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My Fellow Kiwanians:

WOW!!! What a hectic time of the year! There are so many wonderful fundraisers and projects happening during the spring months, and we need all the volunteer members to join in the work and fun. Rose Day finished with deliveries being made on April 26th. This committee has worked tirelessly in promoting, selling and delivering dozens of roses. Even though their goal was not quite reached, it was a valiant effort, and we all need to express our appreciation to all the committee members: Co-Chairman – Sharon Graham & Julie Canfield, along with Tom Jones, Nancy Koval, Bob Reid, Jon Hart, Donna Logan, Tom Pilcher, Lois Blythe, Craig Gilchrist, Emily Stumpf, Brandon Kipp, and Char Blodgett. Enjoy the beautiful roses!

As most of you know, Kiwanis Night Out, is fast approaching. Burlington Golf Club will be our destination on Thursday, May 5th for an evening of fine dining and comedic entertainment, with the social hour starting at 6:00 PM. This is meant to say "THANK YOU!" to each and every member who has participated in numerous fundraisers during the Kiwanis year. Please attend and enjoy the camaraderie with fellow Kiwanians. NOTE: No Kiwanis meeting at noon that day!

Our largest fundraiser of the year is planned for the last weekend of May, which is our annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at the Port of Burlington. Everyone in town comes to enjoy the good food, consisting of pancakes and sausage. Tickets have been distributed, and all should diligently sell as many as possible to make it another record Pancake Breakfast. Due to the size and financial impact of this activity, it is imperative that every Kiwanis member assists in some capacity. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be at each weekly meeting, so don't forget to sign up! If you are unable to attend a weekly meeting, either call Ernie Voigt or myself to volunteer for this fabulous and fun fundraiser. Remember – "There's nothing that can't be done, if we raise our voice as one!!"

For the past several months there have been numerous announcements about an intensive "Membership Drive" for our club, but nobody seems to be listening! We have only inducted two new members in the past three months. I think that we all agree that the lifeblood of our organization is its membership, volunteers that give of their

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President's Message Continued...

time, talent and resources. Recruiting and retention of members, therefore, must become a higher priority for Kiwanis, to insure our future strength and impact in our community. The Kiwanis Spirit is contagious, and you see the good that you and your club members are doing, the difference you are making in the lives of young people and you want to share that experience with others. The Kiwanis Spirit only grows stronger when it is shared. GROW YOUR CLUB, GROW YOUR KIWANIS SPIRIT AND YOU'LL GROW YOUR KIWANIS IMPACT! Invite a friend, co-worker, business associate, family member or neighbor to attend a meeting and share the Kiwanis Spirit!

KAREN L. CLAY,
PRESIDENT OF YOUR KIWANIS CLUB

Kiwanis Inspirational Moment

"Our Bank Account"

A 92-year-old, small-framed, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably coifed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home one day. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window. "I Love It," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy. "Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room, just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," he replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like the room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged...it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. "It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or I can get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away. Just for this time in my life. Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in. So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories! Thank you for your part in filling my Memory Bank. I am still depositing."

Your Board of Directors

At the April 19 board meeting, your Board of Directors approved a \$2000 donation to the Girl Scouts for upcoming summer camps as well as a donation of \$112 to Great Prairie AEA for two students to attend summer enrichment at SCC. We are also financially supporting our BHS Key Club to send up to five students to the Key Club International Convention in Phoenix this summer. We hope that they will learn a lot while having some fun and will be able to report back to the club after the meeting to let us know the exciting things that Key Club International is doing.

The board approved the membership application of Mike Norris with Regional Planning. Please welcome Mike to our club and introduce yourself!

The board is excited to offer incentives for our membership drive. Could you be the one to win cash - \$400, \$200 or \$100? Stay tuned for more details and keep inviting folks to Kiwanis!

Submitted by
Michelle Randall,
Vice President Elect

22nd Annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday, May 28 6:30 AM until Noon

The 22nd Annual Pancake Breakfast is just around the corner. Plans are underway and the community is beginning to take notice.



Tickets are being sold and you can always get more if you sell out. You may also want to put a yard sign out so passers by can take note.

Last year we served more than 3,400 breakfasts and raised more than \$30,000 from this event.

As preparations are finalized don't forget to sign up for your shift or purchase your hog!



Congrats to Jerry Parks

Kiwanian, Jerry Parks, will receive the Mayor's Volunteer Award on May 5th at a luncheon at the Burlington Golf Club. The mayors of Burlington and West Burlington and members of the Community Volunteer Alliance have selected individuals who have demonstrated outstanding volunteerism during the past year. As a volunteer, Jerry has bettered the community through local government, human rights and civic engagement. It is always a proud moment when a fellow Kiwanian is honored, and all our club members congratulate you!!



Programs

Arranged by Rick Buller

- 5 - No Noon Meeting, Kiwanis Night Out, Burlington Golf Club, 6 PM
- 12 - Dennis Wilson, Heritage Trust, Preservation Station Rehab Project
- 19 - Ben Carter, Burlington High School, Project Lead the Way
- 26 - Jan Shelman, Young House Family Services

Invocations

Arranged
by
Jim Miller



- 12 - Dave Vavroch
- 19 - Todd Chelf
- 26 - Wyman Weinbeck



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 No Noon Meeting Kiwanis Night Out Burlington Golf Club	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Preservation Station Rehab Project	13	14
15	16	17 Board Meeting Noon, Peaches	18	19 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Project Lead the Way	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Birthday Table Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Young House Family Services	27	28 Pancake Breakfast 6:30 AM - 12 PM
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