



**Veterans' Association
of the
Chicago & North Western
Railway**



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Adams Chapter Annual Luncheon

May 2, 2010

Submitted by: **Keith Luebke**, President, Adams Chapter

I would like to update our members on the C&NW Veterans Association dinner held on Sunday, May 2nd at the Mound View Country Club, Friendship, WI. The committee is very glad to see old friends reacquaint and meet with each other.

The Committee for the Association Dinner was comprised of Vice President **Richard** and his wife **Rita Zietlow**, Secretary/Treasurer **Greg** and his wife **Linda Sorenson**, President **Keith** and his wife **Beverly Luebke**. The committee was responsible for the acquisition of the door prizes with each team doing a great job in 2010. Their efforts are much appreciated.

The meeting was opened by Vice President **Richard (Zeke) Zietlow** leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed to honor those retired C&NW Veterans, and those men and women of our armed forces who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.

Thank you to the Mound View Golf Club for the use of the facility. A special thank you to Peggy Smith and her staff for the preparation and serving of our meal. We truly appreciate their considerate service.

Upon completion of the dinner, the regular meeting of the Association was than called to order by President **Keith Luebke**, and informal reports of officers were given. Since the present Officers all indicated willingness to serve another term, a formal election was dispensed with and the present officers were declared reelected by acclimation.

Minutes of last year's meeting – it was moved, seconded and carried to approve them without reading.

A discussion was held about our declining attendance - 2002 we had 76; 2006 we had 56; and in 2009 we had 39. This year we are down to 30. Your officers are concerned that we may not be able to afford this annual meeting in the future and we may be getting to the point where the Mound View will not be able to serve a group smaller than what we have here today. Let your officers know what you think; it may be time to merge with another chapter. Discontinuance, the least desirable of the options, is also a possibility.

We all know someone isn't a member and should be. So, everyone, let's get out there and talk up the Association and do what we can to boost membership. Get 3 new members and **Dewayne** will give you a year's dues free. With a few more members attending our annual luncheon the future will be much more secure.

I would again like to acknowledge **Linda and Greg Sorenson, Rita & Richard Zietlow**, and my wife, **Beverly**, for their contribution to our annual meeting. Without their input and help, we could not make this annual event happen.

The meeting was closed until **God** willing we meet again next year, May 1, 2011.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone who attended; I find it very interesting to visit with as many of you as I can. Your being with us is something I look forward to each year. If you have a suggestion or question please email me at blewslb@wctc.net or call to 715-421-0273.