

ExxonMobil Retiree Club Newsletter

July 14, 2014



Holiday Party and Meeting

Of course it is old news, but we did have a great time at this annual gathering. It took place on December 12th at **Chapin's East** in Minooka. The food was great and we were entertained by the **outstanding** Coal City Swing Choir. A Holiday Party wouldn't be complete without a gift exchange. Ours was a lively success.

As always we held our election of board members. Our board membership remains unchanged from last year. Board members are Al Maes, Bob Faford, Nick Hively, Bruce Southcombe, Jerry Meredith, Jerry Frederick, and Ron Tucker. Incidentally this Board met later in December and re-elected the existing board officers to continue in their same positions. Your leadership continues to be Maes, Faford, Southcombe, and Hively in their positions as President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively. Keep up the good work gentlemen.



Operation Care Package

Of course we are all aware that this worthy effort hits its peak late each year when the packages are assembled and shipped to our military personnel overseas. Tim Rice and others from our club have been active participants for several years.

Tim reminds us that no matter the time of year, the "store" always has a need for certain items. These include body wash, shampoo, wash cloths, black or white socks, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Can you donate? Give Tim a call at 630-759-4269. He can fill you in as to where and how to do it.



Conklin's Barn

Wasn't that a fun Outing? A busload of your fellow club members traveled to **Conklin's Barn Theater** on April 11th. The theatre, located in Goodfield, IL, is housed in an old barn that has been modified to feed and entertain about 200 guests. The structure is authentic and interesting. Some of our members visited with the gentleman who was instrumental in the original construction of it.

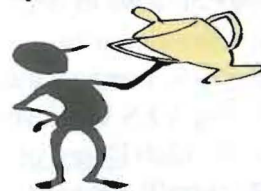


We were served a delicious buffet dinner made up of all of those items you might expect of a "country style" meal. Following dinner we were treated to a fun, two act comedy play. The four cast members were relaxed and obviously well rehearsed. A fun evening to be sure!

Annual Club Picnic

What a great day for a picnic!!! The weather was perfect on June 26th. There was a bit of a conflict with parking at Lions Park in Minooka. Those of us who wanted to arrive early conflicted with parents attempting to pick up their kids from Minooka's Park District Summer Camp. By noon the kids were gone and all was well.

The "burgers and dogs" were perfectly prepared by our club's **Board of Directors** under the leadership of Ron Tucker. Near the end of the day Ron's crew honored him by awarding him the **Honorary Mister Barbeque Cup**. Ron humbly accepted the cup and gave full credit to those tireless chefs who worked for him throughout the day.



A rousing bingo game took place following the meal and award. All but a few very unskilled players took home nice prizes. The party adjourned about 4:30



Mystery Dinner

This will be a fun one. On July 24th we will dine at Joliet's Jacob Henry Mansion. It is an intriguing old house and has been well preserved and converted in to a fascinating dining and entertainment venue. While we eat we will be part of a crime in progress. It will, no doubt, be **very interesting!!!**

Club Directory

Have you ever heard a club member's name and tried to imagine that person's face? Or have you ever had a fellow member call you by name and you couldn't return the favor? Relief is on the way. The new club directories are nearing completion. Pam Rusk has done a magnificent job of compiling all the contact information, as well as the member photos. Perhaps you remember completing those sheets with your personal information?? Now Addie Blomquist is in the process of arranging all of the information into booklet form. She hopes to have those **Directories** ready for distribution by year end. Thanks ladies, for a job well done.

Serving Your Club

Are you interested in helping to keep our club active and fun? There are lots of ways to help. There are activities to plan, a newsletter to compose and publish, a website to manage, etc. You can also respond with a big **YES** when you are asked to serve a term on the club Board of Directors. Don't be bashful. You'll enjoy it!

Club Website

Check out the website. It is fun and informative.

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Branson Holiday Extravaganza

Here comes another fun trip. A busload of your fellow club members will travel to Branson on November 3rd, 2014. In Branson they will be shopping, attending shows, and even cruising on Table Rock Lake. They'll see shows like **The Irish Tenors, New Jersey Nights, George Dyer, The Haygoods, The Dutton Family, and Yakov Smirnoff**. On day four club members will board the Showboat Branson Belle.



They will be treated to a three course meal and delightful entertainment as they cruise the lake. The bus will return to the Arrowhead Community Center, in Channahon, on November 7th. Hopefully you have looked over your invitation so you are aware of the trip cost and the optional trip insurance.

Are you interested? Call Addie Blomquist at 815-467-9585 for details. Remember, there are only so many seats on the bus!!!

Bowling & Pizza

Thursday February 27th was a cold night if you were outside, but if you were with your fellow club members inside Channahon Lanes you were warm and feeling fine.

Our club set us up for three games and a pizza.

It was a strange evening since nearly every game was won by the women.



The men however, were unanimous winners in the **pizza & beverage** competition. Everyone went home warm and stuffed.