



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



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**Adams Chapter Annual Luncheon**

**May 6, 2012**

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

At the C&NW Veterans Association dinner held on Sunday, May 6th at the Mound View Country Club, Friendship, WI, our guest speaker was a railroad locomotive engineer from Nuremberg Germany, **Dieter Sessler**. He was invited to speak by President **Luebke** as he was a guest in our home and a long time friend. Dieter gave an hour slide show on his life on the DB (Deutsche Bahn) in Germany. Personally, I thank him and our members enjoyed the presentation as was commented on to me at the conclusion of the meeting.

Our Adams chapter committee is very glad that the turn out was above normal and each attendee enjoyed seeing old friends to reacquaint and meet with each other. We do note the passing of during the year of some old rails and spouses. May the Lord above grant them peace!

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**. This year as in the past VP **Greg Sorenson** and spouse **Linda** gathered door prizes. It would not be possible to continue with out their efforts at this important part of the meeting and diner.

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.

Peggy Smith and her staff of the Mound View Country Club did an outstanding job of the preparation and serving of our meal. We truly appreciate their considerate service and once again thank them for hosting our chapter.

Upon completion of the dinner, the regular meeting of the Association was than called to order by President **Keith Luebke**. Informal reports of officers were given and the present officers were declared reelected by acclamation. I personally want to thank the behind the scenes contribution of our Secretary Diane Kappleman for assuming this so very important job. Her willingness to make a long trip to our meeting was greatly appreciated. On that note we wish health and happiness to Dewayne Steifvater on his passing the torch to Ms Diane!

Minutes of last year's meeting – it was moved, seconded and carried to approve them without reading. Look online at this site to read what happens if you missed attending.

It is reported by VP **Greg** that 50 years ago the Adams Chapter held a diner and 155 members attended. Wow! This had to have been a great event. Think about our history and those who made our lives better

because of the work they did as UNION members. Lest we forget what built this country and what we all share under Railroad Retirement Annuities!

I would again like to acknowledge my wife, **Beverly**, for her contribution to our annual meeting. Table decorations given as door prizes are her contribution along with snacks before the luncheon.

The meeting was closed until **God** willing we meet again next year, May 5th, 2013.

Respectfully submitted

**Keith Luebke**, President Adams Chapter

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