WATERLOO TECHNICAL SOCIETY

10 FEBRUARY 1999 MEETING MINUTES

The 10 February 1999 meeting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at Greenstreets Restaurant in Cedar Falls, IA with 25 members and 3 guests present. The meeting was called to order by President Tim Schoenfelder at 7:45 PM. Following introductions of guests, the past Presidents and Honorary Members were recognized. The minutes of the 13 January 1999 meeting were read and approved. Lindy Linquist introduced new members Bob Olson and Steve Heideman. Bob Crowley stated the Library Committee has a current balance of $390.00 and will buy books in memory of two recent deaths.

Dick Michael presented the Treasurer's report showing a balance of $787.12. There are currently 74 paid members for the 1998-1999 year compared to 67 at this time last year. The report was approved as read.

Tim Schoenfelder announced that a web site for WTS is up and running. Plans are being made to scan the WTS constitution onto the web site.

Ken Allbaugh announced the 10 March 1999 meeting would be a program on the Hunt-Wesson pudding factory followed by a tour of the Hawkeye Community College Training Center. Dinner will be at Greenstreets Restaurant before the tour.

Chuck Angel, program chair for February, introduced evening speakers Charlie and Judy Baier. Charlie and Judy are employed by the Waterloo chapter of the Red Cross. The Red Cross symbol dates back to 1800 and is a reverse image of the Switzerland flag. The main focus of the Red Cross is Blood Bank Services and Disaster Preparedness and Response. 50% of the blood in the US comes from the Red Cross. The Waterloo chapter provides blood bank services to most of NE Iowa but also provides The University of Iowa Hospitals. The Red Cross obtains 30% of its funding from the United Way. The balance comes from donations.

Disaster Services has a staff of 11 people and about 450 volunteers. The Waterloo chapter is the lead office for the state of Iowa and all Disaster Services teams are dispatched from here, including 4 Disaster Services vehicles. Supplies for most of the Midwest states are dispatched from the Waterloo office.

The Health Education Department provides a variety of training including CPR, Blood Pathogens, Baby Sitting, First Aid for Pets, and Water Safety. A new training program is planned to train Bosnia families. Brochures printed in the Bosnia language have been printed for this purpose.

At 8:20 PM the meeting adjourned for a tour of the Red Cross Chapter in Waterloo. Chuck Angel demonstrated a portable radio system. The radio's were donated by the 911 system and Chuck has converted the radios for Red Cross Disaster Services. In the Blood Bank Services area, Judy Baier indicated that each unit of donated blood is bar coded and can be tracked nation wide. Blood donor records are entered into a computer database and also are available nation wide. A 20 minute video displayed a number of new technology items that have been developed at the Red Cross Technology Lab in Washington, DC. Many of the items displayed were targeted at making "giving blood" less of a burden for the donor.

President Tim Schoenfelder adjourned the meeting at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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