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Dear Kiwanians,

The new Kiwanis year has started with a lot of positive things happening in the club. "Rachel's Challenge" was a very big success for the Middle & High School students of Des Moines County. Hopefully it will have a long lasting effect. Our first Travelogue film "Rails Across Russia" was also well attended at the West Burlington auditorium.

As a club, we all must stay active and participate in as many projects as we can, which brings up our November Food Drive challenge. This is a competition between our Kiwanis Club and the local Rotary Club that will benefit the Salvation Army and Neighborhood Center food pantries. I'm sure none of us have gone hungry for Thanksgiving or any other time, so let's be generous and give from the bottom of our heart. The winning club president will have the opportunity to give a "Pie in the Face" to the losing president, and all of you know that will definitely ruin my makeup!!! So bring lots of non-perishable food to each meeting on November 4, 11 and 18.

On November 11th we will be celebrating "Veterans Day" with an inspiring program by Don Henry, and the Kiwanis Singers will provide some applicable entertaining songs. One of our most well attended meetings is our "Feather Party" or "Bingo for Turkeys" on the 18th, so do come and enjoy the fun, but don't bring any guests - Kiwanians Only!!

The holiday months of November & December give all of us many opportunities to participate, so don't sit on the sideline! Kiwanis is about individuals choosing to get involved and make themselves and their communities better.

Karen Clay, 2010-2011 President

Upcoming Activities

We are entering the busiest time of our Kiwanis year! Several opportunities will be available including Santa Claus photos, collection for Boots & Coats, Needy Kids Shopping Spree, Ding-a-Lings and others, all proving your believe in the Kiwanis goals. When activities are announced, please mark your calendar so you can do your part in making the project successful.

Projects are Kiwanis in action - be a true Kiwanian and participate!

Leroy Award Celebration

In 2003 our club introduced a recognition award that we hope will last forever. The award stands for excellence and dedication and recognizes individual Kiwanians for their contributions to our Club and Community. It mirrors and measures everything good as exemplified by its name and person it emulates. This award is given to those who go beyond the mediocre and commonplace, and we believe will be coveted by its recipients for years to come. This award is a simple acknowledgement, but the person it symbolizes is far from simple. The award is referred to as the "Leroy Award" in honor of one of the many heroes in this Kiwanis Club. Mr. Leroy Pease, a true gentleman and a man of distinction in our Club, our schools and all over town. Leroy was a man who earned respect by all. A man with vision and purpose and a man who represented all that is good. He gave freely and expected little in return. This award recognizes quality and excellence in Kiwanis work over the years. Leroy Pease is a true Kiwanian story.



This year's recipient of the "Leroy Award" is Jim Corder. He and his wife Joyce moved to Burlington in 1972. He was Plant Accountant for General Electric. He retired from GE in 1997 after 30 years with the company. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Some of the things he enjoys are gardening, biking, history, and traveling, and is an avid reader. He is active in his church and serves on the Finance Committee and attends the men's Bible study. You can find him involved in many aspects of our Club, but Jim is the originator and long-serving Chair of the Coats and Boots for Tots project, and is Co-Chair and works especially diligently on the Membership Committee. Jim is well-known for always asking a question, but works equally hard to come up with the answers. Once at Thanksgiving he left a house full of family to go play Santa to bring a little magic into a child's life. This is a man who stands out as a true Kiwanian.

Leroy Award Previous Recipients

2003-2004

Bob Prall

2004-2005

Dave Vavroch

Wyman Weinbeck

Gene Van Dewoestyne

Bob Reid

2005-2006

Ruth Ann Sandrock

Dan Wiedemeier

2006-2007

Ed Larson

Cliff Calhoun

2007-2008

Jim Garnjobst

Phil Bartleson

2008-2009

Tom Cameron

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

Martin Luther King Jr. said:

"Every man must decide whether he will work in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgment. Life's most persistent and urgent questions is, "What are you doing for others?"

Kiwanians can answer that question proudly, with more than 150,000 service projects and six million hours of volunteer time every year. The light of creative altruism shines brightly in Kiwanis.

After School Program

The Burlington School District has received funds that are being designated for an after school program at Aldo Leopold and James Madison middle schools. This is limited funding and potentially only available for two years.

Please weigh in if you have a different opinion, but as I see it, we have an opportunity that will help students in need and can focus on a long term project sponsored by Kiwanis. The following is a summary of the program which will begin November 8 and run from 3 to 5 pm each day. The school is expecting 30 students per night and are hoping for growth in the future.

Students will have time to work on homework and get additional help from teachers and volunteers. There will also be time for students to work on other "projects" such as arts, crafts, cooking, sewing, and industrial tech. Each day, the students will get a snack. There will also be group activities and small group "break out" sessions. Based on attendance goals, students will be rewarded with one field trip per month.

What is needed ...

- Funding for the activities and field trips
- Volunteers – try to commit to one night per week or another regular schedule. Volunteers will help with supervision and may be asked to lead an activity that they are comfortable with. Activities could include helping to cook, sew, or building something in the shop.

This is a flexible program that will evolve with time as student's needs change and we find things that work. It is my hope that this is the beginning of the Boys and Girls Club type program that so many understand we need. We can learn from this program what works and what doesn't.

If you or anyone you know can volunteer, please contact:
Brandon Kipp - bkipp@mybd.com or by phone at 319-572-5049
Geane Cleland - gcleland@burlington.K12.ia.us

Thanks for all of your support for this very worthwhile program. Brandon Kipp

Your Board of Directors

The board approved a funding request from the Key Club. It will assist up to six members to attend their District Convention.

Our club is having a food drive competition with the Rotary Club. It will be held October 28 - November 18.

Boots & Coats season will soon be upon us. Last year, we supplied 92 coats and 66 pairs of boots to local children.

Our membership now stands at 177. New members approved at the meeting include Deb Kinney, Heidi Van Winkle and Deb Hatteburg. In hopes to attract more members, we will be sponsor a booth at the Greater Burlington Partnership's Holiday Showcase.

Submitted by Michelle Randall, Vice President Elect

Programs

Arranged by Tom Vance



- 4 - Volunteer Service, Bruce Widbin's Son
- 11 - Veterans Day Message, Don Henry
- 18 - B-I-N-G-O aka Feather Party
- 25 - Happy Thanksgiving, No Meeting

Invocations

Arranged
by
Jim Miller



- 4 - John Bentler
- 11 - Jeff Rucker
- 18 - Sue Nichols



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Food Drive - Buy your non perishable items to take to meeting.	4 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Volunteer Service	5	6
7	8	9	10 Food Drive - Buy your non perishable items to take to meeting.	11 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Veterans Day Message	12	13
14	15	16 Board Meeting Noon, Peaches	17 Food Drive - Buy your non perishable items to take to meeting.	18 Birthday Table Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Feather Party aka BINGO	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 NO MEETING Happy Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29	30	Feather Party On the 18th, members play bingo for turkeys or money for the non chefs! We ask that no guests be invited to attend for this fun members only tradition.			