

ALEDO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NOON MEETING

MERCER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

JULY 10th, 2007

Luncheon Meeting Attendance

There were 29 in attendance. Those present:

Pam Meyers, Tony Holtschlag, Cathy Decker, Faye Eckhardt, George Foy, Dr. Glenda, Sloane Milewski, Cheryl Brown, Diane Nelson, Steve Oaks, Amy Danielson, Annette Speer, Doyle Speer, John Hoscheidt, Lance Meyer, Iris Paulsen, Dwight Reynolds, John Malone, Mike Coney, Drue Baugher,

Glenn Bennett, Ron McNall, Dale Boswell, John Boswell, Michael Clark, Eric Coulter, Jennifer Johnson. Phyllis Swearingen, Diane Sharp.

Welcome Guests

Guests were introduced by President Tony Holtschlag. The blessing was given by Steve Oaks.

Our next Meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 14th at Central Park

Maggie Doodle Dogs will be serving us.

Please RSVP to the Chamber Office, 582-5373 or e-mail

aledochamber@frontiernet.net

**Aledo Area Chamber of Commerce Executive
Committee**

President.....Tony Holtschlag.....582-0875

1st Vice Pres.....John Hoscheidt.....582-5666

2nd VP.....Lance Meyer.....582-5171

Membership Chairman....Dr. Glenda Foy..... 582-2222

Past Pres.....Amy Danielson.....582-5171

Finance & Treasurers Report

Current Balance as of

THE National Bank General Account \$8,4453.54

1st Community Bank Scholarship Account \$1881.35

Country Bank Sponsor Member Account \$5200.37

(Our Chamber Dollar Account is with Mercer County Banking Center

Total \$15,535.26

Treasurer's report, Lance Meyer made motion to approve, Glen Bennett 2nd, motion carried..

VP & Committee reports were given, 1st VP John Hoscheidt will be having a meeting with Aledo Rehab & Health Care on Holly Days. Anyone interested in help please call John at 582-5666. We are still waiting for the Aledo Magazine to arrive.

2nd VP Lance Meyer - It was discussed at the Executive meeting that the 2nd VP would chair the Golf Outing for next year. Everyone was in favor of this.

Membership Chairman Dr. Glenda Foy - Nothing to report, on membership or on Tourism.

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-President Tony Holtschlag presented checks to Eric Coulter representing the Aledo Jaycees for \$255.97 for there help with the Annual Banquet. Thank you for helping make that night GREAT.. To Michael Clark representing the Aledo Fireman for \$750.00 for the 4th of July Fire Works. They really can light up the sky. Thank you for all you do.

-John Boswell the 2007 Scholarship recipient received a \$500.00 check. John will be going to Western Illinois, majoring in hotel, restaurant management he would like to some day run his own restaurant or hotel.

-Glen Bennett spoke on a trip he and Dorothy had taken and how they like to travel to small towns along the way. In there travel he commented on the appearance of the towns, he said there was only one that came close to Aledo. We should be very proud of our city. Good job to everyone!

-Pam Meyers of Main Street - Events coming up, July 26th Cinema @ Central Shrek at dusk.

Sept 8 - 6th annual Antique days..

8th & 9th Bike N Barn entries are already coming in.

-Electric Parade to kick off Holly Days. Be thinking about an entry.

-New Business: Glenda Foy thought it would be nice to have something in the Woodhull parade since they will be celebrating there Sesquicentennial this year. Also to be in the New Windsor Parade in Aug. It was brought up that the Chamber may have magnetic signs and maybe they could be used. We will check into it.

-Ron McNall representing the Masonic Lodge reported the Masonic Lodge will be having a re-dedication of the lodge celebrating the 150th year on August 11th.

-The Chamber would like to WELCOME our newest members, Vitalie's and MAGGIE DOODLE DOGS .

-Guest speaker was John Malone fair historian. Mercer County Fair is celebrating its 154th anniversary this year. Mr. Malone gives credit to services given by the board members . Two members have many years with the fair. Herb Zwicker with 38 years is currently superintendent of stock cars, and Vernon Swearingen with 36 years and is currently the general superintendent. The oldest building is the Pumpkin building built in 1880, floral hall was built in 1882, and the grandstands built in 1883. In 1938 the fair fell on bad times and there was no fair and was sold for \$16,500. In 1939 the fair rented the grounds for \$750. And by 1942 the fair was able to buy back the grounds for \$17,700. The fair has gone with sponsorships to help with cost of running the fair. They would like to use the grounds for other things through out the year. Mercer County Fair is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. A big THANK YOU to the Mercer County Fair Board and all there volunteers that make the Fair a wonderful place to go. Just think of the wonderful memories your children will have of the fair just as you do. There is a CD out that John put together, if you would like to have one call John Malone at 582-7882.

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Raffle: WRMJ donated to Country CD's Sara Evans - won by Michael Clark and Brad Pasley won by Iris Paulsen. Thank you John for your donation.

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PLATINUM SPONSORS - \$750

THE NATIONAL BANK

GOLD SPONSORS - \$500

COUNTRY BANK

1ST COMMUNITY BANK

MERCER CO. BANKING CENTER

SILVER SPONSORS - \$250

FIPPINGER FUNERAL HOME, INC.

FARMERS STATE BANK

BRONZE SPONSORS - \$100

ALEDO MASONIC LODGE #252 - CHIROPRACTIC ARTS CENTER

McKNIGHT PHARMACY

MERCER COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

STUTS DRUG STORE & HALLMARK SHOP

BLICK & BLICK OIL CO. - BLACK HAWK COLLEGE - LEE & CINDI CELSKE

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 26th Aledo Main Street Cinema @ Central will show Shrek 7-?

Aug. 12th New Windsor Sesquicentennial Activities begin

Aug. 12th Cinema @ Central The Music Man

Aug. 16th New Windsor Parade at 5:00pm

Aug. 16 - 18th New Windsor Fair & Rodeo

Aug. 18th Aledo Rehab & Health Care Alzheimer's Rock - A - Thon 8:00am - 8:00pm

Aug 31st 35th Annual Barnes Family Bluegrass Music Festival @ Mercer County Fairgrounds

Sept 1&2 Aledo Main Street City -wide Yard Sales

Sept. 8th AMS 6th Annual Antique Days

Sept 8th & 9th 2nd Annual Bike N Barn

Sept 20th Mercer Foundation for Health Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction at VFW

If you have an event scheduled.....we will list it on our dates to remember

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NEXT MEETING

AUGUST 14TH

ALEDO CENTRAL PARK

UNDER THE PAVILION

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED BY MAGGIE DOODLE DOGS Please call the Chamber office 582-5373 or e-mail the chamber with your reservations.