

# Kiwanis®

Burlington, Iowa

Serving the Children of the World®

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Dear Kiwanians,

February is rally time for Kiwanis clubs. The Kiwanis year is well underway and projects and committees are working behind the scenes for the next chance to serve.

A new opportunity will appear this month, as we will be preparing meals with the Kid's Against Hunger program on February 13th. We will be working side by side with the Key Club to package meals that will be specifically earmarked for Haiti relief. This work will be done on a Saturday morning and your volunteer effort is appreciated. At this time the board has designated funding for one order. The order covers the cost for packaging 10 boxes for shipment. Each box contains 36 bags of product and each bag serves 6 people. So 2,160 people will be served with this packaging. If we get enough volunteers, we will certainly consider supporting additional meals. Please consider your part in offering a hungry child a meal in Haiti.

It's also rally time for the Rose Day Committee as they prepare for the Administrative Assistant's day in April. If you are interested in serving on that committee, please contact Sharon Graham or Donna (newly retired) Logan. Congratulations Donna.

The Kiwanis Night Out group will start looking ahead to our May event and it won't be long until we'll be hearing about pancakes and Memorial Day. Despite the long cold winter, there's still work to be done so join the rally and serve where you can.

Last month we announced Steve Francis as the newest member of our board of directors. Please thank Steve for his willingness to answer the call to service. Steve will be filling in a 2-year term and the board is looking forward to Steve's contribution.

It has been a long winter already, but spring is just around the corner and the snowbirds will be arriving home soon. Just keep looking forward.

Regards,

Craig Smith

## ***Kiwanis Dinner Club***

New in March, a Kiwanis Dinner Club will be forming.

Hosted by Jane Wilson, Kiwanis members will come together for a fun night out.

A wonderful meal will be prepared and lots of fantastic conversation will be had.

Listen for announcements and signups for an exciting dining experience.



## ***Thursday Meals***

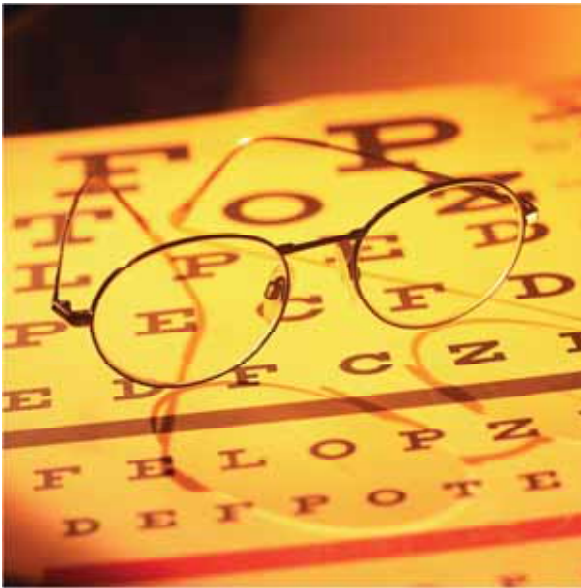
Each week we gather together to enjoy camaraderie, Kiwanis announcements, a bit of humor and lunch.

The lunch count is taken when we sign in and by the number of silverware and napkins we use. These numbers are compared by Comfort Suites and Kiwanis to assess our billing.

The past few months the number has been off, so in order to help out please sign in at the back table and use only one set of silverware.

If you need additional napkins please let the servers know.

## ***Donate Your Used Eye Glasses***



In February, the club will be collecting old eyeglasses. If you have any old pairs of glasses you can donate be sure to bring them to the Thursday meeting. There will be a drop area for them when you sign in.

The glasses will then be turned into the Lions Club. This is a great way for Kiwanis to show support of another local service club.

### ***Address Change?***

***Send updates to Secretary Michelle Randall***

***mwilliams@lisco.com  
call 752.6027***

### ***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,  
kbreuer@growburlington.com***

## ***Are You Doing Your Best to Make New Members Welcome?***

Try to picture this – you have been asked to consider joining the Burlington Kiwanis Club and attended a meeting as a guest. You were given a membership application and a booklet telling about the Kiwanis organization. You were very excited at the prospect of working with all the other members to accomplish the goal of “Serving the children of the world.” When you are inducted your sponsor introduces you to all in attendance and you are filled with pride.

Now, picture this – it is one week later and you are attending your first regular meeting as a member. You are not sure where to hang your coat, but you notice others hanging theirs in the cloak room, so you do the same. You then enter the double doors into the meeting room and there are people visiting there, but no one notices you. You ask yourself, “What do I do now?” You notice others checking something on the table as you enter and when you look at it, it is obviously an attendance sheet, so you also do that. What comes next – people are sitting at various tables. Are their assigned seats? Finally, someone you are acquainted with asks you to sit with them. You are relieved because at least you will have someone to visit with. You sit down, and then wonder about your lunch, so you ask your acquaintance who tells you there is a buffet line for you to get your own. Finally, you have your food, eat your lunch and enjoy the meeting. The conversation at the table is cordial, but not very inclusive.

What is wrong with these scenarios? We have lost some new members in the past year because we were not welcoming. That is a disgrace. Here we are, all with the goal of serving children and we cannot even serve our fellow member. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to be their mentor and companion for several weeks as they become familiar with what membership is all about. There is more to being a sponsor than getting someone to put their name on a membership application.

What can we all do about this? It should be fairly easy – introduce yourself to the new member, preferably as they enter the meeting room. This will make them feel more comfortable. Forget your own little “clique” and be warm and friendly to the new member. Make them feel that they truly are members and part of the club. Remember, before we can “Serve the children of the world” we must extend ourselves and serve our fellow members, also. Let’s not lose any more new members because they did not feel welcome. Make an effort!

Tom Cameron

## ***Everything Is Coming Up Roses***

The annual Rose sales will begin soon! Get Ready to Sell, Sell, Sell!

The committee is planning new and exciting twists to this year’s rose sales. A special kickoff is planned for February 18 at the club meeting.

Originally the rose sales began as a way to say thank you to Administrative Assistants, but the committee wants to offer roses for everyone. The sales will skyrocket if roses are sold to say thank you, just let a friend or loved one know you care, or even for yourself to enjoy at home or work.

Again this year the roses will be \$20 per dozen in a vase or \$15 wrapped. Delivery or pick up will also be options.

Stay tuned for more details.

## ***Programs***

Arranged by Keith Schulz



4–Dennis Hinkle, President and CEO, Greater Burlington Partnership

11–Robert McConnell, Music Director and Conductor,  
SE Iowa Symphony Orchestra

18–Becky Anderson, President, Capitol Theater Foundation

25–Margaret Hansen, Executive Director,

Community Foundation of Des Moines County

## ***Invocations***

Arranged by  
Melodee  
Richardson



Invocations will be  
announced at  
club meeting



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	Kiwanis Meeting 4 Noon, Comfort Suites Greater Burlington Partnership	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites SEI Symphony	12	13
14	15	16 Board Mtg Noon Fun City	17	18 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Capitol Theater	19	20
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