The Franksville Businessmen’s Association

The Franksville Businessmen’s Association was organized on April 25, 1957. The first meeting was held at the Franksville M.E. Church and one of the purposes of the meeting was to discuss the need for a new post office in the community and what could be done about it. One month later, on May 22, with 38 persons attending, Dr. Willard L. Lynn was elected as the organizations first president. The businessmen are now in their 18th year and their list of accomplishments are outstanding.

The new Franksville Post Office became a reality in 1958. Many of the members were part of a group that invested in the present building on the corner of Roberts and Adams Streets, which was the previous site of the old Woodmen Hall. Other early activities included Christmas decorations on the main streets, sponsorship of the local Boy Scout Troop, support of athletic teams and events, benefit dances, and leadership in civic and social affairs.
Best know, however, is the sponsorship of the annual Kraut Festival that it began in 1963. The financial success of recent festivals has allowed the businessmen to make significant contributions toward park improvements. Most noteworthy are the shelters, blacktopping and tennis courts. The most recent financial assistance has gone to the park in the form of a new public address system. Scholarships and aid to senior citizen groups are still other ways that the businessmen have used their kraut festival profits to aid the community.

The list of Franksville Businessmen presidents are as follows:
1957 Dr. Willard L. Lynn
1958 Dr. Willard L. Lynn
1959 Donald A. Pankow
1960 Donald A. Pankow
1961 C. J. (Bud) Wieman
1962 W. C. (Red) Titled
1965 George W. Smith
1966 Rudolph Mikus
1967 Rudolph Mikus
1968 John Margis, Jr.
1969 Kaleb J. Case
1970 Lee J. Fuhrman
1971 Lawrence Treffert
1972 Lawrence Treffert
1973 Lawrence (Jim) Zirbel
1974 Lawrence (Jim) Zirbel

FRANKSVILLE BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION
1975 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT ........ Lawrence (Jim) Zirbel
VICE PRESIDENT .... Dennis Johnson
SECRETARY .......... Richard Brodek
TREASURER ......... Dwight (Ike) Temple
DIRECTOR ............ David Schoeppe
DIRECTOR ............ Lester Jacob
DIRECTOR ............ John Fritsche
DIRECTOR ............ Carl (Bud) Wieman
DIRECTOR .......... Lee Fuhrman

MEMBERSHIP

Anderson, Andrew J.
Anderson, Carl
Anderson, Jens T.
*Barnard, Thomas
Bianchi, Rudy
*Binetti, William R.
*Bowen, Timothy
*Braun, Eugene
Brodek, Richard
Carne, Frank
*Clark, Marva
Drought, Patricia
Dummer, Gordon
*Fohr, Robert
Frank, Ardhith
Fritsche, John
Fuhrman, Lee
Garrett, Marcella
*Goodman, Edith
Gramza, Allen E.
Grove, Donald
*Gustin, James
*Gustin, Lyle
Hagemann, Jacob

*Hammes, Fred
Hansen, Edward
Hansen, Harry
Holterman, Earl
Huppert, Everett R.
Jacob, Lester
Johnson, Dennis
Kahoun, Giorine
Krizan, Ronald
Larsen, Raymond
Lee, Marshall, Sr.
Lee, Marshall, Jr.
Leonard, Charles
Luenenburg, Clem
Luenenburg, Gary
Margis, John, Jr.
March, Vincent
McClanahan, Russell
Meissner, Glenn
Meltesen, Robert
Meyer, Ronald (Bud)
Mikus, Rudolph
Nelson, James
Noll, Clifford

Noppe, Louis
Pankow, Donald
Rehberg, Jack
Riekkoff, Bill
*Rothfusz, Irwin
Schnabel, Karl H.
Schoeppe, David
Simon, Richard
Smith, George
*Steele, Arthur (Art)
Tamm, Wm. H.
Temple, Dwight (Ike)
Tonar, Robert
Treffert, Joyce
Treffert, Lawrence
Treffert, Lowell
Welch, Franklin
Wieman, Carl (Bud)
Walgorski, Donald
Zirbel, Irene
Zirbel, Lawrence (Jim)
*Winkler, Dennis

*indicate new members this year.
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Beginning in 1960 and continuing every year thereafter, the Franksville Businessmen's Association has presented a Community Service Award to one of its outstanding citizens. The first award was presented to Rodney Olsen on May 11, 1960 at the Motor Inn on U.S. 41 in Caledonia. The guest speaker on that memorable evening was the Honorable Gaylord A. Nelson, then governor of Wisconsin. Shortly after, Governor Nelson moved on to the United States Senate and the Motor Inn was destroyed by a spectacular fire but the Community Service Award has been continued. The Franksville Businessmen's Association appreciate this opportunity to again recognize the past recipients.

1960 Rodney Olsen 1967 Nels Jensen
1961 John Margis, Jr. 1968 Ken R. Olsen
1962 Fred J. Fritchsen 1970 J. M. Gifford
1964 Dr. W. L. Lynn 1972 Henry Rohner
1965 Milo Christensen 1973 Mary Runge
1966 C. J.(Bud)Wieman 1974 Lee Fuhrman

The Franksville Businessmen's Association first Community Service Award was presented in 1960. Recipient Rodney Olsen inspects the award as FBA president Dr. W. L. Lynn and Wisconsin Governor Gaylord A. Nelson look on.