

MINNESOTA CHAPTER 18 QUARTERLY MEETING
June 16, 2006

IN ATTENDANCE: LuAnn Chambliss, President
Al Barthel Carol Barthel Dave Hemmer Barb
Hemmer Charles Hecht Leatrice Hecht
Pat Jeukens Elsa Ditty Gloria Berger
Sheryl Wold Win Wold Jan Swenson
Betty Sanders Vollie Sanders Sally Bolster
Bill Lovegren Mary Ann Neuman Mavis Hjulberg
Paula Trapp Deuel (Dewey) Potter Ruby Wilson
Doc Thielmann Delores Potter Kathy Hanson
Marlyn Beaudine Lois Thelen Sue Burlingame

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President LuAnn Chambliss.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for those not with us.

Welcome to visitors: Doc Thielmann, Bill Lovegren, Marlyn Beaudine.

Thanks to Dave Hemmer for putting together a list of all past presidents.

Secretary's minutes were presented and approved.

Copies of the Treasure's report were given to the attendees by Paula Trapp. Paula explained the report. Report approved

LuAnn called for Committee Reports:

Maps - Kathy/Becky There has been no placement of electronic maps this quarter.

Community Service: Vollie/Betty. Working on electronic map and shared Letters for people having received Hug - A - Bear.

Membership: Jan Swenson, 6658 Total Members
5325 Life Members
1335 Active Members

Calendars: Mavis Hjulberg Permit numbers for the 2007 Caring and Sharing calendars have been received for the Minnesota State Gambling Control Board. Revisions to the calendar have been made and will be forwarded to Johnson Printing this month. There will be 1800 calendars printed with an anticipated delivery date of September 1, 2006 so distribution can be made at the September 8 and 9, 2006 Chapter Meeting.

The next drawing will be August 18, 2006, 4:00 pm at 6540 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, MN

Awards: Shirley McCurdy/Sheryl Wold Shirley, An Awards conference call is scheduled for Tuesday , June 27th with Kissy. She will be attending a board of directors meeting on June 20th and some award items are on the agenda. She will discuss what she finds out on the conference call.

All award nominations are due into the VP in October. Any awards you want to submit needs to be into us by Sept 1st so we have time to work on gathering info from those involved and time to write up forms with the required information. We would like to see recognition given to all of you who work hard in your communities throughout the year.

(Discussion) Everyone was strongly encouraged to be working on getting their project submitted for rewards. Be sure and follow the criteria on the application form. Every blank needs to be filled. Take lots of pictures. # of people affected by project.

Participation: Carol Barthel, Carol, Having computer trouble getting the reports from Denver. No official report given.

Camporee: Kathy Hanson, Telephone Pioneers Family Campers-10,000 Lakes Club 14 people attended the Int'l Camporee in Montreal, Canada.

32 people attended the Spring Campout. 1 couple stayed at a nearby motel and 3 day visitors attended.

Some campers toured the Tastefully Simple Company headquarters in Alexandria and then lunched together. Following lunch the group toured the Carlos Creek Winery in Alexandria. We played games, visited around the campfire and enjoyed a pot-luck meal in the company of friends.

A progress meeting for the TPFC International Camporee that Minnesota is hosting in 2007 was held.

Several members volunteered at the MS150 Bike Tour at Hinckley, Minnesota.

Next scheduled campout will be August 25, 26, 27 at Schreier's on Shetek. It will be hosted by Paul and Diane Paranteau.

Web Master Dave Hemmer, Overall web site hits are down since last quarter. Projects, Family Campers and Just pictures showed the most gain this quarter. Most likely due to the MS-Tour, International Rally and new pictures posted. Also Arrowhead, Central and Hiawathaland Councils showed some gain. I think we can get a boost in web site use if we all promote it's use at our various meetings and projects. Keep the web site in everyone's mind by including the web address in all of our emails and correspondence. I think we need to give our members reason to visit the web site and the way to do that is to keep lots of local and current information posted on the web.

MS 150 June 9-11 Dave Hemmer,

"Qwest for the Cure"

riders.

Gary Greb, Russ Urevig, Al Barthel, Al & Carols daughter DeNae Sievers, DeNae's two sons Ricky & Robby, and DeNae's Co-Worker Connie Scheifels.

To date the Team has collected \$5,066.00 in pledges. Councils & Clubs have pledged \$2,300 and the Chapter \$1,000.

Individuals have pledged \$1,766. More pledges are coming in. I know DeNae, Rick, & Robby and Connie may have some un-reported pledges.

Sat. volunteers – Worked all day ringing the bells, greeting the riders, and putting the 2,000 bikes away in an orderly fashion.

Dave Hemmer, Barb Hemmer. Allie Hemmer, Jessica Hemmer
Elsa Ditty, Carol Barthel, Kathy Hanson, Roger Hanson, Ralph Judd
Galen Krohn, Gloria Krohn, Mary Ann Neuman, LuAnn Chambliss
Vollie Sanders, Betty Sanders
Bill Lovegren, Joan Lovegren, Gloria Berger

SUNDAY – Worked from 5:30 AM until 10: AM checking wrist bands and bike numbers to let 2,000 bikes out of the bike corral for the Sunday leg of the ride.

Dave Hemmer. Barb Hemmer, Jessica Hemmer, Allie Hemmer
Roger Hanson, Kathy Hanson, Ralph Judd
Galen Krohn, Gloria Krohn

MS 60/30 Bike Tour May 13th.

Qwest employee Peter Redwine rode this bike tour under the “Qwest for the Cure” team name and raised \$350.00.

We will be supporting the MS TRAM July 23 – 28

We will not be having a riding team for the TRAM but we will be working rest stop 3 each day of the week long TRAM.

The 10,000 Lakes Family Campers will also be working the rest stops. We have reserved 5 RV camping spots for 7/23/, 7/24, 7/25 and 4 spots for 7/26 at Baileys Campground in Wabasha. Also four camping reservations have been made at the Greenwood Campground for July 27

I am putting together a list of workers for the MS TRAM rest stop 3

Dave & Barb Hemmer - Rest Stop coordinator All week
Bob & Ginny Boom - Rest Stop Worker All Week
Ralph Judd Truck Driver - All week
Bill Lovegren Truck Driver or Rest Stop worker all week
Roger & Kathy Hanson Rest Stop workers July 23,24,25th
Vollie Sanders – interested, no date committed
Elsa Ditty – interested, no date committed
Mary Ann Neuman – interested, no date committed
LuAnn Chambliss - interested, no date committed
Gary & Marie Babcock - interested, no date committed

Submitted by Dave Hemmer MS-Bike Tour Chairman

EZ Help; Gary Greb,

April- 60 cell phones to Bloomington

20 to White Bear Lake

May-25 cell phones to White Bear Lake

June-scheduled to distribute 15-20 cell phones to White Bear Lake Saturday June 24th.

150 unusable cell phones donated to New Hope Lutheran Church fundraiser.

No other updates from Region office in Denver on adding 100 free minutes through Phones 4 Life.

Membership Drive: Barb Clark not present and no report presented.

Cookbooks & Scholarships: Paula Trapp, I do weekly mailings from downtown. We still have a supply in St. Paul that needs to get moved to "C" basement, Downtown Minneapolis.

Scholarships: Paula Trapp, \$1,000.00 scholarships:

Nicole Stevens - St. Paul, MN

Laura Valdmanis - Prior Lake, MN

Melissa Bakker - Montevideo, MN

Abigayle Pomeroy - Ramsey, MN

One application was received late.

(Discussion) Date to be determined by post mark and not date received. Sometimes things get lost in post office.

Also need to have Judges determined before hand.

Paula will have new application ready for to be reviewed at the Sept meeting.

Arrowhead Council: Berger, Gloria

Subject: Arrowhead Council quarterly report April - June

Council quarterly report April - June

Rand Olson fundraiser in April collected \$780. Becky Moore from the Arrowhead Garage wanted to do something for fundraising in March but was told that with the month long fundraising in March for the area food shelves that it would be better to wait until April just before Easter. A Chili Dog lunch & Bake Sale was planned & organized by Arrowhead Garage managers & tech. Gloria Berger & neighbor Diane crocheted Easter baskets, Telephone Trivia Games were sold & Kenny Olson built a bird house that was raffled off & Kerry Lapcinski's wife Kelly won it. Becky & the techs & wives did a lot of baking for the bake sale. The engineers & Union helped man the luncheon & helped with the next day's leftover lunch.

Jodi Hakamaki is fund raising for Friends of Animals so far with a lunch & pancake breakfast which has earned \$588. She will be working with B&B Market in Cloquet using their lunchwagon & recruiting local celebrities to deliver lunches as another benefit on June 28th. Gloria Berger helped set up the Friends of Animals rummage sale at the Cloquet armory on May 19th. They usually have 2 rummage sales a year.

MS 150 was June 10th. Pioneers took care of the bike corral & rang bells to welcome bike riders. Russ Urevig rode for Arrowhead Council & had over \$900 for pledges which all went through Dave Hemmer & the Chapter project.

Grandma's marathon is on June 17th & once again Pioneers will be manning the water stations. Don Fennesy and Crystal Soderlund will be working in separate areas. Qwest's Vicky Larson will be running in the 26 mile run again this year.

We are currently helping Sheila & Brian Liubakka with fundraising for the Relay for Life which is on July 14th & 15th at the College of St Scholastica. They are members of the team "Family Ties" the fundraising goal for this year's ACS Relay For Life is \$ 3,000. Brian & Sheila are competing against each other to see who will raise the most. The Union will have a lunch next Wed with the money going to the Relay for Life team as a Qwest donation. Sheila is selling Hope Bracelets for \$1, Luminary Bags for \$10, Charm Bracelets \$2, Relay for Life magnets \$2, Pink Breast Cancer Survivor scarves \$3, and of course we will accept any donations for the cause.

Hug A Bears were no longer being made here but we now have a couple of people who have shown interest so there will be more made here. We are working on setting up times & dates.

Russ Urevig has taken on the project of the Pioneer Garden at the Arrowhead Garage. He has been taking pictures of the before & after garden. This was an extensive project that required working with maintenance to get a pine tree cut down that was overshadowing the garden & crowding the flag pole. Many plants & shrubs had to be taken out & replaced, new dirt & other garden material needed to be brought in & annuals as well as perennials have now been planted. In a month or so Russ will be taking more pictures so we can see the flowers in bloom & an otherwise healthier garden. Kerry Lapcinski who works at the garage will see to the watering. We are all grateful for Russ's effort which brought in his wife & daughter to help.
6/15/2006

Central Council – Harley Forsythe Combine report:

Life member club held the following meetings;

On April 11th noon luncheon at VFW in Little Falls was attended by 40 members.

Two representatives of RSVP spoke to the group about volunteer opportunities.

Harley Forsythe Life members and families worked at the MS 150 bike corral and one member, along with 3 other family members, rode the bike tour. We worked 1150 total hours last Saturday and Sunday and handled over 2,000 bikes.

306 hours, 4 retired people.

220 hours, 3 partners.

624 hours, 6 others.

Other Pioneer Councils worked an additional 595 hours.

Our next Life member function will be a picnic at Riverside Park on Aug. 8th.

Since the last Chapter meeting we contributed to our community as follows:

a) Volunteer hours 3,280

b) Hug-A-Bear 255

c) Wheelchair Bags 258

d) Catheter Bags 31

e) Lap Robes 0

f) We continue to collect EZ Help 911 cell phones and distribute them to our Senior Citizens. Over 2413 have been collected and 1711 distributed since starting this project in Central Council.

Our next meeting has not been set.

Report respectfully submitted by:

Dave Hemmer for Dave Massman - Central Council President and

Elsa Ditty – Harley Forsythe Life Member President

Hiawatha land: We had our quarterly meeting of Hiawatha Chapter 18 on Wednesday 22 Mar.

Secretary & Treasure reports read/approved.

Dave Hemmer was a visitor at the meeting. He discussed the MS-150, and the camp Out at Winnebago, Iowa,

August 12 is our annual Pioneer picnic to be held at Medford Park. During the Picnic we have the bake less food sale and pioneer sale of cookbooks, clothing.

The Hiawatha land Fall Bazaar will be held on November 11th at Senior Place, West Hills, Owatonna, MN. The Bazaar is open to the public where we have craft tables set up. The fall quarterly meeting is also held during this event. Also the Pioneer Dinner held at noon.

We have a new project called: OPERATION MINNESOTA NICE. Personal care items, small individual food items both purchased and home baked goods are sent to our troops in Iraq.

We donated \$300 for St Mary's School Owatonna for an educational program.

\$200 to St. Isidores School Litomysel for and education program and \$500 for the MS-150 project

Dewey Potter

Lakes: Lois , Fergus Falls had a Christmas tea for 23 people.

Gave \$50.00 to the Food Shelf. Gertude Obava is treasurer and in charge of sending Birthday cards to all pioneer in Lake Council.

Detroit Lakes had a breakfast in April, 46 people attended. Play bingo at Assisted living from November to March.. An outside Tech and her husband help with that.

Gave \$200.00 to Hospice and they put a brick in their garden for every \$100.00. The Lakes Council has two bricks with their name on them.

Gave \$50.00 for bingo at the Assisted Living.

Having a luncheon in July for everyone. We have three people from Lakes Council working in Gift Shop at Hospital.

Bemidji has a year end coffee and Pie 43 people attended.

Luncheon held on 1st Wednesday about 12-22 people attend.

Monthly Craft Meetings held on 3rd Thursday. 12-22 people gather to make Hug-A- Bears, Quilts, and Lap Robes.

We also have workers at the Food Shelves and Nursing Home. We also sell Cook books. Have volunteers that install life lines.

Submitted by Lois and Sue.

Metro

Meeting on June 16th: MN Chapter, Metro April 18 meeting talked about the MS ride, EZ HELP, Birthday in the Bag 33 have been handed out this year , talked about Courage Center project for in August, Ms ride for the blind with a Qwest Pioneer on a bike built for two was discussed. St Paul Museum was discussed and talked for next meeting. Other Volunteer projects were discussed. In March 21 Dave Hemmer asked for funding for the MS ride, EZ Help, Birthday in the Bag.

Western Plains:

Thanks you was shared from Orville Gravley and MS Tram. Gary Greb sent 20 phones, some have been given to the Jeffers Senior Center. Northern Council Fling was attended by about 45 Pioneers and Partners. Calendars have been sold. Jackson Pioneer Museum has received another PBX. The museum is now FULL. Two new displays cases have been added and full with tools and other items related to the telephone. Shared Chapter would like to do a project. Suggested painting to outside of the Jackson Telephone Pioneer Museum. Money was donated to the Montevideo Girl Scouts, Heron Lake Public Library. Officers for the year.

Council President--Chuck Hecht

Vice President -- George Bakalyar

Secretary -- Jodie Crowell

Treasure -- Peggy Palkovich

The vehicle is still in need of repair and the licensing is in dispute. Chuck will continue to work on this issue.

A bench was purchased with money received from Qwest for the Windom Legion Field Project.

Monies was donated to Jackson County Library for "Library Day at the Dome."

City of Montevideo for a Playground

City of Montevideo Fire Department

Minneapolis Life Members:

Mary Ann Neuman

Metro Life Member Report at Chapter 18 Meeting – June 16th

2nd Quarter Activity – March to June 2006

The Metro Life Members held monthly meetings as follows:

- 1 March 22, 2006, 38 Pioneers attended. The theme for our meeting collection was "Help the Easter Bunny". Members brought in completed Easter Baskets and 'goodies' to be used for making baskets. Completed baskets were donated to St. Joseph's Home for Children and we partnered with Kindred Spirits, donating the 'goodies' that help to make over 500 baskets that were donated to shelters, food banks and children's organizations in the area.
- 2 April 19, 2006, 35 Pioneers attended. The theme for the April meeting was "Please DO Feed the Animals" Cat and dog food donated by the members was given to Feline Rescue of St. Paul and the Animal Humane Society in Golden Valley.
- 3 May 24, 2006, 31 Pioneers attended. "Fun in the Sun" was the May theme. Our members brought in t-shirts, shorts, flip flops, toys, beach attire, etc. that were donated to St. Joseph's Home for Children. Since this was our final meeting of the season, it's been our tradition to have entertainment. We were pleased to welcome the Ms Senior Minnesota Cameo Revue (an organization we supported by donation) who put on a tremendous multi-talent show.

Since the last chapter meeting the Metro Life Members made the following cash donations to the community:

\$100	Eyelink Foundation
\$200	Quadrennial Ambassadors
\$150	SAVE – Suicide Awareness Voice of Education
\$300	NEAR Food Shelf
\$100	Northern Voices
\$300	MS 150 Bike Tour-Qwest for the Cure Team

In addition to cash contributions to the community, Metro Life Members donated 2090 volunteer hours for March and April 2006, (no report for May is available yet).

Our final event of the season will be a fun event. 42 Pioneers and friends will see "Church Basement Ladies" on June 21st.

Life Member Rep Report Sally & Mavis The Life Member Reps are off to a slow start this year. Since our last meeting Mavis attended the Spring Fling in St. Cloud. We have attended several Metro Council meetings and all of the Metro Life Member Club meetings. We will be going to Rochester next week and to several picnics this summer.

Old Business:

Meeting in Jackson discussion, Meals, rooms, work project. Paint buildings. Over night stay. 2 ½ hours to Jackson. Meeting on Friday about 11:00 am and go to Fair, tour Museum. Saturday do project. Return home. Council will supply paint. Chuck will let us know what supplies we need. Check about getting newspaper for coverage.

Liberty Mutual will speak at local meetings. Insurance, Life and Auto.

Truck need more information to get title. No more work will be done until we can furnish title. Correction, membership sheet, caral65@msn.com

Camp Courage, is still looking for workers. August 23, 2006 4:00 PM .
Sue Burlingame has trophies she will donate. Will bring to Minneapolis.

Concern about expenses for meetings. Checked old minutes and found expenses will be paid during winter months. December thru March. Minutes from 12,10, 2004.

Fund raisers in the malls, not heard from Crystal.

New Business:

Hiawathaland Council is requesting a donation from Chapter 18 for a cooperative project to benefit Steele County citizens who need end of line hospice care. Donations will help equip a private hospice room at the Cedarview Care Center in Owatonna, Minnesota. Mary Ann made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Cedarview Care Center to purchase a chair that we can put a pioneer logo on if they don't already have one. If they already have chair use money as they see fit. Vollie Seconded motion. Approved by Chapter.

Article and picture about Al and Carol that was written up in the paper. Good job!!!
Congratulations.

Little Farm Hands, Minnesota State Fair, Looking for volunteers. Please contact Michelle Fickett at 651.288.4480 or e-mail michelle.fickett@mnstatefair.org . Any question call Michelle Fickett.

Visit the "Little Farm Hands" on website www.mnstatefair.org

Paula made a motion to donate \$ 250.00 to the American Cancer % Rick & Michelle Sura. Jan seconded. Chapter approved. Relay for Life already past but will still take donations.

Everyone was reminded Elections for Council need to be completed by end of August.
Training will be in Lakewood CO on October 19--22, 2006. This training will be for incoming Presidents and a few others.

Next meeting is September 8 & 9 in Jackson

Dave made motion made to adjourn Meeting. 2:16pm Seconded by Carol.