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Dear Kiwanians,

We are off to a good start as we begin the new Kiwanis year. I'd like to extend my sincere appreciation to each of you for your warm reception as I begin my year at the helm. It has been exciting so far and I'd like to share some updates with you as we enter our season of Thanksgiving.

I'm thankful that Christine Van Meter has undertaken the role as chairperson for the Santa Project. It's a big job so please be willing to assist when asked. This fund raiser has been a wonderful tradition for many years and this committee will need your help.

What a wonderful start to the new Travelogue season. Thanks to the committee for keeping that ball rolling. Over 270 people attended the opening night despite the cold rainy weather. Well Done Committee!

Dave Wiemer has completed the program chairs for the year and my thanks go out to Dave and all members who have volunteered to organize the programs on short notice.

The board has met to approve our budget for the year and to initiate our new board members. The Dictionary and Thesaurus project is underway and the Boots and Coats for Tots team is preparing to assist with the needs of the underprivileged children in our community.

It has been a good start to the year ahead and as the holidays approach, I hope you will be sensitive to those who are hurting in our community. Measure that pain to the rich blessings in your own life and please allow yourself the freedom to serve and give with a grateful heart.

Thankfully,

Craig Smith, President

Dictionary & Thesaurus Project

If you ask Jim Garnjobst what the best service project of the Burlington Kiwanis Club is, you will get an answer that is very close to his heart.

In it's eighth year, the Dictionary and Thesaurus Project is that answer. Jim began the project and is still the driving force behind it.

Each year members of the club help distribute dictionaries to third graders in Des Moines County. Seventh graders of Des Moines County will receive a Thesauruses.

If you would like to help deliver the books this year, contact Jim Garnjobst.

Time to Give Thanks

This is the beginning of a very busy season for our club. Thanksgiving is a time for us to give thanks for who we are, what we are, and our opportunities to share with others.

We were all created with different abilities and talents and the success of this club is the blending of these abilities and talents to accomplish our goals. Not everyone will have the same ideas as to how to accomplish a task, but by working together it is amazing what can be accomplished. This is a time for prayerful recollection of the past and present.

Immediately following Thanksgiving, members are asked to participate in many club projects. The Santa project, Boots & Coats for Tots, Dingalings, Target Shopping with Children, and other opportunities.

I guarantee you will get more out of your efforts than you give. Tom Cameron

Address Change?

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Is there something you want to see in the newsletter?

***Send article ideas by the 25th of each month to
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Boots and Coats for Tots

Please plan to give, as you have done so generously in the past, to the “Boots and Coats for Tots” program again this year! We will take up this very important collection on December 3rd and will gladly accept advance contributions if you plan to be absent that day. Your donation helps put new coats on area children in need.

We were flooded with “thank-you” cards from pre-school and kindergarten kids that received a new coat and fresh self-esteem last year.

A new approach to identifying specific needs was implemented last year with wonderful results. Your Boot and Coat Committee is already working with Head-Start, pre-school and K teachers to find those kids that come to school without warm winter coats.

Thanks for your faithful support. Lynn Egan, Karen Erickson, Brandon Kipp, Kara Roberts, Ruth Ann Sandroock, Michele Schnicker, Michelle Williams & Jim Corder.

Feather Party? What?

You may have heard a recent announcement at a Thursday Meeting regarding the Feather Party OR you might see in the Program section below that on November 19 we are having a Feather Party.

So, what is the Feather Party? The Feather Party is celebration time! Each year, club members have the opportunity to win a Turkey to use for their own Thanksgiving feast!

Instead of a speaker, all club members play bingo to win one of over 20 Turkeys or cash prizes for those non cooks! This is a fun tradition and spin on a regular Thursday meeting.



What's Happening? @ Kiwanis Board Meeting

At the last Kiwanis Board Meeting held in October the following items were discussed and acted upon:

The Board approved ordering 1,000 dictionaries and thesauruses along with labels for the inside covers. The Nurses Program report indicated the demand for the program has increased and the program has been expanded to include hygiene items. The Scholarship fund now exceeds \$100,000.00

Kiwanis International Foundation requested a donation of \$5 per member. This fund goes toward worldwide disasters and the like. The board approved \$1,000 to be sent as had been done in years past.

Matt Shinn, Vice President Elect



Programs

Arranged by Tom Vance

5 - Des Moines County Public Health, Barb Baker

12 - Auditor for the State of Iowa, David A. Vaudt

19 - Feather Party - No Guests Please

At the Feather Party, Club Members play Bingo for their chance to win a Turkey

Invocations

Arranged by
Jane E. Wilson



5 - John Bentler

12 - Lisa Elmore

19 - Lynn Egan



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Des Moines County Health Department	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites State of Iowa Auditor	13	14
15	16	17 Board Mtg Noon Fun City	18	19 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites FEATHER PARTY	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving No Kiwanis Meeting	27	28
29	30					