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Dear Kiwanians,

As you read this, we will just have completed the busiest month of our Kiwanis year. A huge thank you to the committee chairs and members for organizing the many December events, and to everyone who volunteered to provide the manpower that made them happen.

Bruce Smith and the Santa Committee made Fun City an enchanted place for over a month. Lois Blythe and her group organized another very successful shopping spree at Target. Tom Cameron organized the Salvation Army Ding-A-Lings again, but it was sadly cancelled due to the December 19 ice storm that hit the region. If you were planning to drop a little something into a Salvation Army kettle that day, we're pretty sure that Capt. Otto would still accept your donation.

I've enjoyed the first 3 months of our Kiwanis year a great deal and am looking forward to an exciting 2009. Be ready for a number of excellent weekly programs and be watching for the re-scheduled Prospective Member Reception later this month.

Last summer at the Kiwanis International convention, they did a video feature called "Kiwanis Moment," interviewing people and asking them to describe a special moment that really typified the Kiwanis experience. My favorite one involved a Kiwanian from Alabama. After one of the recent hurricanes hit the southern coast, he traveled to a town in Louisiana to visit a Kiwanis Club he was familiar with to see if they needed any help. When he arrived in town, he found their regular meeting place, a local church, was completely flattened and nothing more than a pile of rubble. The club was meeting temporarily in the church parking lot. He arrived at their meeting, expecting to find them pre-occupied with the issues of relocating their club and re-organizing their group. Instead, he found the primary topic of discussion was their recently completed successful fund-raiser, organized to buy backpacks of school supplies for kids who had lost everything in the storm and were trying to get started back in schools.

What an incredible focus on selfless service, and a great example for us and Kiwanis Clubs everywhere. Best wishes to us all as we continue to "serve the children of the world."

Jerry Parks

## **Welcome, New Members**



Angela Beardsley,  
Sunnybrook  
Assisted Living



Karen Carter,  
Great River  
Medical Center



Whitney Henderson,  
Burlington Bees



Alyssa Hinshaw,  
Anderson, Roberts,  
Porth, & Wallace



Suzanne Lundsford,  
Sunnybrook  
Assisted Living



Michael Orthel,  
First United  
Methodist Church



Chris Oleson,  
Great River  
Hospice

## **Sharing Kiwanis**

One of the most important ongoing projects is Membership Development. The planned Prospective Member Reception was delayed in December and will be rescheduled soon. However, you can still invite a prospective member to attend a meeting as your guest instead of waiting for the reception. Some prospects might prefer the more subtle approach. We have some excellent, active newer members that would surely help you in the introductory process. We are a large organization and there is a natural loss of members either by job relocation, job responsibilities prohibiting time to participate in club meetings and activities or through death and illness.

## **January Kiwanis Projects**

Although there are no specific projects scheduled for January, this is the ideal time for the committees for recently completed projects to meet and discuss results and assemble ideas for improvement. The success of an organization the size of our club is dependent on the various diverse ideas that are molded together to form the basics of the project. An excellent example is the Pancake Day. The procedures used today for that project are basically the same as the very first event, with improvements made over the years to cope with the increasing size and demands of the event. If you have suggestions, give them to the event chairpersons.

### **Address Change?**

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

### **Don't Forget to Sign In!**

**When you arrive each week, don't forget to sign in at the back table before picking up your name badge. Signing in helps to track our number of meals each week and make sure our bill is correct. It also counts towards perfect attendance if you are working towards that.**

## **Boots and Coats for Tots**

This was another record breaking year for this program. A total of \$1,559.30 was donated by members at our meeting in December, and some additional donations were received after that date. If you ever question how much need there is right here in Burlington, drive by an elementary school in the morning as the kids are going to school and see the number of youngsters without gloves, hats, proper footwear or an adequate coat. It is astounding. We are constantly reminded about the poverty and hunger in the world and that cannot be overstated, but there are persons with deep needs right here in our neighborhoods. Most of us in Kiwanis have been Blessed and it is surprising how far a small donation will go in meeting the requirements of those in need. To date 78 coats were distributed and requests were still coming in.

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## **A New Year Thought**

I am your constant companion.  
I am your greatest asset or heaviest burden.  
I will push you up to success or down to disappointment.  
I am at your command.  
Half the things you do might just as well be turned over to me,  
for I can do them quickly, correctly, and profitably.  
I am easily managed, just be firm with me.  
Those who are great, I have made great.  
Those who are failures, I have made failures.  
I am not a machine, though I work with the precision of a  
machine and the intelligence of a person.  
You can run me for profit, or you can run me for ruin.  
Show me that you want it done. Educate me. Train me.  
Lead me. Reward me.  
And I will then...do it automatically.  
I am your servant.  
Who am I?  
I am a habit.

## **Dues Bills Q and A**

The Kiwanis Club works on a fiscal year of October 1 - September 30. Dues for the club are typically billed the first of each quarter.

Due to some unforeseen family circumstances the bills have been delayed. We apologize for the inconvenience.

The January bill will be for the first quarter (October - December) of membership. The March bill will be for the second quarter (January - March) of membership. The May bill will be for the third quarter (April - June) of membership and a final bill will be sent in July for the final quarter (July - September).

Feel free to make payments as needed. If you have any questions, contact Linda DeFosse, Treasurer.



## **January Programs**

Arranged by Jeff Rucker

8 - Terry Carroll, Head Basketball Coach, SCC

15 - Greg Morris, Football Equipment Manager – University of Iowa

22 - Doug Worden, Burlington City Manager

29 - Phil Collier, Parks & Recreation Director – City of Burlington

## **Invocations**

Arranged by  
Dan  
Wiedemeier



8 – Brandon Kipp

15 - Dennis Imler

22 - Larry Turley

29 - Reed Hutchcraft



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy New Year No Meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Kiwaniis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Terry Carroll, SCC Basketball Coach	9	10
11	12	13 Kiwaniis Board Meeting 12 Noon Fun City	14	15 Kiwaniis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Greg Morris, Iowa Football Equip Mngr	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Kiwaniis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Doug Worden, City Manager	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Kiwaniis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Phil Collier, Parks & Rec	30	31