

## Milwaukee Chapter Luncheon 2018

The Annual Milwaukee Chapter Luncheon, Veterans' Association of the Chicago and NorthWestern Railway was held Saturday, October 13, 2018, at Alioto's Restaurant in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Fifty four 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; Dianne Koppelman, Jo Ann Ehlers, Lee Roy Wagner, Robert Teske, Gladys E. Ladish, and Edward F. Rivard.

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. Roger Wilhelmi will be the new General Vice President for 2019, and Robert Stewart will join the Board of Directors. General Secretary/Treasurer at this time is still in limbo.

A nomination was made by Dewayne Stiefvater, to allow Yvonne Sylvester to become an Honorary Member of the Veterans' Association of the Chicago and NorthWestern Railway. Seconded by Robert Stewart and Roger Staffaroni. All were in favor.

A raffle drawing was held. 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 UP and C&NW Railroad Pillows she donated. Donated Raffle Items - Dixie Marquardt-Wisconsin Products Basket and Pasta Wine Basket, the Late Dianne Koppelman- Cherry Brandy, Bob Jumbeck- UP BBQ Tools Plus Set, Imanuel Swikert- Case of Leinenkugel Beer, and Larry Mertes- Thanksgiving Combo.

Next year our Annual Luncheon will again be held at Alioto's Restaurant in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Hope to see you there.

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