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‘Yo, Fish!!!

There are times, too many for this editor, when I am out in a boat and out of frustration I scream out, “Yo Fish!!!”, hoping that the fish will somehow hear my call and flock to my bait. You may be surprised to learn that it never seems to work. However, at our recent Fishing Derby, that was not a ploy that was needed at all.

I don’t know how many years that this youth activity has been sponsored by our club. Now that I have admitted to this ignorance, I am sure that there will be many members who will be glad to set me straight. I do know, having just learned this, that Dick Hissong was the “founder” of the event.

Since I have been a member we have had days with few fish and sparse attendance. And, we have had days where the weather has not been the most pleasant. This year the weather was great, the attendance was super, and there were lots of club members on hand to help and just hang out.

The first catch of the day was a fairly good sized turtle, (see picture page). From there, the day only got better as youth did “pull in” several fish. It was great to see their happy faces, holding

up a fish that was not overly generous in size, but most assuredly was the first to ever be caught by the proud youngster holding it up, for all to see.

Many thanks to Ray Bochat, the chair of this event. We also thank all of the members who were there to help or just observe. As we focus on the youth, we sometimes forget the parents who were on hand to not only see the children have fun, but to find out personally who

we are. We hope that some of them will attend meetings in the future and perhaps join our club.

We also thank Rob Ward and the Park District for all of their help with our event. Rob was kind enough to open the gates so that we could have the opportunity to fish from the south

end of the golf course. Although the fish were not in that location that day, (they were on the east side of the lake), the anticipation and excitement of fishing from a location not usually accessible was lots of fun.

Even though the fish don’t respond to my call, I always leave a day of fishing excited by the fact that I know they are still “in there” waiting for my next visit when perhaps my skill, or luck, will be better.



Meetings

Our first meeting of the month was our last one at the Elk's Club until September. June is Childhood Cancer month and we were fortunate to be able to have Illinois District Chair Chris Smith from the Springfield club as our guest speaker. Chris gave us an update on the CCC in Illinois. In particular he let us know about a program that the District was involved with last year.

This is a special camp for Childhood Cancer youth called Camp COCO. This is a camp that was founded by the Department of Pediatrics at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield in 1986. COCO stands for Children's Oncology Camp Organization and welcomes children ages 6-16 who are afflicted with leukemia, other cancers and blood disorders. There is no charge for this camp as it is funded solely by donations.

Camp COCO believes children can do almost anything they want. The camp provides them a chance to "get away from it all." The time away from home allows for a break from hospitals and over-protectiveness. For more information on the camp, you can visit their website, <http://www.siumed.edu/foundation/CampCOCO.html>, from which we have excerpted some of the above information.

Chris told us of how our District interacted with these youth last summer by coming down to the camp for one of the days of the session. They provided all different types of entertainment, games, and prizes for the campers and plan to do so again, this summer.

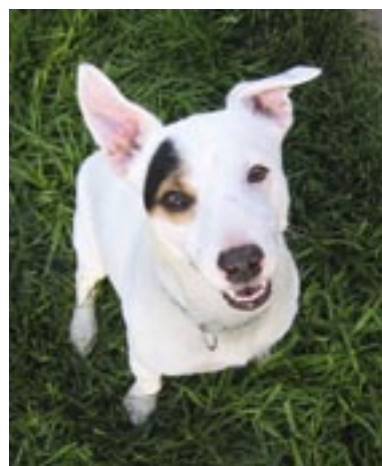
Our second meeting was a good old fashioned outdoor at Tom Swanson's. Many thanks to Tom and his lovely wife, Colleen for hosting the club in their beautiful backyard. Tables and chairs were picked up from the Park District by Tom, Joey (Tom's son), Paul

Magnusson, Vern Luebbers and Ray Kopecky. Our menu consisted of two different types of sausage, grilled to perfection by our chefs, Bob Bochat and Ed Welther. We also had several homemade salads (thanks Dianna and Prez Stacey), and the most fabulous, scrumptious, delicious, ohhhhh-it-was-good, strawberry shortcake that Dianna made for us. Did we mention how wonderful it was?

Stacey and our committee chairs brought us up to date on all of our summer activities. Please be sure to read about all of these elsewhere in this issue.



We forgot to say that there was **whipped cream** on top!!!



Tom's Dog, Jack

In Memoriam
Jim Buscemi
(1917-2004)



It was just in the last issue of the *Pipeline* that we mentioned that Jim Buscemi should be held in everyone's 'Thoughts and Prayers,' as he was battling cancer. Unfortunately, he never got to read those words. This was not the first time that Jim was held up to everyone's remembrance. Many will remember his white mustache, although for the years that this editor called him friend and fellow member, he was without this trademark. However, his endearing smile and friendly word is something that we will miss. Although his "light" has been extinguished his memory will live on in all of our hearts. We will miss him.

The following are some thoughts about Jim from two of his best friends, Fred Triebe and Ernie Challberg. Thanks, guys.

"Jim Buscemi lived 87 years and was married to his wife, Betty, for 65 years. He loved being with friends and was cheerful and helpful. He always had a garden in the back yard. We had a group who attended the Maine Seniors' luncheon. The tables were always set for 10 people, but since he always got there early, he made sure the 11th place was put in so our group could sit together.

Jim's eyesight and hearing wasn't the best, but he always made out. He played golf and bowled. At one time in a senior league, we had an Illinois Optimist bowling team made up of members from our club. Jim, it seemed, had a passion for card games. Poker, I think, was his favorite game. We played once a month at each other's homes, with coffee and some type of pastry after each game. Although he was not very active the last few years, he was a good club member."

He was, indeed, a wonderful club member.

This Year's Fishing Derby



My first fish
(photo by Prez Stacey)



The smile tells it all
(photo by Prez Stacey)



First catch of the day
(photo by Ralph Cote)



The Bells were Ringin' for three of our members this month. Prez Stacey and Paul (10 years) and Mandy Valenza and Michael (2 years),

We wish them all a very Happy Anniversary!



Ed Welther, the Grill Meister

If we have missed your anniversary, please let us know so that we can both correct our records and our omission.

July Birthdays



The following club members are a year older this month. We wish them the very best! They are:

**Jim Anderson,
Ernie Challberg,
Vern Luebbers,
Paul Magnusson,
Stan Walgreen,
and
Kay Welther**

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself –

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Christian D. Larson

Summer Outdoor Meetings

We are very excited about our remaining meetings in July and August. We hope that the club members will mark the following dates and details and support these meetings. We are the "Friend of Youth" and our strength is in our membership and their participation.

July 3rd Parade - Help celebrate our passion for Youth and our Country by marching with us. We have a float this year and are unit 55. We have been told to line up in Romano's parking lot. If you don't find us there, it means that they have moved us because of our size and participants to a side street. In that case, come lookin', we'll be there. The parade steps off at **10:00 AM** and we have been told to arrive by **8:30AM**.

July 17th Family Picnic - We have reported of this first-time-ever event in previous issues. The date has not changed, but the location has. We will be holding this at **Mountain View Mine**, which is located on Algonquin, just west of Wolf Road. There is a shelter there where we can barbecue and lots of land adjoining Prairie Lakes for all kinds of games and activities. We can also golf at the miniature course that is located here, for a fee. Kids under the age of 18 will golf for free. This is going to be a wonderful time for us to gather with our families. Please invite neighbors and friends to this event. Families should bring their own food and pop, (no alcohol, but after all, this is a family event). We have scheduled this event from **10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**.

August 5th - Our first meeting in August will be held at Ed Welther's Son's home on 163 Warrington and will be hosted by Ed. This will be a good, old fashioned Outdoor.

August 19th - Our second meeting will be held at the Golf Center's restaurant, Club Casa. This facility is across from Holy Family Hospital on River Road. This is a super place for us to meet and eat. The food is great and the bar is open.

Look for further details on the August meetings in the next issue of the *Pipeline*.

Fore!!!!

Junior Golf is going to be very exciting this year. We will need loooooots of help, so please schedule the time. The first date, yes, there are two, will be Wednesday, Aug. 4th, with a shotgun start at 7 AM (that's right, 7 AM). We have **150** youth registered. We will need workers to make this day a success. Please call Stan at 847-296-3900 if you will help.

On Saturday, August 7th, we will have 36 of the best scores compete. This will also be a shotgun start, time to be announced. Likewise, we will need help to run the event. Call Stan!!

This has grown to be our biggest event of the year for youth. We need your help!!

Friend of Youth



Coming Events

- July 3 - **Parade Meet** at the parking lot of Romano's. Step-off is 10 AM
- July 17 - **Family Picnic** Mountain View Mine, 10 AM - 4 PM
- July 29 - **Board Meeting** at Stacey Magnusson's 7 PM. Please note this is the **last** Thursday of

Friend of Youth



Indoor - Outdoor

There is an old saying that a tradition is something you did last year and are doing it again. Our "outdoor" meetings have been a club tradition for as long as I can remember. When I talk with other clubs, they are amazed at the organization and

enthusiasm for these meetings. I must agree.

In fact, Rich Rogers said that it was the outdoor meetings that 'sold him' on the club. The fun, fellowship and great food are a wonderful way to introduce guests to our club. Remember last year at Mary Alice's – we had FOUR applications submitted that night and inducted 2 people into the club! There have been other outdoors that have brought new members into the club.

Thanks to Ed Welther, we will be having another outdoor on August 5th (in place of meeting at Radishes). Thanks, Ed, and your son, for making this possible. We also had an idea for the meeting on the 19th of August – to meet at the Golf Center. It is a wonderful atmosphere and easier to find than the Countryside inn. There is also the first

annual family picnic at Mountain View Mine. What a great opportunity to share our fellowship with a friend or co-worker.

Perhaps you have a fond memory of an outdoor meeting. Don't you wish you shared that with a prospective member? As we near the end of the Optimist year, we need to focus on people who would enjoy being a part of our club. Last year we accomplished Honor Club Status and this year we are so close to being a Distinguished Club – with our wonderful indoor and outdoor meetings this summer, why not sponsor a new member to help this possible honor become a reality!



Float building in Glenn Swanson's garage - Ray Kopecky, Ed Welther, and Ray Bochat. Come march with us on the 3rd!