaying their crafts and products. It only operates during the Summer months of May - September. Many local citizens ventured down to the South end of the levee to check out what has been available. They were not disappointed!

The **LeClaire Civic Club** has been selling food and other items during the event which added much needed revenue to our treasury. A handful of volunteers have been doing the work so far but could use some help from our other members. This is a good project for new members to get involved in. We're hoping you can find the time to volunteer. The overall Farmer's Market is only open for about three hours. Add another hour for set up and one for clean up. So, you might only have to put in a couple of hours... and then only on a Saturday of your choice now through September. If you volunteer for one shift, that means someone else won't have to volunteer for two, or maybe three.

Call our new President, **Debbie Smith**, at **289-4458 or 349-4403**, and sign up and then mark it on your calendar. A little bit of help here and there makes the work easy for everyone.

ANGER WASTES TIME, YOURS & OURS

- 1.- Anger does not solve anything; it builds nothing.
- **Thomas Monson**
- 2.- Anger is stupid and will kill you more surely than your opponent's blade. - **Patricia Briggs**
- 3.- Speak when you are angry and you'll make the best speech you will ever regret. - **Anonymous**



**OUR CLUB MAY BE
SELLING
CHRISTMAS TREES
THIS YEAR. STAY
TUNED FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON
HOW YOU CAN
HELP**

Commercial Use Of Civic Center

During the May General Membership Meeting, our President, **Debbie Smith**, shared with the members present that the Board will start enforcing the \$200 rental fee for any commercial use of our building. **Vicky Haynes**, our Building Management Director and Booking Agent, told us that the \$200 fee was recommended to and passed by the members many years ago, but was rarely being charged. The Board added the \$200 Commercial use fee to our present Renter's Contract and it will now be charged on a regular basis.



HISTORY



HOSTAS & FLOWERS



GUN CARRY
PERMITS



COMING UP
AUSTRIA

Regular Meetings Now Feature Guest Speakers

This year we have been inviting guest speakers to our Regular General Membership Meetings to speak on subjects our members might be interested in. The members seem to have enjoyed the speakers and their topics. So far the subjects have been well presented and received.

The first one was a short talk on Local and Regional History at our March Meeting. **Bob Schifke**, Executive Director of the **Buffalo Bill Museum**, shared some interesting information and pictures of some of the local and Scott County early settlers. He also updated our members on the new museum expansion. A couple of our members shared some knowledge they had about a picture of early settlers he brought with him.

The second subject was covered during our April Meeting. It was a presentation on Concealed or not Concealed Gun Carrying Permits and how to get one. One of our members, **Chris Cournoyer**, is a certified instructor on this subject. She assisted another certified instructor, **Darin Oberhart**, as he gave a talk which covered the changes to the permit regulation involving Senate File #2379 and the Sheriff's Department's diminished involvement. The Sheriff used to screen the applicants for a permit to carry a concealed gun, but now our legislators took that discretionary decision away from them. Although there are a few requirements that must be met, now, almost anyone can get a permit. So, the bad guys better watch out, 'cause who knows who might have a gun or a big knife under their coat, or who doesn't. No one knows, including the police. But then, it is the American way.... Second Amendment, etc. If you have any questions about required training courses, etc. to qualify for the permit, we suggest you contact a Law Enforcement Agency, or call Chris at **505-6703**.

At the May meeting, **Dan Musak** of **Musak Plants**, presented a detailed program on different types of Hostas and Growing Impressive Gardens. He is a Master Gardener. His talk included a slide show which gave us examples of a multitude of various Hosta beds, diseases and how to control them, flowers, his personal gardens, etc. The talk was very informative and he answered many questions afterwards about not only hostas, but also flowers, animal control, splitting and replanting bulbs, etc.

There wasn't any program at the June Meeting. There is a program scheduled for the July Meeting. In the near future one of our Civic Club Members will present a slide show showcasing her family trip to Austria. It should be very interesting.

If you or someone you know is proficient on a certain subject matter and might be available to give a short talk on that subject, or just wants to share an experience or trip you or they have taken, etc., please call **Jackie Stepaniak**, our Community Affairs Director, at **449-8276**, or **Debbie Smith**, our President, at **349-4403**, and let them know.



CALLING COMMITTEE

Our Vice-President, **Deborah Lewis**, has volunteered to head up a calling committee. In the near future, you may be getting a call from her when ever we are in the need of volunteers for our various club projects, whether they be internally or community wide. If you have some time to help her do some calling (even a very short list of members would help) please give her a call at **309-236-3271**. She would appreciate your assistance. A calling committee can sure be of great help to project chair people and project committees.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

In case you may have forgot to pay your dues last Spring, there's still plenty of time left this Summer. Send \$7.50 per member to the "LeClaire Civic Club, PO Box # 562, LeClaire, Iowa, 52753.



Where Are You? We've been looking for you at our regular meetings, but so far, no luck. Some of you have never been seen at a meeting. You are very welcome! We have a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:15 PM and the Business Meeting usually starts around 7 PM We have had speakers on various subjects to make it more interesting. There are drawings for Cash! So..... What's holding you back? Come to a meeting. Can't wait to see you. **4th Tuesdays at the Civic Center.**

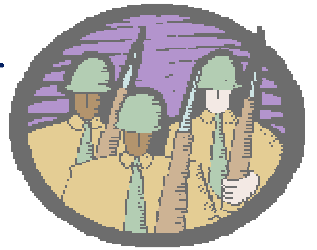
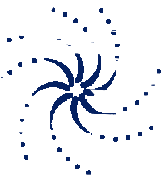


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2014 TUG-FEST

AUGUST 7 - 9



2014

With **Tug-Fest** just around the corner, our President is putting out the call for volunteers. **We need you**.... each and everyone of you. Even if you can only work one shift in our **Bingo Stand**, or a couple hours at our **Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast**, or at our **Membership Sign up Table** on the levee. Any thing you can do during this huge fund raising weekend will help the Committees and our club very much. We are counting on you to help us raise these funds.

Bingo will run on Thursday - Saturday, and there will be 2 hour shifts. Sign up for a shift or maybe two.

Our **Breakfast** will be open from 7 - 11 AM for our customers, but a lot earlier for food preparation and set-up, & an hour or so afterwards for cleaning up the kitchen and hall. **The price of admission is \$6.00 each adult.**

The **Membership & Information Table** will be in operation on and off down on the Levee during Tug-Fest.

If you can help on any of these, please call **Debbie Smith**, our President, at **349-4403**, or **Deborah Lewis**, our Vice-President, at **309-236-3271**, or **Wes & Joyce Kuehl** at **289-4205**, or **Dan Morrell** at **579-4126**. Anyone of these Board Members can get you in touch with each Chair person of either the Breakfast, the Bingo Games, or the Membership Table. We have over 140 members in our club... so, please don't make 10 or 20 people do it all! This is a very important time for us!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!



TUG CROWD



MEMBERSHIP TABLE



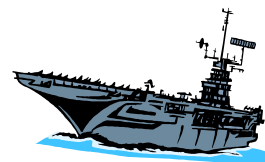
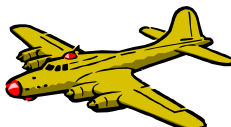
TWILIGHT CRUISE



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



American Revolution,
War of 1812, Civil War,
All Indian Wars,
Mexican War, Spanish-
American War,
Phillipines War, Boxer
Rebellion, WWI, WWII,
Korea, Vietnam,
Grenada, Panama,
Bosnia, Irac, Afghanistan



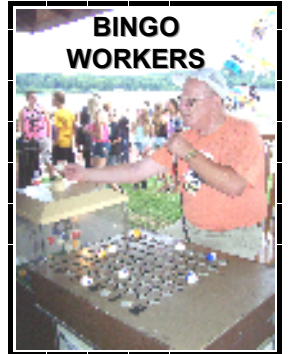
All Veterans and Active Duty Service Men and Women are being honored for their service and sacrifices made on behalf of our country, during the 2014 Tug-Fest.



CARNIVAL GAMES



BINGO PLAYERS



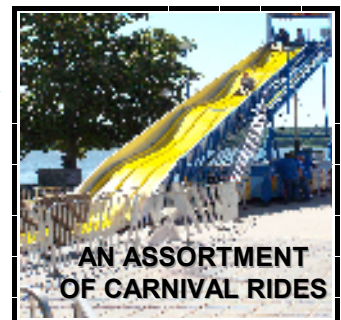
BINGO WORKERS



BREAKFAST WORKERS

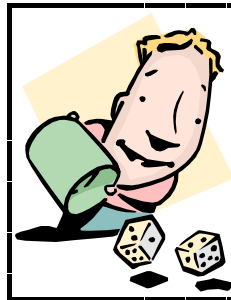
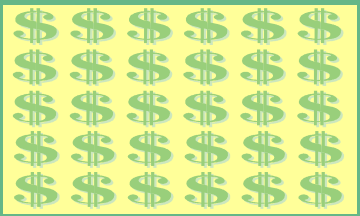


JUNIOR TUGGERS



AN ASSORTMENT OF CARNIVAL RIDES

LOCAL NON-PROFITS BENEFIT FROM OUR CIVIC CLUB TRIVIA!



***DON'T FORGET
CIVIC CLUB
BUNCO
STARTS AGAIN IN
SEPTEMBER***

Two local **501C** organizations were the recipients of funds raised through the LeClaire Civic Club sponsored TRIVIA GAMES.

April Trivia benefited the **Buffalo Bill Museum** to the tune of **\$ 886.00** which they can surely use, and we helped the **LeClaire Lions** at the May Trivia with a donation of **\$ 728.00**. Many folks took part in these games and a fun time was experienced by all. Our kitchen raised over \$200 for the **Civic Club**, along with the rent revenue, from these two events.

Trivia is over for the Summer months and will re-convene again in September. The first to beneficiary will be the **LeClaire Library** on September 20. At the June Civic Club General Membership Meeting, our President reminded everyone that the beneficiaries of Trivia Funds must be 501 C Non-Profit organizations as per our Civic Club Policy. In addition, if alcohol beverages are to be on site, the beneficiary must have a Certificate of Insurance.

The City of LeClaire and our local Library Board work hard to provide the citizens of LeClaire with a first class facility. We urge all of our Civic Club members to get involved in either the work that needs to be done that night in the main hall or in the kitchen. We also encourage all members of the Library Board, the Friends of the Library and the citizens of LeClaire to put together teams to compete and provide generous Door Prizes for the event. **Let's Fill The Hall!**

The Fall Trivia Games schedule is listed below.



This project is moving along. We have interviewed on film, three Senior Citizens who have extensive memories of LeClaire's past. There will be many more. Capturing our historic town's past on film for all to view long after we are gone is our lofty goal. The Chairpeople for this endeavor are Jackie Stepaniak, our Community Affairs Director, and Judy Hartig. If you know of an 'Old Timer' who can recall LeClaire's earlier days, please call Jackie at 940-0593 to set up an interview.

CIVIC CLUB FALL TRIVIA SCHEDULE



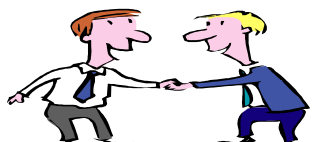
September 20	LeClaire Library
October 18	LeClaire Civic Club
November 15	Christmas in LeClaire

MEMBERSHIP

As of our June Meeting, the LeClaire Civic Club has a total of 121 members. Last year's end total was 140. We are half way through the year and need to pick up the pace just to match last year. Please try to sign up a member ASAP, if not, then sometime before the end of the year. If every member just signed up one new member... **WOW !**

Let's make a concerted effort to invite guests to our club meetings and encourage them to join our

Merry Band of Volunteers!

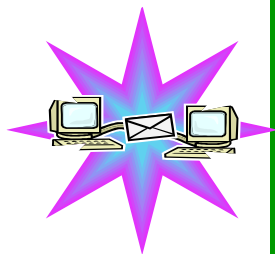


BUILDING INSURANCE UPDATE



About every three to five years the board reviews our present Insurance Policy and requests new bids from local insurance companies or agents, for our insurance needs. At an earlier meeting this year, the members told the Officers and Board what basic coverage they would like to see in a policy. These included some things like flood insurance, earthquake insurance, and up to date replacement cost. They naturally wanted the policy to be cost effective for us too. Other than those considerations, they gave the Board the power to accept a bid that included those basic items.

This year we had three submittals. After much discussion by the Board, they accepted the low bid from **Allied Insurance** at about **\$1,294 a year**. The coverage was a little better than our previous policy with Iowa Mutual. We have more coverage for personal property such as stove, refrigerators, tables & chairs, etc. Our deductible is the same as before. Our Insurance Agent's name is **Barry Waldron**. It will be up for review again sometime between 2016 and 2018.



CIVIC CLUB NEWSLETTER ON LINE ACCESS OPTION CAN LOWER OUR COSTS

Now that we have our own Web Site, we plan to use it to cut our expenses. We will be including our Civic Club Newsletter on our Web Site along with many other information about upcoming events, etc.. You will be able to access it by going on line and bringing up our Web Site. This should be an easy thing to do for you computer savvy people, and it will help us lower the cost of our newsletter.

Of course, if you don't have a computer, or you don't have internet access in your home, or you are not computer savvy, you can always request a hard copy like you are getting now. We will also have copies available at our regular membership meetings. A hard copy is always in the LeClaire Library...but if you go there, you can also use their computers to access our Web Site and read the newsletter on line too.

This is just another step in stream lining our club and bringing it into the 21st Century. Hopefully, you will be able to access this July newsletter on our web site, which is leclairecivicclub.org. Hope it works for you.

For future newsletters, if you have not already done so, please let our President know **as soon as possible** if you will be able to access the newsletter on line, or if you will still be needing a hard copy. Our President's phone number is **289-4458**. She has been putting together two lists; Computer On Line Access, or Mailed Hard Copy. If you can, please help us cut our expenses by accessing the newsletter on line. If you have trouble accessing it, and there is nothing wrong with your computer, please call **Chris Cournoyer** at **505-6703** and perhaps she will be kind enough to walk you through it for the first time.

THANK-YOU!



WATER & POP STAND



The Civic Club will offer Cold Bottled Water and Pop drinks during Tug-Fest. We will operate out of our own Parking Lot. **We need your help.** Easy Fund Raiser. Sign up for a shift by calling Debbie Smith at 349-4403.

There will also be spots available for vendors to use for our standard fee. \$15 for a 10 X 10 space and \$25 for a 10 X 20.

LANDSCAPING EFFORTS



A big thanks to **Gloria Byrd, Vicky Gleason, and Deborah Lewis** for cleaning up behind the Civic Center and planting some new plants and flowers. The old Ornamental Grass is gone and has been replaced with pretty red Geraniums. Due to their efforts, our building's view from the levee side will look much better. Your efforts have not gone un-noticed.



CIVIC CLUB ELECTION OF 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Each year sure goes by fast! Election Night is right around the corner. A **Nominating Committee will be appointed by the President in October,** and our **Annual Elections are held in November.** Please consider running for a **one year term** on our Board. Its a great experience and not that difficult, for the most part. Interested? Talk to one of the old timers who have served on the Board, for a description of a position you may want to try for.



CLUB TO PURCHASE NEW TENT

During the May Meeting, the members present, at the recommendation of the board, voted to purchase a new tent to be used for our out door events. Our old one was a used tent donated to us by Dan Morrell that he did not need anymore. During Market Days on the Levee, the wind caught it and it was ripped badly enough to warrant the need for a new one. The cost will be \$425.00.

A motion was made to purchase a 10 X 15 sized tent that would be large enough to handle most of our needs. After some discussion, the motion passed. Another motion, or perhaps it was part of the motion involving the tent, was to purchase a banner that states "**LeCLAIRE CIVIC CLUB**" to be attached to the new tent. That addition also passed. By the time you get this newsletter, the new one may be in use.

BRITISH AUTO SHOW

We will be selling **Pop, Water, & Ice Cream** during the Car Show on Saturday, August 2. This was recommended by our board at the July Board Meeting. Please volunteer for this easy fund raiser. Call **Debbie Smith** at **349-4403** if you can take a shift.

CIVIC CLUB HELPS TUG-FEST

The Civic Club will donate the use of part of our parking lot strictly for Handi-Capped Parking on Friday during Tug-Fest Fireworks.