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Our Summer meeting will take place on [Saturday, August 6, 2016](#).

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We will be meeting at the John L. Lewis Memorial Museum of Mining and Labor, in Lucas, Iowa. The museum will be open from 9 to 3; admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students age 11 and older, and free to children under age 10. There will be a Board meeting at 10:30, and we will host tea and desserts, starting at about noon. Please feel free to bring a treat to share. Also, you should plan on bringing in your own lunch; Lucas is approximately half way between Osceola and Chariton, and both towns have a variety of dining accommodations.

We would like to recommend that you check out the Honey Creek Resort, approximately 45 minutes' drive east of Lucas, near Moravia, Iowa. This beautiful resort is situated on Lake Rathbun, and includes a restaurant, an indoor water park, a golf course and cottages for rent. This could be a great opportunity for a family get-away weekend! The Resort's website is honeycreekresort.com, and its telephone number is 1-866-797-5308.



Kathryn Foulkes will celebrate her 95th birthday [July 28](#). Her daughter, Gwen Foulkes, will host a party, [July 31, 12pm](#) – 2 pm at Broadway Presbyterian Church, 710 23rd St. Rock Island, Ill. If you wish to send a birthday card to Kathryn her address is 826 30th St., Rock Island, IL 61201.

John L. Lewis was born [February 12th 1880](#), to Welsh immigrant parents in the coal mining camp of Cleveland, Iowa - one mile East of Lucas, Iowa. He began working in the Big Hill Coal Mine in [Lucas, IA](#) as a teenager, joining the [UMWA](#) Local #799 in 1990. In 1907, John married Myrta Bell, daughter of the local town doctor. The following year they moved to Springfield, Illinois where he began his rise to power in the United Mine Workers of America and served as President of the UMWA for forty years and was founder of the [Congress of Industrial Organizations](#).

After serving nine years as President Emeritus of the UMWA, John L. Lewis died [June 11, 1969](#) and is buried in Springfield, Illinois in the same cemetery as Abraham Lincoln. Both men were born [February 12th](#) and both were destined to make great changes in our "American Way of Life." [From the website for the Museum.]

Save the Date!

Our fall meeting will be [Saturday, November 12](#), at Central Presbyterian Church. Program TBA.

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Iowa Welsh Society Meeting Minutes March 5, 2016
St. David's Day Luncheon
Central College Maytag Student Center, Pella, Iowa

Present: Ruth Hall (Historian), Nancy Evans (Treasurer and Newsletter), AdaMae Lewis (Vice President), Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski (President), Richard Phillips, Wendy Knowles (new Secretary).

Minutes from Last Meeting: Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Evans reported a final total of \$5,672.81, and presented a bill of \$35.48 for the Newsletter. Both bill and report were accepted. The group also discussed the \$500.00 given by Leila Carlo's family in her memory. We plan to continue our discussions on the best way to use this money. As usual, 2016 dues are still due from some.

Election of Officers, New Secretary: Wendy Knowles volunteered and was unanimously elected Secretary.

Old Business—Summer Meeting: the Summer meeting is planned for August 6, 2016 in Lucas, Iowa at the John L. Lewis Museum of Mining and Labor. The meeting will be at 1:00 PM with a \$2.00 donation. Bring your own goodies to share if able, but please come! Lucas is at the intersection of US Highways 69 and 34 about an hour south of Des Moines. Honey Creek Resort near Osceola would be a possible place for overnight stays.

New Business:

Fall Meeting: The current plan is to hold this at Central Presbyterian Church in Des Moines. Jenifer is checking on possible dates in November. Central Presbyterian has a December Holiday Fair, which conflicts with possible December dates.

Association Dues:

Great Plains: We voted to pay the organizational fee due every June (currently \$25.00) and a donation. For 2016 the Board voted to donate \$100.00.

WNAA: We already belong to the Welsh North American Association—nothing due at the moment.

Newsletter: Nancy Evans, who writes the IWS Newsletter is asking for more people to write articles. AdaMae and Wendy are willing to write or edit stories for others. Also, all members are invited to send stories for Nancy's new column about their families coming to the US.

Summer Activity: As reported in the current IWS Newsletter, on July 10, 2016 there will be a Gymanfa and Welsh Tea at First Welsh Congregational Church on Old Man's Creek (near Iowa City). This event marks the 170 anniversary of their founding in 1846. See Spring IWS Newsletter for more information.

Other: AdaMae asked who has the IWS Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Jenifer will check the boxes of information (compiled by Ruth Hall when she was secretary) she was given when she was elected President. AdaMae also noted that with our IWS member numbers seeming to dwindle, if at some point we may need to terminate the organization, the funds could be donated to the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Centre in Wymore, Nebraska. The group agreed that would be a good choice.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned just before noon.

St. David's Day Luncheon: This was our first St. David's Day luncheon at Central College. Our own Richard Phillips now oversees Food Services at Central. We enjoyed the food and were quite happy with the arrangements.

St. David's Day Program: Tammy and Kevin Morgan told about their recent (fall) trip to enjoy Wales and visit family connected sites
Wendy Knowles, Secretary

Due to program difficulties this is a short newsletter. The fall newsletter will contain more information about the gymanfa at Old Man's Creek, the honor to Martha Davies, and the death of past president Pat McCaughey.

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