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Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

The month of April marks the 86th anniversary for the Burlington Kiwanis Club.

The club was officially chartered on April 27, 1923 and listed 50 original members. A quick glance through the group finds many long-time Burlington names.

Mark A. Walsh was president and Charles H. Walsh was a charter member. Both are related to the two Charlie Walsh's in our current club.

Vice President was E.L. Hirsch, a forebear of Henry Hirsch, who at age 92 recently left our club to move to Florida.

Treasurer was Dr. M.L. Toothacre (the school district dentist, believe it or not). Another charter member was W.A. Witte, connected to the wonderful Witte Foundation that has added so much to our community.

In its 86 years of existence our club has carried out community projects large and small. Probably the best-known was the Kiwanis Pool. This was a totally sponsored Kiwanis project that was accomplished in the midst of the Great Depression. Opening in 1932 and operated by Kiwanis for the next 20 years, the pool was a triumph of the can-do spirit.

Fundraisers over the years have included musical productions, fireworks shows, the Travel and Adventure series (which had its first show in 1958) and the popular and well-attended Pancake Breakfast.

A survey of Kiwanis history would be incomplete without mention of the year 1989, when women were first welcomed into membership. Ruth Ann Sandroock, a current member and long-time Kiwanis stalwart, has the distinction of being one of the first two female members of our group.

As we reach our anniversary date of April 27 and move into our 87th year of service to the community, I hope we all keep in mind the proud history of accomplishment our group has created, and continue to think big and bold as we make plans for the future.

Sincerely,

Jerry Parks,  
President

# Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes

Your Pancake Committee is hard at work with the goal of making our club's largest fund raiser even better. In 2008 our club set a new record with a net of \$27,875. This accounted for the majority of the total contributions our club made to our community. In addition to being a great fund raiser for our club it is a great event that our community looks forward to every year. Last year we also set a record of 3,554 total served which was up 4% over the previous record set in 2004.



This year your committee has set a goal of \$28,000 net funds raised with the following fine tuning to last years improvements:

- Move the coffee prep area into the space previously used by Catfish Bend.
- Change the Raffle to a 50/50 type held at least hourly.
- Add a grill (loaner from LeHarpe Fire Dept. for sausage and start with 1400 lbs of product; total of what we served last year.)
- Further improvement to bottom line by:
- Working on Swiss Valley Farms to again donating 2000 ½ pints of milk
- Working on Tyson to donating 1500 lbs of ground pork
- Higher ticket sales (yard signs, rolling billboard, more corp. ticket sales)

**What can you do to insure a successful event? Remember SOS !!**



**Sell Tickets**

**Offer to Buy a Hog (underwriting the cost so ticket revenue is net funds raised)**

**Sign up to Work 5/23 (at least 3 hours, but hopefully all morning)**

# Kiwanis Night Out

Get ready, get set, it's time to play  
Kiwanis night out is not far away.

Mark your calendar, check your book  
May 8th is the evening you don't have to cook.

The committee has gathered,  
we've met and we've planned  
An evening of fun that won't cost a grand.

A mentalist will be here to entertain the crowd  
Don Sheedy will serve a meal sure to make us proud.

A mentalist you wonder and ask what the heck?  
He will read your mind as he pulls cards from a deck.

If you sign up, I promise you this  
Dave Vavroch won't dance, so be sure not to miss!

Char Blodgett might come although she ran out last year  
I promise you Char, no rodents will appear.

The dress code is for you to pick your own digs  
Maybe Larry Turley can again wear a wig!

Sign up in the back, don't be shy, bring a date,  
Hurry up, do it today as May 1st will be too late.

If you choose not to come you'll be labeled party pooper,  
So hope you can make it, it will be super duper!

## Address Change?

**Send updates to Secretary  
Dana Johnston  
dana@drakehs.com  
or call  
752.1155**

## Rose Sales Continue

Purchase beautiful roses for your administrative professional, yourself, or loved one during the Burlington Kiwanis Club Rose Sales. Proceeds benefit club donations and projects.

**Roses in a Vase \$20**

**Roses Wrapped \$15**

**Delivery Fee \$5**



# **BELONGING**

Recently, I was asked why I became a Kiwanian, why I remain committed to its purpose. Here is why...

An organization is no better than the people that compose it and we have some great members.

We are:

Men and Women	Young and Old
Fathers and Mothers	Sons and Daughters
Black and White	Voters and Taxpayers
Preachers & Teachers	Business Owners & Employees
Doctors & Lawyers	Homemakers & Dream Makers
Leaders & Followers	Spirit Filled & Spirit Minded

And Givers that Keep On Giving!

We represent all walks of life. We love our community, care about its people and are working to help in many ways, THAT'S WHY I BELONG!

I respect the "K" organization and what it represents, but we could call this club by any other name and it wouldn't change a thing for me. There is something in our spirit that warms the heart. It is an attitude and the audacity that no matter where we are, there is no limit to where we can go no matter what the circumstance, we can work to change it, no matter what the need, we can lift others up. THAT'S WHY I BELONG!

We work together, laugh together, pray, and pledge together. We raise money and use it to help others. We are all different but share the same dreams. We care about kids while caring for another. THAT'S WHY I BELONG!

Whenever I attend an event whether it be social, business, spiritual, or cultural and see you there, I know I am in the right place because you represent everything worthwhile. You are the movers and the shakers of our community and are critical to its future success.

When I think about Kiwanis, I think about you. When I talk about Kiwanis, I talk about you. I see you in all the good and worthwhile things that we accomplish. You represent friendship and trust, commitment and integrity. You are givers who expect nothing in return and work hard to make a wrong a right. In case you wonder if you have made a difference in someone's life, you have, by your caring. You are the handshake, the pat on the back, the encouragement to keep going. You are the little things, the little moments that aren't so little.

YOU are Kiwanis and THAT'S WHY I BELONG! Dave Vavroch

## **Membership Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 7  
5:15 PM**

2723 Mount Pleasant St  
(Dave Vavroch's Office)

Committee Members

Char Blodgett

Jim Corder

Elyn Holton - Dean

Jennifer Slocum

Mary Delzell

Molly Lambert

Kara Roberts

John Slahor

Nancy Koval

Anyone Else Who Is  
Interested in  
Membership



## **Programs**

Arranged by Char Blodgett

2 - Ashley Cockrell - Greenway Apartments

9 - Jeff White - Des Moines County Sheriff's Department

16 - Chief Dan Luttenegger - Burlington Police Department

23 - Chief Tom Clements - Burlington Fire Department

30 - Mark Richardson - Great River Medical Center

## **Invocations**

Arranged by  
Carl Engstrom



2 - Todd Chelf

9 - Carol Brokaw

16 - Phil Bartleson

23 - Carl Engstrom

30 - Dan Wiedemeier



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# April, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	Kiwanis Meeting 2 Noon, Comfort Suites Greenway Apartments	3	4
5	6	7	8	Kiwanis Meeting 9 Noon, Comfort Suites Des Moines County Sheriff Department	10	11
12	13	14	15	Kiwanis Meeting 16 Noon, Comfort Suites Burlington Police Department	17	18
19	20	Board Mtg 21 Noon Fun City Rose Sales Deliv- ery & Pick Up	22	Kiwanis Meeting 23 Noon, Comfort Suites Burlington Fire Department	24	25
26	27	28	29	Kiwanis Meeting 30 Noon, Comfort Suites Great River Medical Center		