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Kiwanis Friends,

We are now into April, which means this Kiwanis year has reached its half-way mark. With only 6 months to go, it seems like an appropriate time to update the members on the items that we have been working on.

Behind the scenes there has been a tremendous amount of committee work accomplished. The nominating committee has met and will be seeking the slate of candidates for the officers and directors. If you have a desire to serve at the board level, please let a board member know of your willingness to step forward.

Our long-term project committees have traveled to other communities, investigating how Boys and Girls clubs operate. Another committee is looking at an idea of a Teen Motivational event. Both ideas have started to take root and we hope to have information to share with you.

The Rose Day Committee is wrapping up the Rose Sales. I have appreciated the creative marketing of the committee. They certainly rose to the occasion and hopefully our sales will finish very strong as we strive to sell over 400 dozen roses.

The Kiwanis Night Out team has made a few slight adjustments to the original schedule. Our Kiwanis Event will now be on Friday, May 14th. We are featuring a night of Elegance and Entertainment. In addition to honoring our Centurions, we will feature local musicians for a soothing social hour and a big band sound for a night of dancing and enjoyment. Please note the calendar change to the 14th of May and plan on attending our annual Kiwanis Night out. We will have more details to follow.

As you can see, there is a lot going on besides our regular weekly meetings. Your club is healthy and vital and an integral part of our community. Your continued involvement and support has helped countless children in our area. Sometimes it's easy to raise funds, serve on a board or attend lunch and forget the impact that Kiwanis makes on a child. Each time you contribute; please remember that your kindhearted gesture does indeed make a difference. Whether it's through a scholarship or a gift, a new pair of boots, clean clothes for a neglected child or a Christmas gift for a sibling, you do offer a lift to children in our community.

Yes we have fun as Kiwanis members, but it's the impact you make on a child's life that makes the difference. We can take pride in what has been accomplished, but remember that there is always work to do behind the scenes.

Hope to see you Thursday, Craig

Stop...and **SELL** the **ROSES**

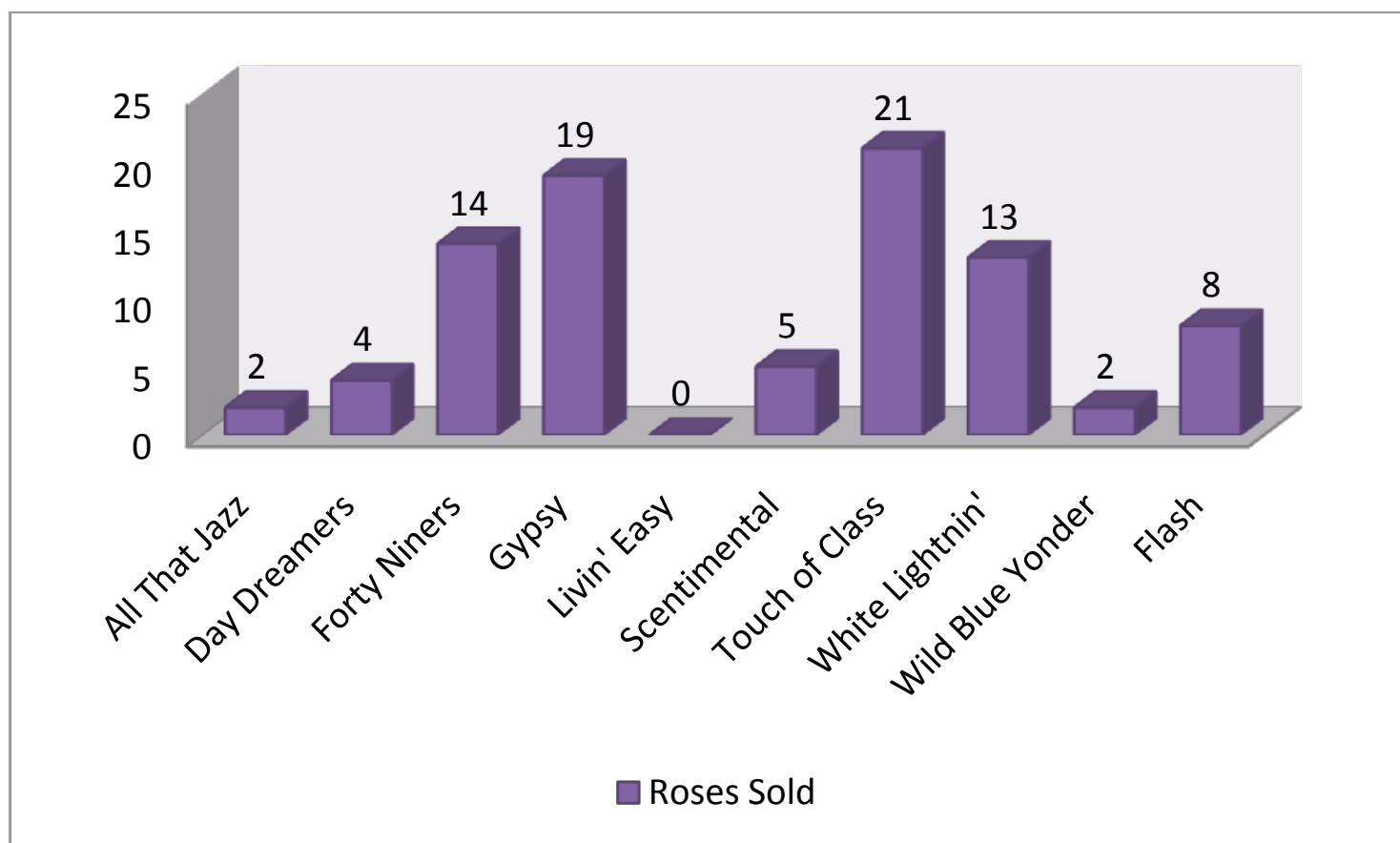
The annual Kiwanis Rose Day fund-raiser will continue until Saturday, April 10th. There is still plenty of time for Kiwanis members to contact business acquaintances, friends, and family members so that they can place orders to help the club reach its goal of 400 bouquets. In addition to bringing on the warmth of spring by sending roses to the special people in your daily lives, the delivery date of Tuesday, April 20th will be just in time for Administrative Professional's Day on Wednesday, April 21st.



If each member would sell three bouquets, our club would reach its goal. How many times have you said to yourself why should I buy or sell these bouquets when I pay dues to belong to Kiwanis in addition to contributing my time and money to a number of projects? How can I find the motivation to get out and sell those rose bouquets? Why is it hard to find that motivation? Motivation is a simple concept that has no real substance yet it holds the key in all our endeavors. Motivation is a mind-set ... an attitude, that when activated pushes aside our normal tendencies towards apathy and inertia and gets us moving toward our goal. Is it possible that our motivation lies in the Kiwanis Pledge?

The club membership has been divided into ten teams. If you are not certain what your team assignment is, please contact Sharon Graham at the weekly club meetings, by telephone at 309-627-2484, or email at sjgraham@hcil.net or talk to the other Rose Day Committee members.

Thanks for all you do for the children and youth in the Burlington area as you serve the children of the world. The Rose Day Committee: Char Blodgett, Lois Blythe, Kay Breuer, Julie Canfield, Sharon Graham, Bud Hart, Whitney Henderson, Brandon Kipp, Donna Logan, Tom Pilcher, George Randall, Bob Reid, and Emily Stumpf.



Travelogue Season Thanks

Thanks to everyone who contributed to another successful Kiwanis Travelogue program year including the sponsors: thank Two Rivers Financial Group, Camera Land, F&M Bank & Trust, Chuck Siekman, and Farmers Savings Bank for their financial support of the 2009-2010 Kiwanis Travelogue Series. These generous sponsorships reduced the expenses for the series. The savings from those donations are used to support the Kiwanis charitable giving programs.

In the last program year there were 400 memberships purchased. We saw a 9% drop this year, selling only 363 memberships. The Travelogue Committee members are working to generate new marketing approaches to develop a more diverse membership for the Kiwanis Travelogue Series. Suggestions from Kiwanis members would be appreciated.

We also faced some challenges. Due to the horrific weather we saw this winter, attendance at the five programs was down from the previous year. Next years program series will be in October, November, February, March, and April in hopes of avoiding some of that bad weather.

The program in February was dedicated to the late Jane E. Wilson. Jane was a strong supporter of the Kiwanis Travelogue Project. She is remembered for being a caring role model for all who knew her and a generous and proud supporter of the Burlington Kiwanis Club.

The audience members greatly enjoy the door prizes that are given away during the program intermissions. The committee would like to thank the following Kiwanis members who have donated prizes: Phil Bartleson of Bartleson Computer Consulting, John and Nancy Bentler of Hair Porte & Gentlemen's Quarters, Cliff Calhoun, Julie Canfield of Southeastern Community College, Mary Delzell of Farmers Savings Bank, Sharon Graham of Biggsville's Hotel Lynn, Don Lofgren retired from Boy Scouts of America, Donna Logan retired from Girl Scouts of America, Dan Mitchell from First Federal Savings Bank of Iowa, Jackie Nelson of YMCA/YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter and Sexual Assault Program, Tom Pilcher retired from Lance Private Brands, Pizza Hut, Chuck Siekman of Camera Land, Tom Vance of Vance Insurance, and Dave Wiemer.



Eye Glass Project Thanks

A huge thank-you to Kiwanians for dropping off used glasses these last few weeks. A total of 171 pairs were collected (about half courtesy of Gary Young and Prugh's Funeral Home).

This was a delightful collaboration with another excellent service club, Burlington Noon Lions. The glasses have been delivered and will be processed and shipped over the next few months.

It's an incredibly exciting feeling realizing that 171 people in developing countries will be able to see clearly thanks to this simple effort.

Great work!



Programs

Arranged by Chip Readinger

1 - Gina Hardin, Des Moines County Emergency Management

8 - Vernon "Buddy" Hastens Alliant Energy

15 - Former Governor. Terry Branstad

22 - Mr. Gary Metz, 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouts

29 - To Be Announced

Invocations

Will be announced at Club Meeting


Kiwanis Night Out
Save The Date
Friday, May 14



PO Box 15
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 Become A FAN! Burlington Kiwanis on www.facebook.com				Kiwanis Meeting 1 Noon, Comfort Suites DMC Emergency Management	2	3	
4	5	6	7	Kiwanis Meeting 8 Noon, Comfort Suites Alliant Energy	9	10	
11	12	13	14	Kiwanis Meeting 15 Noon, Comfort Suites Terry Branstad	16	17	
18	19	Board Meeting Noon, Fun City	20	21	Kiwanis Meeting 22 Noon, Comfort Suites 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts	23	24
25	26	27	28	Kiwanis Meeting 29 Noon, Comfort Suites Program TBA	30		