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Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

Greetings from Nashville! Karen, Craig and I are having a great time here in Music City at the 95th annual Kiwanis International Convention.

Kiwanis conventions are like getting a vitamin shot - you leave feeling excited, energized and inspired.

I wish everyone in our club could attend. Hearing the stories of work Kiwanis is doing is a wonderful tonic!

This morning I talked to a man whose club organizes a place for families of hospital patients to stay for the University of California - Davis hospitals. About 80 Kiwanis clubs support this project, and its yearly budget is half a million dollars.

At a general session, we heard about a book project that many clubs support. It was started by Dolly Parton. Parents simply sign up their children up to age 5, and every month the child receives an age-appropriate read-aloud book in the mail to keep.

One of the candidates for Kiwanis President was a child of missionaries in Honduras, and he has fond memories of the area people receiving food and other types of aid from Kiwanis programs.

If you think you might like to attend a convention, next year could be a good time. The convention is in Las Vegas. Airfare shouldn't be too bad, and there's usually a wide range of comfortable lodging. If you're really looking for a vacation, the 2011 convention is in Switzerland. (Matt Shinn, you lucked out.)

Anyway, give Las Vegas some serious thought. It would be exciting to have a number of people from our group all together getting great ideas at an International Convention.

Sincerely,
Jerry Parks,
President

Kiwanis Sports Day Reflections

Kiwanis "Sports Day" is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, July 16** with the evening festivities to be held at the 40 & 8 Park directly north of Community Field beginning at 6:00 p.m.



Kiwanis "Play Day" has been an annual event for our club for many years. The name was changed to "Sports Day" in recent years. In the past it involved golf at Flint Hills Golf Course followed by the evening events held at "Hawkeye Cabin" which was owned by The Hawk Eye newspaper and was located on the south side Golf Course Road a short distance east of the golf course. It was on a hill overlooking Burlington and was at the edge of a woods. The small cabin was not utilized for the event except for a place for some of the members to play cards in the afternoon. The feature of Play Day was a spit roasted round of beef. Ollie Richardson, a member at the time, built a large rotisserie out of an oil storage tank with a motorized spit & a tray for the charcoal. Of course, it took many persons to keep a watchful eye on the progress of the beef and to carry out the secret recipe. They would often start the roasting of the beef at 6:00 a.m. The secret ingredient was that it was basted quite generously with beer. Don Pease, a long time active member, provided the beer and there was usually far more than needed for the beef, so it could not be wasted, of course. You can guess the rest of the story. The beef truly was a real delicacy. The rest of the meal was catered, usually by Automatic Vending which was owned by Marshall Markey, also a long time member. Long tables were set up near the cabin and it was, indeed, a feast.

For those not playing golf, there were card games, Frisbee and badminton at the cabin site. A couple of humorous incidents make the event memorable to me. Charles Walsh was a big man, tall and muscular. His favorite car was a small MG Roadster which he drove to the event one year. Charles had never played Frisbee and was thoroughly enjoying it when some of the club members, at the direction of Dick Beckman, a close friend of Charles Walsh, picked the MG up and carried it into the woods. When the evening festivities were over, Charles was very perplexed as to where he had parked his car. Finally, after a considerable length of time, the ornery members divulged the location of the car and carried it back to the parking area so Charles could drive it home.

Another memory I have is one year when I was involved in the golf committee for Play Day. I did not plan to play, but an older member came out shortly after golf began and wanted to play. He had a minor vision deficiency and every time he hit the ball, he would immediately turn to me and say, "Where did it go?" I would then show him where his ball was. The words, "Where did it go" were echoing in my brain at the end of the day. It had become very warm so when we got ready to go to Hawkeye Cabin, I started the car, put the windows up and turned on the air conditioner while I was changing from golf shoes to tennis shoes. Suddenly there was a tap on my car window and it was my golfing partner and he asked, "Where do we go?" I thought I had heard those words for the last time when we finished golf, but they haunted me one more time.



"Sports Day" is very much like the "Play Day" of old except that the evening festivities are now held at the 40&8 Park. The Hawkeye Cabin no longer exists, but many memories of it and the Kiwanis events held there are still very vivid in the minds of some of us who have been long time members.



Tom Cameron

Kiwanis Sports Day, July 16

**Golf - 12:30 Shotgun Start at Flint Hills Golf Course
Picnic - at the 40 & 8 Park**

Welcome New Members!



Tony Hayes
Great River
Medical Center



Matt Bessine
Aspelmeier, Fisch, Power,
Engberg & Helling



Sue Heater
Carpetland



Annette Remick
Homeless Shelter

Want something in the Kiwanis Newsletter?

If you have Kiwanis News, Events, or Service Projects, submit the information for inclusion in the newsletter. Tom Cameron and Kay Sackville Breuer work on the newsletter each month and are always looking for more information. (Obviously in July we didn't have enough information since we are filling space with this text!)

So, send it over...Tom Cameron tom@cameronins.com

What's Happening? @ Kiwanis Board Meeting

So far this year we have donated over \$30,000 to local children projects. Everyone keep up the good work!

New fundraisers are scheduled July 24th & July 25th . Friday in conjunction with Burlington Bees we have a "Christmas in July" at the ballpark. Whitney Henderson & Christine VanMeter will be giving us further details. On Saturday, RAGBRAI will dip its wheels in our Mississippi, and Dennis Wilson is organizing a mini-pancake & sausage breakfast. Volunteer and enjoy the fun!

Current membership is 191, as we sadly accepted resignations from Mike Routh, Molly Lambert, Lt. Col. Ben Nutt, Wayne Krantz and Bill Kuepper this month. Invite someone to join us at a Kiwanis meeting – they might like it!

Karen L. Clay, Vice President Elect

Programs



Arranged by Kay Sackville Breuer

- 2 - Independence Day Celebration Featuring the
Kiwanis Singers, Veteran Recognition and More
- 9 - Burlington RAGBRAI - Volunteer Committee
- 16 - No Meeting; Kiwanis Sports Day at Flint Hills Golf Course and 40&8 Park
- 23 - Flint River Trail - Susan Denk
- 30 - Future Service of Burlington Kiwanis - Craig Smith

Invocations

Arranged by
Rick Buller



To Be Announced
at the Weekly
Club Meetings



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	Kiwanis Meeting 2 Noon, Comfort Suites Independence Day Celebration	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Burlington RAGBRAI	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 No Meeting SPORTS DAY Golf @ Flint Hills Picnic @ 40&8	17	18
19	20	21 Board Mtg Noon Fun City	22	23 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Flint River Trail	24	
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