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Our 80th Year!

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Year 2018

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Kitchen Manager

Joyce Kuehl

Community Relations/Affairs

Brian Blair

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.

2018 Board of Directors

We elected the 2018 Board of Directors and Officers at our November membership meeting. The nominating committee presented the names of individuals within our organization for positions on the 2018 Board of Directors. **Connie Allen** was elected to serve as president during 2018.

The following members were chosen to serve as the other officers on the Executive Board; elected as Vice-President was **Sandy Ainslie**, elected as Treasurer was **Janet Willman**, and elected as Secretary was **Ellen Miller**.

Directors for 2018 are as following: Building Maintenance, **Chair - Tom Morrell, Jeff Dugan and Bill Fullmer**. The position of Internal Membership Director will be **Ron Leiby**. Ron has been very passionate about growing the membership of the club. We look forward to his plans for 2018. Responsibility for Building Management/Rentals is **Debbie Smith**. **Joyce Kuehl** is the newly created Kitchen Manager. **Brian Blair** will serve as the Community Affairs Director. Brian is new to the club and is a professional photographer.

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

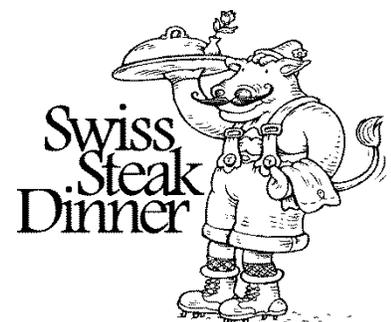
Third Annual Potato Bake & Salad Bar

The Civic Club will host its annual Potato Bake & Salad Bar **on Saturday March 3rd serving from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm**. This delicious meal of baked potato with over 10 different toppings coupled with a wide selection of salads and desserts. Tickets are \$8 for adults/\$7 in advance. Tickets go on sale February 1st. Sign up now to volunteer to bring a dessert, to help set-up, serve or clean-up. Be sure to mark your calendar for this LOADED baked potato meal.



SWISS STEAK DINNER PLANNED

The Civic Club will host its annual Swiss Steak Dinner **on April 14nd serving from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm**. This delicious meal of Swiss steak paired with potato, vegetable, fruit, dessert and drink serves over 120 annually. It is one of the most popular events of the club. Stay tuned for future details.



Annual Meeting of the Club -

Membership Meeting on **March 27th**. Come, listen to the annual reports, see how the club is operating and engaged in promoting the common good and general welfare of the community.

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 commercial stove. We replaced the stove with 2 stoves, easy to use. 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, and more. We have had consistent rentals year round.

Time to Pay Dues for 2018



If you have not paid your 2018 **annual dues**, please do so now. The dues are \$8 per member. If writing a check, please make it out to "**LeClaire Civic Club**" and give it to our Treasurer, **Janet Willman**, or mail it to her at **LeClaire Civic Club, PO Box 562, LeClaire, Iowa 52753**.

YOU CAN WIN CASH AT OUR MEETING - At each General Membership meeting, you can win \$5 for being there. It pays to attend. Also, each month, we add \$5.00 to the progressive paid up member drawing. After we have a winner, we start over



CALLING TEAMS FORMED

How often have you said, "I wish I had known.." The club formed calling teams in 2017. These teams called members on their list to remind them of the monthly meetings, social activities occurring at the club and opportunities to volunteer. We plan to update the calling teams in 2018 and utilize this tool to keep our members informed. In addition, we will use Bits & Pieces, Facebook, Civic Club Website, and other forms of communications to get our information out to members.

Witches Walk – The Civic Club participated in the Annual Witches Walk in LeClaire Saturday October 28th. This event provides quality family fun encouraging relationships within our city and beyond. The Civic Club sat up a table in the "Trunk or Treat" section. It was an extremely cold day. Janet Willman, Sandy Ainslie, Barb Fullmer and her grand-daughter passed out candy and club information in costume. Thank you ladies for volunteering. You looked fantastic.



President's Challenge – Our 2017 president challenged us to sign up 12 new members prior to the September general membership meeting. We met the challenge and Ron said we could throw a pie in his face at the meeting. Our youngest member



Taylor Setser threw the pie. Next up, our Vice President, gave us 2 months to add 20 members. We met this challenge, too. Wes is pictured waiting for the pie. Ron Leiby is passionate about his membership goal of 200 for 2018. We look forward to what Ron has planned. Surely, we will have an 80th birthday party.

Christmas Party 2017 The annual Christmas party was held on Saturday December 9th at Dynasty Buffet in Davenport, Iowa. We



had 2 tables of members. We enjoyed a good meal. **Janet Willman** planned an activity and provided



pins for members to wear and show their Christmas spirit. It was a very nice way to end the year for the club. Enjoy a relaxing meal with all our civic club friends. I encourage everyone to attend these functions. In 2018, we plan to have the party at the

civic club and have the food catered.

Spotlight on Trivia Beneficiaries – Glendale Cemetery

Our Trivia Night Games, not only help many non-profits in the area meet their financial needs, but also help us too. Each month, trivia benefits a non-profit organization in the area. In the future, we would like to include an article in the newsletter talking about these organizations and what they do. Trivia on January 20th benefitted the Glendale Cemetery. Two years ago, a trivia benefitted the Glendale Cemetery. They used the money at that time to clean-up damage from the tornado and to re-build the old shed. They purchased a fork attachment for the tractor. They were very appreciative and will once again put the funds raised to good use. If you have not attended, you really should give it a try. It is always fun. It is surprising what you know, what you don't remember, what you forgot and what is on the tip of your tongue.

Tug Fest Fundraisers



The Civic Club hosted a Saturday morning breakfast and 3 days of Bingo on the Levee during the annual Tug Fest August 10th – 12th. This is one of the major fundraisers of the club and requires many volunteers. Joyce Kuehl and Connie Allen co-chaired the



Tuggers breakfast. It was very popular. We served over 200 making a nice profit. Volunteers made the breakfast casseroles and homemade cinnamon rolls. Right: Carl Carstens is pictured making pancakes with Ron Leiby's grand-daughter, Cadee Radcliff. Upper Left: Rick Reed, Cindy Bruhn and Vern Spring enjoyed the breakfast.

Wes Kuehl and Ron Leiby chaired the Tug Fest Bingo. Over 20 members helped by calling Bingo, collecting money, passing out tickets, setting up, cleaning up, hauling equipment, explaining rules. We had nice signage advertising these events this year on the levee (thank you Tom Morrell). We had great crowds. Wally Fullmer is pictured calling Bingo.



Two Successful Fall Fundraisers



The Civic Club hosted a Rib-Eye Steak Dinner on September 9th and a Chili Supper on October 14th. Upper left, pictures of patrons enjoying the chili supper. Pictured to the right are Sandy Ainslie, Teri Applegate, & Taylor Setsor serving the chili. Pictured to the left we had a full-house at our rib-eye dinner. Pictured to the right is Debbie Smith serving rib-eyes with a smile.



This is what we like to see. Below, new member Rose Richardson jumps right in to help with the clean up.



These fall events were popular, promoted the club, and raised money to support on-going maintenance of the club. We had positive feedback on both meals. They

were delicious.



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A Personal Note from the 2017 President

membership anyway, and/or donate funds to help further our endeavors within the community. Many other non-profit organizations and individuals have benefitted from your unselfish contributions. Together we have all improved not only our club's present position within the city of LeClaire, but also it's future.

So...be proud to be a member of this club, which has been a community association of volunteers serving the citizens of the city of LeClaire and the surrounding area since **1938!** With your help, we will continue to do so clear into the future. Good Luck to the recently elected 2018 Officers and Board of Directors.

2017 President,
Ron Leiby

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

24 Jan – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
31 Jan – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
07 Feb – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
12 Feb – **Board of Director's Meeting 6:30pm**
14 Feb – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
17 Feb – **Trivia, Doors open at 6:00pm**, Trivia starts at 7
21 Feb – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
27 Feb – **Membership Meeting at 7:00 pm – Potluck at 6:15**
28 Feb – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
03 Mar – **Potato Bake & Salad Bar Dinner**
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28 Mar – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
04 Apr – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30



11 Apr – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
14 Apr – **Annual Swiss Steak Dinner**
18 Apr – Breakfast Serving 8am – 9:30
21 Apr– **Trivia, Doors open at 6:00pm**, Trivia starts at 7
24 Apr – **Membership Meeting at 7:00 pm – Potluck at 6:15**

Christmas in LeClaire 2017 – Complete with Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K



The annual Christmas in LeClaire Event was held Dec 1-3, 2017. With a variety of activities, this event kicked off for the 34th year in a row. Activities included Santa's workshop, free trolley rides, strolling Santas from around the world. Crafts, baked goods, wooden shoes, books, prints, and demonstrations were enjoyed. Volunteers from the club donated baked goods for the bake sale. This raised



over \$200 for the club. As mentioned, this event



is chaired by 3 civic club members (Joyce Kuehl, Vicki Jepsen, and Diane Glispie). Club members participated by donating baked goods for the sale, helping to keep the baked goods stocked, dressing as Strolling Elf (Deborah Lewis) and encouraging runners, dressing as



Strolling Santas and passing out candy.



The weather was perfect this year and we had many visitors to the community and the LeClaire Civic Club was well represented.

