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That Dam Project Update—President-elect Glenda Husome introduced our own Jerry Anders who graciously agreed to give us an update on the Dam project in downtown Waterloo. Jerry is a John Deere retiree—34



Exchangite and former City Council member Jerry Anders

years with the company, followed by 16 years in retirement. He and his wife of 49 years, Judy, are the parents of 3 children with 8 grand-children.

In the mid-1990's he served 8 years on the City Council in Waterloo. It was during this time that Jerry, on a visit to Tempe, AZ, saw a dam project being implemented there using a new technology. Three dams were being installed there that used an inflatable rubber bladder rather than concrete or earth typically used in dam construction. He viewed this technology as

a viable option for refurbishing the aging and limited-functioning Iowa Public Service dam. The goal of the refurbishment project would be to make the Cedar River navigable for recreational boaters.

The City Council members and staff worked with the Bridgestone company to develop the project. Over time the design evolved to a dam in three sections, capable of operating independently, that utilize an inflatable rubber bladder cover by formed steel plates that provide protection to the dam against floating debris that could damage the rubber structure. The plan removes much of the old dam structure down to the foundation that is utilized for the new structure. The system utilizes compressed air at 10 PSI pressure to inflate the bladder to a height that will increase the water level to provide a minimum of 3-1/2 feet of water at the San Souci bridge and maintain it within plus or minus two inches of the specified level .

The project was funded originally funded in 2006—about ten years after Jerry's Tempe, AZ epiphany—at \$6 at a projected cost of million within the \$24 million Vision Iowa grant for revitalizing downtown Waterloo.

Construction began in June, 2006. The Vision Iowa grant specified a completion date of December, 2009 which will not be meet. Substantial additional work had to be done to strengthen the foundation of the old dam to safely support the load of the new additions and the site has been flooded numerous times. Current estimates are for completion next spring.

Jerry just returned from a trip to Arizona and saw the project there during their tenth anniversary celebration. He says the project there has been very successful. He's looking forward to a successful completion here, too.

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

Program: Waterloo Schools Strategic Plan
Prayer : Mike Grillo
Pledge : Sandy Kline
Menu : Cheeseburger with French Fries

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Nov 09: Waterloo Schools Strategic Plan
Nov 16: No Meeting
Nov 23: Closed Business Meeting
Nov 30: TBA
Dec 07: Students of the Month

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

Nov 09: Cheeseburger with French Fries
Nov 16: No Meeting
Nov 23: Fish Sandwich with Cole Slaw
Nov 30: Hot Beef with Mashed Potatoes
Dec 07: Prime Rib Sandwich with Soup
Order Chef Salad one week in advance

BIRTHDAYS

None this week

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"An optimist will tell you the glass is half-full; the pessimist, half-empty; and the engineer will tell the glass is twice the size it needs to be." Author Unknown

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Expo School Project—Our Partners in Education school, Expo High School, is participating with the other High schools from the area in a project to support the Cedar Valley Food Bank by collecting canned goods or monetary donations. Members are asked to bring canned goods to support the Expo effort. ***This initiative ends next week. Folks from Expo will be at the meeting Monday to pick up the donated items***

Keeping in touch—We heard reports concerning our ailing Exchangites. Wendell Wexter is making good progress after his heart surgery. He hopes to be at the meeting next week.

Roger Shook says he “has good days and bad days” in his bout with cancer. He’s expecting to return after Christmas.

Let’s please keep these men and their families in our thoughts and prayers as they deal with these serious and scary health issues.

Upcoming program—Wanda Martin announced that the One Nation Under God Program is scheduled for November 19th. She is working out all the details, but has Reverend Homer Larson lined up as the speaker. Next Monday, November 9th will be the last day to sign up for this event.

Mark you calendar—the Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th at 6:30. Details to follow.

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