

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (August 24th)

What a great time we had at the Lions Picnic last Wednesday. The food was great (thanks to Chuck and the crew), the weather was great (even though we were inside), the prizes were great (thanks Tom and those that contributed), and the talent show was...well, interesting! Seriously, I believe the talent show can become a regular staple of the event. A great time was had by all. If you would like to view some of the talent, it has even been posted on YouTube! The link is listed below, or you can search YouTube for Cedar Falls Lions and the videos will come up. Enjoy!

www.youtube.com/watch?v=35smezOYw6Q

We Serve Dan Conrad

TODAY'S MEETING (August 24th)

Mark Witmer, Executive Director of North Star Community Services, will speak to the club.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

August 31st ... Dick Dobson, North Shore Boat Club, will speak to the club about their fundraising efforts to reconstruct the Island Park Beach House.

Sept. 7th ... Labor Day, No Meeting

Sept. 14th ... TBA

BIRTHDAYS

Clair Brooks – Aug. 28th
Kent Farley – Aug. 30th

ANNIVERSARIES

Sandy & Tom Benak – Aug. 24th
Steve & Julee Bernard – Aug. 24th
Pete & Suzi Downs – Aug. 29th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cliff Satre indicated that four members of our Eye Glass Collection Committee (Matt Miller, Bob Leahy, John Jones & Cliff Satre) were activated on Thursday August 20, 2009 and collected 484 pairs of glasses, 6 hearing aids & 1 cell phone. We are thankful to John Deery (John Deery Motors) via Matt Miller for supplying us with a van for making these collections.

LAST MEETING (Aug 10th)



Jay Stoddard & Pete Downs

flooding certainly helped attendance as well.

As the club is aware, certain aspects of the events tied to the Beach House had to be moved due to the flood damage suffered by the structure in 2008. Gateway Park provided an excellent venue to host the Firemen's Dance on Friday night and the 50's – 60's dance on Saturday. Jay indicated that they hoped to keep these events at Gateway Park in the future.

The Marine Band, perhaps the most popular event of the celebration, is hoped to return in 2010 and participate in the parade. This year they were only able to perform at Overman Park due to scheduling to play at Freedom Fest in Cedar Rapids the same weekend.

The 2010 Sturgis Falls Celebration theme will be, "Simply the Best" and will be held June 25 – 27th

Jay Stoddard spoke to the club about the 2009 Sturgis Falls Celebration. This year's event was a great success and while there had been some comments that crowds seemed lighter than normal, attendance when tied to revenue sources such as beverages indicated the best turnout in five years. The nice weather and lack of