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Our 80th Year!

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Latest Membership Challenge by Ron Leiby

Ron Leiby, our Internal Director is challenging all members to sign up 5 new members for our August meeting. The future of our organization depends on new and future members. All names of those who sign up 5 by that time will be placed in a hat and one name will be drawn out. Ron will pay for a Steak Dinner at a local restaurant to the winner. He is so charged up about getting new members this year that he will pay for the meal with his own checkbook! You have all summer to accomplish the task. Ron hopes there will be several member's names in the running for that Steak Dinner. Good Luck!



LeClaire Civic Club Cookbook by Cindy Geist

Over many decades, the LeClaire Civic Center has hosted numerous fundraising event dinners. It has been 57 years since the Civic Center club has published a cookbook. Recently the club voted to create a new cookbook with updated tried and true recipes. We are in the process of collecting at least 150 new recipes from club members, friends and family and the LeClaire community. We have also invited our local restaurants to submit popular menu recipes. The deadline to submit recipes is 15 June with a goal to have printed copies for sale at this year's Tug Fest. If you have recipes to submit, you may email them to hausofgeist@mediacombb.net or drop by a printed copy any Wednesday from 8:30am to 9:30am. Proceeds from the project will contribute to interior building remodeling and other projects of the LeClaire Civic Club. We are looking forward to your participation with this fun project.



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

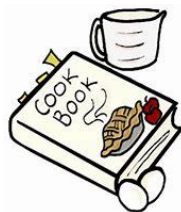
The Civic Club meets on the 4th
Tuesday of each month with a Pot-
Luck Dinner at 6:15 PM and regular
meeting at 7 PM at Civic Center. You
are encouraged to attend.



**2018 annual
dues** are \$8 per
member. Send
to "LeClaire
Civic Club",

PO Box 562, LeClaire, Iowa
52753.

Personal Note from President



I am very excited about the cook book we will be publishing to help celebrate our 80th year serving the LeClaire community for a multitude of reasons. I love to cook and enjoy trying new recipes. As I was looking through my recipe boxes, I found many recipes that I received from friends, co-workers, and family over the years. Good food is available when you have the right recipes. Another reason I am excited is because the idea came from a new member. Cindy is on the committee of three (Cindy Geist, Janet Willman, and Joyce Kuehl) and chairing this project. It shows us that new members bring new ideas and breathe new life into an organization. I attended a meeting with a friend, I came to the pot luck and really enjoyed the people I met and the meal. I actually asked for a recipe that night. I can tell you this will be a treasured cookbook as the LeClaire Civic Club members are good cooks!



2018 Tug Fest August 9th – 11th

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 will be on sale in July. Last year, tickets were \$5 in Advance or \$7 at the Door. Children under 5 ate for free. Last year, breakfast consisted of Pancakes, Egg Casserole, Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Juice, & Home Made Cinnamon Rolls. Yum!

The planning for these 2 events is underway now. Joyce Kuehl is the committee chair of the Tugger's Breakfast. Connie Allen will co-chair. She will need volunteers to help make the breakfast, serve the food, or set-up or clean up. **Just ask Joyce!**

Wes Kuehl is the chair for Bingo. Ron Leiby is co-chair. 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.



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 2 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, and more.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 11 Jun – Board of Directors' Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 13 Jun – Breakfast Serving 9am – 9:30am
- 20 Jun – Breakfast Serving 9am – 9:30am
- 26 Jun – Membership meeting at 7:00 pm – Potluck starts at 6:15pm

27 Jun – Breakfast Serving 9am – 9:30am

No Breakfast Wednesday July 4th!

9 Jul – Board of Directors' Meeting at 6:30 pm

11 Jul – Breakfast Serving 9am – 9:30am

18 Jul – Breakfast Serving 9am – 9:30am

25 Jul – Breakfast Serving 9am – 9:30am

24 Jul – Membership meeting at 7:00 pm – Potluck starts at 6:15pm

1 Aug – Breakfast Serving 9am – 9:30am

8 Aug – Breakfast Serving 9am – 9:30am

11 Aug – Tugger's Breakfast 7am – 11am

9-11 Aug – Bingo on Levee

13 Aug – Board of Directors' Meeting at 6:30 pm

15 Aug – Breakfast Serving 9am – 9:30am

22 Aug – Breakfast Serving 9am – 9:30am

28 Aug – Membership meeting at 7:00 pm – Potluck starts at 6:15pm

29 Aug – Breakfast Serving 9am – 9:30am

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

History of the LeClaire Civic Club

As we celebrate our 80th year, we reflect back on history of the club and history of our current location. The LeClaire Civic Club meeting place was once owned by Captain Frank Kitchen. The stone structure was built in the 1930s by the later Captain. The former river man lived on the second-story room which overlooked the Mississippi River. The first floor was a tavern, service station and restaurant.

Frank Schurr, a member of the LeClaire Civic Club, purchased the building. The club repaid Frank over a period of years. LeClaire's annual Riveresta was planned and conducted by the Civic Club. Proceeds from the Riveresta were used to pay for the building.

The renovations on the Civic Center were completed in the 1960s. The building was maintained by the Civic Club and Civic Club Auxiliary.

The LeClaire Civic Club Auxiliary published a cook book called The Green Tree Cook Book in the early 1960s. Throughout the year we will be posting bits of LeClaire Civic Club history on our Facebook page, web site and in the newsletter. As a milestone anniversary comes, it is important to reflect on history and all the things we have accomplished. This will energize us for the future and re-establish the value we provide the community.