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Kiwanis Kid's Day

Each year, members are invited to invite the favorite kids in their life to a special program. Kiwanis Kid's Day will be held on Wednesday, December 31 with a program from the Iowa Children's Museum.



This is the time when Kiwanians may bring family members of all ages or favorite neighbor kids to Kiwanis as guests of the club. Start planning now to bring a youngster to Kiwanis that day.

Kid's Shopping Spree

The Kid's Shopping Spree at Target, the morning of Saturday, December 13 is a very heart warming and sometimes heart wrenching experience. For at least 20 years, our Kiwanis Club has been providing for needy children to shop for Christmas gifts for themselves and/or their families. If you haven't been involved in this project before, get involved now. It will lift your spirits to shop with the children and to see the joy on their faces as they select gifts and have them wrapped. The youngsters, in many instances, are experiencing the freedom to select gifts for their family for the first time in their lives.

Volunteers are needed for transporting the children, shopping with children, and wrapping gifts. Sign-up begins the first regular meeting in December. A couple of hours of your time may change the life of a child! Lois Blythe is the chairperson and can be contacted at 319-753-1647 or lblythe@burlington.lib.ia.us.



Feather Party, Always a Fun Kiwanis Day

Our traditional "Feather Party" was held at our regular meeting on November 20. The "Feather Party" is always a relaxed day until the BINGO cards come out. Then some of the more competitive members roll up their sleeves and get ready to win a turkey. A total of 24 turkeys of approximately 13 pounds and 1 larger turkey for the full card BINGO were provided as well as cash envelopes for the winners.

The winners were: Aaron Baltisberger, Wyman Weinbeck, Don Lofgren, John Bentler, Lois Blythe, Steve Preader, Kim Taeger, Clint Reif, Faith Krause, Karen Erickson, Tom Seibert, Carol Brokaw, Tom Rexroth, Molly Lambert, Tom Cameron, Zola Starkey, Sharon Graham, Jim Corder, Don Duke, Joe Haley, Brandon Kipp, Jerry Parks, Christine Van Meter, Rich Buller, Dick Weiss, Karen Clay, and Jane E. Wilson

The generosity of the club was evident in the fact that of the 25 turkeys that were won, 9 were donated to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.



Jim Fisch was the chairperson of this committee.



Santa Project is Underway

December is a very busy month for our club and the projects require a great deal of volunteer time by the members. The Santa Project, one of the clubs larger fundraisers, will continue until Christmas. This project requires LOTS of volunteers, so sign up to help at the next meeting. This is a major club project and deserves our utmost attention. Bruce Smith is the chairperson for this project.



The Christmas Season is upon us and it is sometimes so hectic that we do not have time to enjoy the interaction with others, whether it is friends, family members or others we encounter in the course of our work day. This Christmas Season, before you go to bed at night, ask yourself,

"Whose life did I make a little brighter today?"

Address Change?

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

***or call
752.1155***

Is there something you want to see in the newsletter?

Send article ideas by the 25th of each month to

***Tom Cameron, Newsletter Editor,
tom@cameronins.com***

or

***Kay Sackville Breuer, Newsletter Designer,
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Calling All Ding A Lings

On Friday, December 19 the Kiwanis Ding-A-Lings will be in action. On that day, our club members will ring the bells at 5 locations for the Salvation Army. Tentatively, the locations will be HyVee on Agency, K-Mart, Shopko, and both entrances at Wal-Mart. It is possible that Kohls will be substituted for one of those locations if they approve bell ringing at their store. Sign-up will begin the first regular meeting in December and all we ask is that you donate one hour of your time to this project. The hours will be from

10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and we need at least 2 members at each location.

You are not limited to a one hour stint. If you want to participate for more than one hour, by all means sign up to do so. No matter what the weather is, the fact that you are helping those less fortunate will be a feeling that will keep you warm. Tom Cameron is the chairperson for this project.



Boots and Coats for Tots

The project begins at our regular meeting on December 4 when a special collection will be taken for donations for Coats & Boots for Tots. Member donations are used to purchase warm coats and boots for youngsters in our area with that need. It is alarming the number of children who attend school without adequate winter garments to keep them warm. It is not too uncommon to see a tot walking to school on a cold day with only a sweat-shirt or flannel shirt with no coat, gloves or boots. Give generously. Your gift will surely gladden the heart of a child. This project directly fits the goal of Kiwanis to "serve the children of the world!"

Jim Corder is the chairperson for this project and last year we delivered 100 coats. There will be baskets on each table for your contributions, so please be generous.



Thanks for The Service

Each Kiwanis year we meet numerous times for lunch at Comfort Suites. We arrive, the tables are set, the food is ready, the piano is in it's place, flags are ready and the podium stands up front for our weekly routine.

These things wouldn't happen without the hard work of the staff at the Comfort Suites. On December 18 at our regular meeting, a collection will be taken for a gratuity for the wait staff and setup crew at the Comfort Suites. This group works very hard to provide for our every need.

Please be generous and show them how much we appreciate their efforts.

December Programs

Arranged by Bob Morgan



4 - Dr. Jennifer K. Berge, Burlington Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic, "Sleep Apnea"

11 - Sharon Rexroth, Author "Christmas from the Sky"

18 - Kathy Dye, Singer (Former Kiwanian) "A Holiday Musical with Kathy"

25 - No meeting "Happy Holidays"

31 - Kids Day, Deb Dunkhase, Iowa Children's Museum, Informational Presentation & Children's Activity Table

Invocations

Arranged by Tom Rexroth



Invocations have been arranged and will be presented at the regular weekly meetings.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	Kiwanis Meeting 4 Noon, Comfort Suites Sleep Apnea, Dr. Jennifer Berge	5	6
7	8	9	10	Kiwanis Meeting 11 Noon, Comfort Suites Sharon Rexroth, Author	12	13 Kid's Shopping Day at Target, 6:45 am
14	15	16 Kiwanis Board Meeting 12 Noon Fun City	17	Kiwanis Meeting 18 Noon, Comfort Suites Kathy Dye, Holiday Musical with Kathy	19 Ding A Ling's 10 am-4 pm	20
21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas, No Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	Kiwanis 31 Noon, Comfort Suites Kids Day	January 1, 2009 Happy New Year, Meeting on Wednesday		