Politics As Usual - NOT!

For our Thursday, August 18 Meeting, we were honored to hear a talk from the Mayor of Silvis, Exchange Club’s very own, Tom Conrad. Tom stressed that his philosophy is that it’s “people first”. Put into operation, this means making sure that every call or email gets answered.

The job of Mayor is considered a part-time job. Tom said he spend 3 to 8 hours a day. I bet he should have mentioned that there are some evening and weekend activities also.

Some of Tom’s quotes are: “People first!” “You see the best of people; you see the worst of people.” Someone said, “Make sure you return every call . . . and I’ve done that.” “I’ve loved almost every moment <of the job>, but not quite.” “Five years ago, believe it or not, we had NO reserve fund. Today we have 5 million dollars.” “One of the things I promised was we wouldn’t borrow money, We don’t raise taxes and we don’t lay people off. Luckily, so far we haven’t.”

Tom touched on the Quad Cities Nuclear plant planned closure if Illinois does not act. The place currently pays $8.5 million in property taxes. Over time, as the value of the plant is reassessed, the amount of taxed paid would plummet.

Thank you, Tom, for a very informative presentation! And continued Good Luck!

It was great so see Mayor Tom Conrad at last week’s meeting. He provided some insight into his time as mayor and his accomplishments. While we were sorry to learn that he will not run for a second term, we know he will enjoy having more time with his family.

I have been heartened by member turnout for our two summer meetings. Let’s continue this with the social outing planned for the River Bandits game on September 1. Play Ball!

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**Doris Award**

*Doris Swinburn* received National Exchange recognition for the excellent job she does as Secretary. The award was presented by Immediate Past President Pat Tank.

Of course, we have always known what a great job she has done for many years – doing extra things that aren’t in her job description.

Personally, I think it should be called the “Doris Award”.

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**Celebrations**

**September**

**Birthdays**

Kevin Wallace  9/8
Ray Garbett  9/23

**Anniversaries**

Karl and Mary Jean Adlon  9/8/79

Happy 50th!

Ralph and Lucy Wilshusen  9/24/66

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**Golf Outing**

I have a date reserved for Saturday, September 24th with tee time beginning at 11:00 AM (please come early) and will be held at the Golf Mohr Golf Course. I have reserved time slots for 20 golfers. I hope all you golfers can make it on that date.

Prizes will be handed out upstairs in the club house after golf. Please be advised that I will have some fun things to do during the golf outing. Hope to see you all there.

Joseph B Johnson
Golf Outing Committee Chair

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**Jim Moews** says “Dining Club books are here!”

They are $35 – same as last year.
Get them before they are gone!

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Our Nov. 17 Meeting will be at Trimble Funeral Home & Crematory. There will be a presentation related to their services as well as other topics of interest that you may not have thought of. A free buffet is included. Doris Swinburn has arranged this and says, “Invite friends – they can easily seat 50 people.”

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Another shed went up at a Habitat for Humanity house the morning of Aug. 18. (No pictures.)

It took a little longer than expected - early on, screws were driven by hand as the driver batteries were being charged.

This completes the shed building for the year.

HOWEVER, we may be asked to build a ramp for a handicap accessible house that will be built this year. “Thank you” to the shed builders! You know who you are.
Oh, no! Let’s go hide in this baseball stadium!

BANDITS!!

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2016-2017 Goals
1. Improve our meeting attendance
2. Have membership help with program selections
3. Invite one potential member per month to a meeting

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