



VETERANS' ASSOCIATION
of the
CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
KENOSHA -WAUKEGAN CHAPTER PICNIC

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On Sunday, July 15, 2012, the annual C&NW Veterans picnic was held by the Kenosha/Waukegan Chapter of the association. It was held in the back yard at the home of Dan and Yvonne Sylvester in Waukegan. The event was held under a twenty foot square canopy that kept us in the shade but with the temperature in the nineties it was still hot. There was bottled water, pop and beer to assist in the cooling as much as it could. We had 25 people registered to attend and 24 attendees. Of the attendees 12 were members and 12 were guest. (Of the 12 members, 5 were from the Kenosha Waukegan Chapter.)

We started at noon with a social period that went until 1:30 or so. The dinner bell was rung and we all sat down to enjoy a fine pot luck meal. The main course was pulled pork provided by the chapter. After eating we held a short and informal business meeting. Even though I had created no jobs or improved the economy I was elected to another term as president along with Dick Moseler (Vice President) and Yvonne Sylvester (Secretary Treasurer). Next we discussed next year's event. It was decided with a four to one vote (Kenosha/Waukegan members) that we would take it inside next year and have a luncheon instead of a picnic. Members from the other chapters in attendance agreed with this move. Not that we are getting older, just lazier and would rather be someplace where it's cool. Bringing a dish to pass from yonder regions was also a factor. Next year we are planning to hold the Kenosha/Waukegan Luncheon at Big Ed's Bar and Grill, 30 North Genesee Street, in downtown Waukegan (Walking distance from the METRA station). Big Ed's cooking has been featured on the Food Network's Diners, Drive-ins and Dives, and also on ABC's channel 7 in Chicago. He is known for his smoked pork, beef brisket and ribs. He also caters many events for members the Chicago Bears team. (I hope you folk's from north of the Cheddar Curtain can overlook that.) The date will be July 21, 2013. A motion was made to adjourn and we started the raffle, which ended around 3:30. (Phyllis Stiefvater won the \$100.00.) We sat around, jawed for a while and broke up around five.

We began with \$779.65 in our treasury, took in \$175.00 in reservations, \$56.00 in donations and \$125.00 on the raffle giving us a total of \$1,135.65. Expenses for the food, drinks, supplies, raffle and mailing of the invitations came to \$496.65. We lost \$140.65 on the event and have a balance of \$639.00 in our treasury. Thanks to all that supported us and hope to see more of you next year at Big Ed's.

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