

THE CIVIC CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Our 78th Year!

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Year 2016

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Vicky Haynes

Community Relations/Affairs

Connie Allen

The Civic Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month with a Pot-Luck Dinner at 6:15 PM and regular meeting at 7 PM at Civic Center. You are encouraged to attend.

SWISS STEAK DINNER A SUCCESS

The Civic Club hosted its annual Swiss Steak Dinner on April 9th. Meals were served from 4-7. This delicious meal of Swiss steak was paired with mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cups, choice of dessert and drink. The club served over 120 meals. This event is a popular local favorite every spring.



Volunteers pictured above serving the meal are Connie Allen, Sandy Ainslie, Ginny Fullmer and Wally Neupane with Debbie Smith and Judy Hartig working in the background.

Thank you to the co-chairs; Debbie Smith & Deborah Lewis and the many volunteers who worked the event for a job well done.

After expenses, we made over \$732. **We signed up 5 NEW MEMBERS that night.**





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!!!!!

NOTE: No Breakfast, Bunco or Trivia during June, July, and August. Our focus will be on **Tug Fest Bingo and Tuggers Breakfast** (August 11-13). During the summer months, we will have desserts at the general membership meeting instead of the potluck.

13 Jun – Board of Directors' Meeting at 6:00 pm

28 Jun – Membership Meeting at 7:00 pm – desserts at 6:30-6:45 pm

11 Jul – Board of Directors' Meeting at 6:00 pm

26 Jul – Membership Meeting at 7:00 pm – desserts at 6:30-6:45 pm

8 Aug – Board of Directors' Meeting at 6:00 pm

11-12-13 Aug – Bingo on the Levee

13 Aug – Tuggers Breakfast (public welcome)

23 Aug – Membership Meeting at 7:00 pm – desserts at 6:30-6:45 pm

Note: The Civic Club will host a Saturday morning breakfast and 3 days of Bingo on the Levee during the annual Tug Fest. This is the major fund raiser for the summer and many volunteers are needed.

BUNCO – It is the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10AM. This will start up again in September.

Euchre – New for Summer – Wednesday at 9 AM, members will play euchre. There will be donuts instead of full breakfast.

Updated schedule on Facebook or our website, <http://leclairecivicclub.org/>

RESERVE THE CIVIC CENTER FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT - This is another way to support the Civic Center. Rental Cost is \$75 for 6 hours and \$125 for the whole day. It is perfect for birthday parties, retirement parties, baby showers, bridal showers, family reunions, etc....

YOU CAN WIN **CASH** AT OUR MEETING

At each General Membership meeting, you can win \$5 for being there. It pays to attend. The potluck meal alone is worth it!



TUG-FEST!

It is not too early to plan to volunteer at Tug-Fest this year, **August 11-13**. The Civic Club will host Bingo on the Levee and a Saturday morning Breakfast. We need many members to volunteer.



BRING ON THE STRIPES!

The parking lot has stripes thanks to Dan & Tom Morrell.



TRIVIA DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Our Trivia Games started in September. Trivia Nights are the third Saturday of the month. These events raise a lot of money for the non-profit organizations in our community.

Each month trivia benefits an organization and their select charities. This past trivia season benefitted the LeClaire Library, the Buffalo Bill Museum, Christmas in LeClaire and their Benevolent Fund, the LeClaire Cemetery Association, the LeClaire Civic Club, First Presbyterian Church, the Quad-City Cruisers and the LeClaire Lions Club.

I have attended the majority of the games this season (my team has yet to place). I am always amazed at all the different faces in the crowd. It is fun and healthy. Games that include logical thinking, puzzles, encourage quick thinking and/or memory recall help to keep the brain young and vital.



It was a packed house January 16th. Tom Morrell read the questions, Janet Willman & Wes Kuehl recorded the scores, Connie Curlott and Bob Schiffke, volunteers at the Buffalo Bill Museum, participated in the Trivia Night for the Buffalo Bill Museum.

2016 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS ELECTED

The Nominating Committee presented the names of individuals within our organization for positions on the 2016 Board of Directors.

Debbie Smith, a long-time resident and active member of the LeClaire community, was re-elected to serve as president during 2016.

The following members were chosen to serve as the other officers on the Executive Board; elected as Vice-President was **Wes Kuehl**, re-elected as Treasurer was **Joyce Kuehl**. Our new secretary is **Janet Willman**.

Directors for 2016 are as follows: Building Maintenance, **Tom Morrell (Lead)**, **Jeff Dugan**, and **Bill Fullmer**. The position of Internal Membership Director will be **Deborah Lewis**. Building Management Director's position will continue to be held by **Vicky Haynes**. **Connie Allen** was appointed to the position of Community Affairs Director at the May meeting.

Please support our Board of Directors and the club by attending, volunteering, recruiting, and enjoying.

FIRST POTATO BAKE

Joyce Kuehl chaired our first Potato Bake on February 26th.



Lori Ewoldt, Diana Spring & Alberta Spiess scrubbed the potatoes.

Patrons enjoyed a delicious baked potato with 10-15 different toppings to choose from. A huge salad bar was donated. This first time, we held the event on a Friday night and will plan for a Saturday night next year.

Thanks to everyone for their salad and working the event.



2015 Presidential Report & 2016 President's Remarks

At the Annual Corporation Meeting of the LeClaire Civic Club, 2016 Officers and Directors were introduced by **Debbie Smith**, our outgoing and incoming President. Debbie talked about highlights of 2015.

Debbie talked about goals for 2016. We need to find ways to encourage more participation in all our activities, encourage members to serve and chair. We need to focus on recruiting new members to carry on the tradition of the LeClaire Civic Club.

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Treasurer, **Joyce Kuehl**, presented the members with a Financial Report for 2015. Her report showed \$23,088 revenue for the year. We collected \$1,077 in dues and \$5,830 in rentals. Trivia brought in \$1,584. Our Swiss Steak dinner, Rib Eye dinner and Tug Fest Breakfast netted us \$1,780. Tug Fest bingo generated \$1,228.

Her report showed total expenses of \$23,562 for 2015. Utilities totaled \$2,409. Garbage pick-up \$706 and bug control \$449. Buidling improvements totaled \$4,018. A motion to accept the Annual Treasurer's report was passed by all.



CHRISTMAS IN LECLAIRE

This year, Christmas in LeClaire organizers teamed up with Channel 8, WQAD-TV, who sponsored the event. Joyce Kuehl and Diane Glispie co-chaired.

With a variety of activities, this event kicked off the Christmas season in LeClaire for the 32nd year in a row. Children were able to buy gifts for their families at Santa's Gift Shop using Christmas in LeClaire Dollars. This was very popular (so popular, it was necessary to re-stock overnight).



Young shoppers were delighted with the variety of gifts to buy for family members.



There were a dozen persons in various Santa, Mrs. Claus, and other costumes



Luke Travers was there making wooden shoes.



Ginny Fullmer showing the various crafts for sale.



Vicki Jepsen running a shift in Santa's Gift Shop.



Author Blake Ross sold & signed his books & prints.



WQAD had their "Selfie Set" on the patio at Mississippi River Distilling Company.



Chain saw carver, Pat Doyle, created art in the parking lot.



Free trolley rides.

2015 LeClaire Civic Club Christmas Dinner Party enjoyed by many at Mickey's Country Café.



Members enjoying the party!



Debbie Smith welcomes members.



Carol & Carl Carstens, Bob Schiffke.