# **Kiwanis**

# Burlington, Iowa

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# **KIWANIS' BUSIEST MONTH!!**

Yes, it is that time of year where we all can get involved in a Kiwanis project that is important to our club, as well as enriching the lives of the children of our community, which is what we are all about!

Jim Corder starts the month off with our annual "Boots & Coats" project, which provides warm coats & boots for children of families in need. In conjunction with the Neighborhood Center and local schools we try to ensure that the most worthy children are being served. Our club has received many accolades about this program through almost 20 years, but none are more touching than those large, colorful, hand-painted thank you cards made by small, excited children.

One of my favorite things to do during the holiday season is to volunteer for the Target Kid's Shopping Spree, which will be held December 4th. They are given breakfast and a visit with Santa Claus, then are given \$35 to shop for Christmas presents for their family members or themself. Accompanied by a Kiwanian, they have all the presents wrapped by us. The smiles and excitement of each child is precious to watch and really shows the true meaning of Christmas.

The Santa Committee is in full swing at Fun City and will be requesting volunteers through the holiday. This is a very intensive project, requiring a plethora of volunteer hours. Please take time out of your busy schedule to assist

Remember, there will be no meeting on the 23rd, which will give us more time to enjoy our holiday with family and friends. The last meeting of the year will be "Kids Day", which is geared to our own children and grandchildren, so please attend for a magical program.

Remember what this season is all about – "The joy of brightening" other lives, bearing each others burdens, easing other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the Magic of Christmas."

May you all have a blessed Christmas!! President, Karen L. Clay





# **Burlington Kiwanis Budget**

The annual Kiwanis Budget is a snapshot of how the club operates administratively. Please keep in mind the following items are for the operations of the club. There is a separate account that is a foundation, which our donations are distributed from.

# Santa Photo Project

The Santa Photo Committee is working enthusiastically to energize this project and increase our exposure and profits. The Photo area in the Boogaloo Lounge is greatly improved with decorations in front of the fireplace and an upgraded photo backdrop.



The Hawkeye covered Santa's arrival in a Red Ferrari on Dec 19. We've distributed about 7,000 - 3x5 cards providing area residents with our schedule, prices and a \$1 off coupon. In the first 4 days of the season revenues are about 40% ahead of last year's first 4 days.

We need Santa's, Photographers and Salespersons. Santa's are particularly critical as only 13 members have signed up for Santa slots and we need to fill 82 sessions.

If you or a spouse is able to act as a Santa, please sign up so we don't burn out those good Santas we are currently depending upon.

#### Income

Membership Dues	72,325
Membership Fees	1,000
Meals (Guests)	1,750
Meals (Key Club)	100
Kiwanis Night Out	1,500
Sergeant of Arms	2,500
Interest	40

#### Total Income 79,215

#### Expenses

Expenses	
Meals	40,000
International Dues	15,150
Insurance	800
District Meetings	1,400
International Conv	2,600
Directory	700
Salaries/FICA	3,875
Supplies	1,950
Postage/PO Box	340
Feather Party	300
Lt. Gov & Gov	850
Membership	1,000
Web Site	250
Youth Scholarship	300
Kids Christmas	250
Scrapbook	50
Kiwanis Singers	200
Special Comm.	500
Kiwanis Night Out	4,500
Family Picnic	1,200
Sports Day	1,200
Newsletter	300
Key/Builders Club	1,500

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#### Old Tradition, New Again

Bob Morgan, the new sergeant at arms, announced that the Birthday Table will be set for those celebrating their birthday each month.

In your birthday month, look for the birthday table and the club will celebrate with you.

# **Kiwanis Inspirational Moment**

Benjamin Franklin asked "What's a sun dial in the shade?"

As Kiwanians, we must keep our organization in the sunshine of service and fellowship. Only then, like a sun dial in the sun, can Kiwanis fulfill its purpose and be a benefit to ourselves and others.

# **Boots and Coats for Tots**

Please plan to give, as you have done so generously in the past, to the "Boots and Coats for Tots" program again this year! We will take up this very important collection on December 2nd and will gladly accept contributions if you plan to be absent that day.

A new approach to identify worthy kids was implemented two years ago with wonderful results. We were flooded with "thank-you" cards from Head-start, Pre-school and Kindergarten kids that received a new coat or boots and fresh self-esteem last year.

Your Boot and Coat Committee is already working with area teachers to find the next generation of those kids and they will need your help. Thanks for your faithful support. Your Committee.

# Kiwanis Ding-A-Lings

On Friday, December 17, members will again do our part in raising funds for the Salvation Army, to help those in the community who are less fortunate. This has been a Kiwanis project for more than 35 years and the need is greater this year than ever before. Our effort is referred as the Kiwanis Ding-A-Lings and we will ring bells at the following locations: HyVee – Agency, K-Mart, WalMart – North & South Entrances and Shopko.

We will ring bells between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. All we ask is for

members to volunteer for one hour of your time on that date. We need at least 2 volunteers at each location and if you wish, you may bring your spouse, friend or co-worker to ring the bells with you. In addition, you may volunteer for more that one hour if you wish. Sign up will begin on December 2 at our regular meeting. Mark your calendars now to set aside one hour that day to help others have a more joyous holiday. This is what being a Kiwanian is all about.





At the November 16 board meeting, your Kiwanis Directors and Officers approved a \$750 request to help offset the cost of 4 SCC students traveling to Costa Rica for a class that promotes international peace. The Board also approved a donation of \$100 for the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner as well as a \$1300 donation to the Boots & Coats for Tots program in order to meet the full need in our community this winter.

A request was granted in the amount of \$3.50 per Builders Club student that attended the November 19 bowling party with Kiwanis.

Submitted by Michelle Randall, Vice President Elect



## Programs

Arranged by Jeff Rucker

 2 - Carla Jesse, Iowa College Access Network, Empowering Iowans to achieve educational and career goals
9 - Kalen Henderson & Kate Ridinger – Recent WWII Veterans Honor Tour to Washington, D.C.
16 - Sheriff Mike Johnstone & Police Chief Dan Luttenegger
Proposed Des Moines County Joint Law Enforcement Center
23 - No Kiwanis Meeting - Merry Christmas
30 - Kid's Day - Arranged by Emily Stumpf

## Invocations

Arranged by Bruce Widbin



9 - Matt Shinn 16 - Aaron Baltisberger 30 - Emily Stumpf



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# December, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	Kiwanis Meeting <b>2</b> Noon, Comfort Suites IA College Access Network	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites WWII Honor Tour	10	11
12	13	14	15	Birthday Table 16 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Joint Law Enforce- ment Center	17	18
19	20	21 Board Meeting Noon, Peaches	22	<b>23</b> No Meeting, Merry Christmas	24	25
26	27	28	29	Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Kid's Day	31	