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Our 79th Year!

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2017 Tug Fest August 10th – 12th

The Tug Fest is right around the corner, we need volunteers. The Civic Club hosts Bingo on the Levee and a Saturday morning breakfast. These are major fundraisers for the club. We need volunteers to work a shift at the Bingo Stand, or a couple of hours at our breakfast.



Bingo runs Thursday – Saturday. Shifts to work the Bingo

will be 2 hours long.

Sign up for a shift or two. It is a lot of fun. It is a very popular family fun event. Volunteers get in free to Tug Fest.

Our breakfast will be open from 7-11 AM

for our customers. Advance tickets are on sale now, contact any Board member for tickets. Tickets are \$5 in Advance or \$7 at the Door. Children under 5 eat free. Breakfast will consist of Pancakes, Egg Casserole, Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Juice, & Home Made Cinnamon Rolls. Yum!

If you can help at either the breakfast or Bingo, please contact Wes or Joyce Kuehl at 563-289-4205 or any of our Board members.



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

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.

SAVE THE DATES!

The Civic Club will host a Rib-Eye Steak Dinner on September 9th. The Civic Club will host a Chili Supper on October 14th. This is a new

event on our fall schedule. We need your support either by volunteering or by attending.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 02 Aug – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
- 09 Aug – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
- 10 - 12 Aug – Tug Fest Bingo on the Levee
- 12 Aug – Tug Fest Breakfast 7am – 11am
- 14 Aug – Board of Director's Meeting 6:30pm
- 15 Aug – Bunco 10am – noon
- 16 Aug – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
- 22 Aug – Membership Meeting at 7:00 pm – Desserts at 6:30
- 23 Aug – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
- 30 Aug – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
- 06 Sep – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
- 09 Sep – Ribeye Steak Dinner
- 11 Sep – Board of Directors' Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 13 Sep – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
- 19 Sep – Bunco 10am – noon
- 20 Sep – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
- 23 Sep – Trivia, Doors open at 6:00pm, Trivia starts at 7
- 26 Sep – Membership Meeting at 7:00 pm – Potluck at 6:15
- 27 Sep – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
- 14 Oct – Chili Supper Fund Raiser 4:30pm – 7pm



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

RESERVE THE CIVIC CENTER FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT

The Club seats approximately 100 people with tables and chairs on-site. There is a kitchen facility that includes a serving counter, two sinks, refrigerator and two new stoves. An exterior sign can announce your event and there is ample

parking next to the building. This is another way to support the Civic Center. The building currently rents for \$75.00 for 1/2 day and \$125.00 for a whole day. A Commercial Rental is \$200 per day. To reserve the building or get more information, contact Debbie at 563-349-4403. It is perfect for birthday parties, retirement parties, showers, receptions, family reunions, trivia nights, etc.... **We have had 54 rentals year-to-date July.**



YOU CAN WIN CASH AT OUR MEETING - At each General Membership meeting, you can win \$5 for being there. It pays to attend. We have not had a winner yet in

2017 for the progressive paid up member drawing. Each month, we add \$5.00 to the pot.

NEW MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES

Janet Willman updated our tri-fold membership brochure. It looks very nice. Stop at a club event and get a new copy of our membership brochure. We will pass these brochures out at our fund raisers and during other community events.

TRIVIA COMING

Trivia will be start again September 23rd. The first Trivia will benefit the LeClaire Library.

It is normally the 3rd Saturday of the month. September will be one week later.

Each month trivia benefits an organization and **their select charities**. We have raised approximately **\$150,000** for non-Profit organizations and the needy since its conception. It is very fun. The Trivia Games Kitchen serves a variety of food. Consider volunteering.



Tom Morrell, Debbie Smith, Janet Willman and Wes Kuehl helped make the past season a success.



Deborah Lewis runs the Trivia Games Kitchen.



Trivia in May 2017 benefitted the LeClaire Lions. It was a packed house.

CALLING TEAMS FORMED



How often have you said, "I wish I had known.." The club has formed calling teams. These teams will call members on their list to remind them of the monthly meetings, social activities occurring at the club and opportunities to volunteer. I am a team captain and I try to send a text to

members who have provided a mobile phone number. This allows members to have the information in their phone to refer back to. Those who don't have a mobile phone will be contacted via regular phone service or by a post card.

Annual Treasurer's Report

Our Treasurer, Joyce Kuehl, presented the members with a Financial Report for 2016 at our Annual Corporation Meeting held on March 28th. Her report showed \$28,036.28 revenue for the year. We collected \$882 in dues and \$7,145 in rentals. Trivia raised \$2,222.85. Our Swiss Steak Dinner, Rib Eye Dinner, Potato Bake, Tug Fest Breakfast and Tug Fest Bingo generated \$4,971.54 after all expenses were paid.

Her report showed total expenses of \$23,925.95 for 2016. Utilities totaled \$2,595.55. Garbage pick-up \$765.05 and bug control \$374.50. The new external digital sign was \$939.99. A motion to accept the Annual Treasurer's report was passed by all.

Annual Spring Cleaning – June 14th



Deborah Lewis cleans the glass on the front door

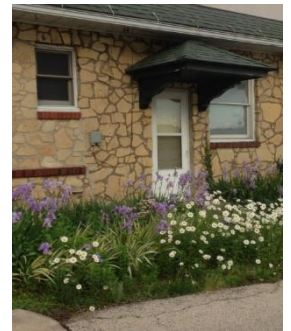
Rental income is a major source of revenue for the civic club. The club has done a lot of work in the last couple of years sprucing up the exterior of the building. The kitchen and bathrooms have been updated. A member suggested we hold a cleaning day for deep cleaning the main hall. Members of the Civic Club got together on June 14th for a cleaning party. The place is really sparkling. Our president pressure washed the outside of the building. We had ten members working hard for close to 2 hours. It really looked good. It was suggested this become an annual event.



Sandy Ainslie cleaned the windows in the back.



Gloria Byrd works hard on the flowers behind our building.



President's Challenge – Our president has challenged us to sign up 12 new members prior to the September general membership meeting. If we collectively recruit 12 new members, Ron said we could throw a pie in his face at the meeting. We have to provide the pie.

Civic Club Wednesday Morning Social Gathering – Breakfast and Cards



COME JOIN IN THE FUN, ENJOY A GREAT BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP!

The Civic Club hosts a Wednesday morning free breakfast and social gathering. Invite friends and new member prospects to join us. Breakfast is served between 8AM and 9:30 AM. People stay and play cards until 10:30. Come, enjoy, and learn more about the club.

SWISS STEAK DINNER A SUCCESS

The Civic Club hosted its annual Swiss Steak Dinner on April 22nd. This delicious meal of Swiss steak paired with potato, vegetable, fruit, dessert and drink is a popular local favorite every spring. We served many meals, made a profit, had fun and met new people.



Thank you to the co-chairs (**Ron Leiby and Wes Kuehl**), the many volunteers who helped make the event successful, and those who enjoyed the meal.

Carl Carstens and Dick Wales prepared the Swiss Steak.



Lori Ewoldt and Sue Filbrandt served desserts with a smile.



Donations to the Community in 2016 - We have been a community association of volunteers since 1938. Below is a highlight log of donations the civic club made in 2016.

- Boy Scouts** – Donated use of parking lot and water for their annual car wash.
- Girl Scouts** – Provided a meeting place when needed free of charge.
- America Legion** – The use of the upstairs for storage of their equipment.
- Bridgeview PTA**- Answered their request for a donation.
- American Red Cross** – Answered their request for a donation.
- Emergency Workers** – Donated a free dinner ticket to our Rib Eye Steak Dinner to show our appreciation.
- Tug Fest** – Donated use of our parking lot for handicapped parking.
- Witches Walk** – Passed out candy during the walk.
- Christmas in LeClaire** – Donated use of building for three days.
- Louisiana Flood Relief** – Headed by Dan Morrell – collected needed items for the flood victims and delivered. There were many volunteers who worked on this project and many in the community who donated.
- Trivia** – host trivia for organizations who use the profits for the betterment of the community. The organizations and their charities which have benefitted in 2017 include LeClaire Lions Club, Buffalo Bill Museum and the QC Cruisers.

A Personal Note from the President

Six months of our 79th year have come and gone. Although we have accomplished a lot in the way of building improvements, fund raisers, and internal management changes, we are still are way short of our yearly membership goal. As of the June Board meeting, we have added 20 members to the roster. Together they represent about a 19% growth. We not sit at 100 members and have a long way to go to end up with 200 members at the end of the year. We need each of our present members to try to sign up at least one new member before December 31st. As President, I am counting on you to come through. Having personally signed up 6 new members, I'm not asking something of you that I have not done myself. Ask your friends, neighbors, associates...perhaps even give a gift membership to someone for their first year so they can try us out at no expense to them in their first year.

Fund Raisers this year, which include our outstanding Swiss Steak Dinner which brought in much needed revenue and our Trivia Night Games, which not only help many non-profits in the area meet their financial needs, but also help us too. We have several more planned for the coming months. Those include our Tug-Fest Bingo and Breakfast in August, a Rib-Eye Steak Dinner in September, and a Chili Dinner in October. We will continue our Trivia Games in September, and of course, we will continue renting out our building. So there will be plenty of opportunities to raise funds, and for you to get involved. You don't have to volunteer for all of them, just pick a couple.

Thanks to all of you and especially my Board of Directors, for the hard work so far this year. We are setting the pace for a very successful year. Any questions about the Civic Club, call me at 563-340-7267 or text.

Ron Leiby