

Milwaukee Chapter Luncheon

The Annual Milwaukee Chapter Luncheon, Veterans' Association of the Chicago and NorthWestern Railway was held Saturday, October 15, 2016, at Alioto's Restaurant in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Seventy five members and guests attended.

Milwaukee Chapter President, Curt Schmidt, led the group in a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for departed members; Benjamin Richards, Clifford McGinnis, Gordon Geils' spouse, Janice Geil.

After our delicious meal of pork chops, chicken, or fish was served, Curt introduced the various Chapter Officers in attendance.

Everyone at the luncheon was informed that the Board of Directors voted to keep, Curt Schmidt as General President of the Veterans Association of the C&NW for another year. This also includes Bob Stewart, General Vice President, and Dianne Koppelman, General Secretary/Treasurer.

It was discussed and voted on to return two dollars for each Chapter member in their Chapter to be used for their luncheons.

I brought up the subject of the two thousand dollar life insurance policy the C&NW had set up for us. It is easy to check with Met Life (1-800-310-7770) to make sure that your beneficiary is correct, and the beneficiary knows about it.

Door prizes were drawn and I want to give a big Thank you to Mo and Bill Regner for the hard work in obtaining all the prizes and passing them out. Great job!

A raffle drawing was held after the door prizes. Thanks to Dewayne Stiefvater for handling the sale of raffle tickets.

Special Thank you goes to Barb Schmidt in her efforts in gathering of raffle prizes, and the handmade C&NW Railroad Pillow she donated. Thanks to Yvonne Sylvester – Tea Basket, Dixie Marquardt - Wisconsin Product Basket and Pasta Wine Basket, Sandi Heimerl - Bloody Mary Basket, Joe Richart - C&NW Book and WI Central Picture, and Bob McMillan – Brandy Basket.

Next year our Annual Luncheon will again be held at Alioto's Restaurant, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Hope to see you there.

**Submitted by: Curtis Schmidt, President
Milwaukee Chapter**