

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (March 30th)

Fellow Lions, I want to thank everyone for your commitment and service during our pancake breakfast. We will know in a few weeks the exact results of how well we did. We had a good turnout of both workers and customers. It was good PR to see Gary up on the stage doing eye screening. Feel free today to discuss what went well and also what we might work on to make our next breakfast even better.

We Serve Mark Miller

TODAY'S MEETING (March 30th)

Club meeting - A review of the Saturday Pancake Breakfast.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

April 6th ... Interclub at Waterloo, no Cedar Falls meeting

April 13th ... Tom Mahan, Porter's Camera, will speak to the club.

April 20th ... US Postal Inspector Tina L. Nobis will speak to the club.

BIRTHDAYS

None

ANNIVERSARIES

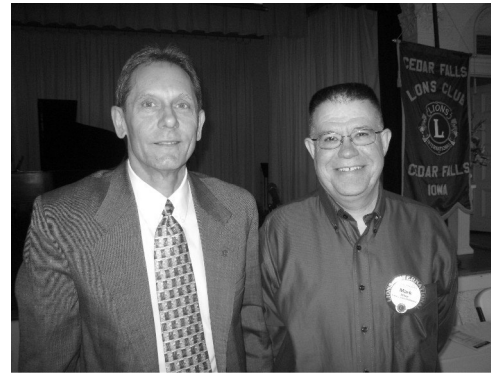
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interclub meeting in Waterloo, no regular meeting next week.

LAST MEETING (March 23rd)

Ward Stubbs, Human & Leisure Services Department Director, provided the club with information related to recreation and park facilities damaged by the 2008 flooding. Ward thanked the Lions Club for all their past support for recreation related programs and facilities. The clubs contributions have been significant and are greatly appreciated. Numerous repairs have been completed to riverfront properties including Island, Tourist, Sturgis and Gateway Parks. The recreation trails made it through the floods with very little damage. Most of the work involved debris removal, repairs to electric



Ward Stubbs & Mark Miller

components, turf renovations and a general good cleaning. Ward indicated that the Island Park Beach House has suffered significant damage and will soon be demolished. The City is pursuing the possibility of reconstruction and after receiving special exception approval from the Board of Adjustment, is now waiting for a decision from the IDNR if they will allow the facility to be rebuilt to flood protection standards. If the IDNR approves, the City Council will make the final determination if the facility will be rebuilt. Washington Park Golf Course also received significant damage and was closed as a golf operation. Craig Ritland, Landscape Architect, has been hired to develop a master plan for the former golf course area. Initial designs show amenities for a riverside park including open shelters, small boat launch, picnicking facilities, nine holes of disc golf and playground equipment. In addition, wetlands will be protected and expanded, open water created and earthwork completed to allow better access to the ponds and river areas. At this time, the City is uncertain when work will progress on both projects. Approvals and funding sources still need to be identified.

QUOTES

- "The test of a vocation is the love of the drudgery it involves" – Logan Pearsall Smith
- "The most incomprehensible thing about the world is that it is all comprehensible" – Albert Einstein
- "Tis sometimes the height of wisdom to feign stupidity" – Cato the Elder