# **Kiwanis**

#### Burlington, Iowa

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November, 2012

Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

"Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile." -William Cullen Bryant

Wow - my first month as President has flown by! I greatly appreciate all that my predecessors have done to ensure the success of our club! It's great to have had so much support from them as well as the rest of the club. Thanks to all of for your input, assistance and encouragement.

I absolutely love this time of year. It leads into two of my favorite holidays (Halloween and Thanksgiving). And it leads into a busy time of year for our club.

Thank you to:

- the Dictionary/Thesaurus Committee who will soon be delivering books to local school children,
- the Santa Committee that is planning for our picture fund-raiser,
- the Travelogue Committee which already has one program under their belt,
- Coats for Kids which is busy searching for the best deals on coats to keep our little ones warm,
- Christmas Shopping Spree which will be the first Saturday of December.

Your board of directors has also hit the ground running. They approved up to \$11,000 for the after school program and that committee is hard at work seeking other funding from foundations and businesses in the area. And, we have many of our volunteer slots filled with club members who are willing to give their time to help. It's a daunting task to think we're starting another program at Edward Stone Middle School, but I have confidence in our committee, our club and our community. Thank you for your dedication!

We are forming an exploratory committee for an adult "sock-hop" in late winter. If you are interested in being on this committee, please let me know ASAP. Planning would need to start very soon. Thanks!

Who has more holiday spirit - Kiwanis or Rotary? We'll find out in a few weeks! On November 8 and 15, we'll be collecting nonperishable food items for the Salvation Army's food pantry. They are at their lowest levels in about 10 years. Please give generously, because we're competing with Rotary, who will give their donations to the Neighborhood Center's food pantry. The President that collects the least amount of food will get a pie in the face. PLEASE don't let that be our President Randall!

Yours In Kiwanis Service, Michelle Randall, 2012-2013 President

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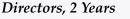
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#### Le Roy Award

For many years our club has looked for a way to recognize individuals for their contributions to our club and community – a symbol or icon that stands for excellence and dedication. Something that will withstand the test of time, something proven and based on high principles.

In 2003, our club introduced a recognition award that we hope will last forever. An award that mirrors and measures everything good as exemplified by its name and the person it emulates.

This award has been given to a select few who go beyond the mediocre and commonplace and I will be coveted by its recipients for years to come. This award is a simple acknowledgement, but the person it symbolizes was far from simple.

This award is referred to as the "Le Roy" in honor of one of the many heroes in this Kiwanis Club. Mr. Le Roy Pease, was a true gentleman and a man of distinction in our club, our schools and all over town.

Le Roy was a man that earned respect by all. A man with vision and purpose and a man that represented all that is good. He gave freely and expected little in return. This award recognizes quality and excellence in Kiwanis work over the years. Le Roy Pease was a true Kiwanian story.

This years "Le Roy" recipient, Jerry Parks, is no stranger to hard work, involvement,

volunteering and trying new and different things.

Jerry has been involved with Young House, Young House Family Service Foundation board, Library board, Early Child-



hood of Iowa, Des Moines County Community Foundation, Child Abuse Council, Renewable Energy Committee, South Hill Neighborhood Assoc., Education Foundation, Parenting class at ADDS, Tutored at Aldo Leopold, Worked as a fire fighter on Prairie grass burns, Trimmed the yards of the elderly, Served as Foster Parent, Member Heritage Trust Organization, Respite care for Foster parents and H & R Block National Community Volunteer award.

In addition to all of these accomplishments, Jerry has worked in various capacities in our school system, our own Kiwanis piano player, past board member and president of our Kiwanis Club and most important Jerry is a proud owner of a dump truck.

Congratulations Jerry and thanks for all you do for others.

# Sgt. At Arms

Each week the Sgt. At Arms gets the crowd going, offers up Boast, Bull or Brags, gets tipped off by others or comes up with a game to get your money!

Donations to Sgt. At Arms are now tax deductible because of a funding change that the 2011-2012 Board of Directors approved. Please be advised that quid pro quo contributions in excess of \$75 are deductible only to the extent they exceed the value of any goods or services provided by the Kiwanis Activities Corp in return. For purposes of this provision, quid pro quo contributions are defined as contributions and partly in consideration for goods or services furnished to the donor. Typically, quid pro quo contributions are made in connection with charitable fund raising events, such as charity golf tournaments or auctions, where part of the payment constitutes a contribution.

In connection with the solicitation or the receipt of a quid pro quo contribution, Kiwanis will provide to you a written statement that (1) informs you (the donor) that the amount of the contribution deductible for federal income tax purpose is limited to the excess of the amount of money contributed over the value of the goods and services provided by Kiwanis and (2) provides you with a good faith estimate of the value of such goods and services.

If you have further questions, please seek assistance from your tax advisor.

#### Your Board of Directors

Your Board of Directors approved the following funding requests at the October board meetings:

•Up to \$11,000 in support of the After School Program at Aldo Leopold and Edward Stone Middle Schools •Burlington Police Safe Trick-or-Treat - \$100

Submitted by Melissa Jones, Secretary

# *Club Directories Available*

Your 2012-2013 Club Directory is available at the weekly meetings.

If you would like a directory but haven't been able to get to the meetings, please email Michelle Randall at mwilliams@lisco.com and she will make sure you get one.

#### Welcome Guests

Guests are always welcome at our Kiwanis meetings! Prospective members eat for free (the club absorbs the \$10 cost). Please bring a neighbor, co-worker, or friend to join us for a meeting or two in November. Looking forward to meeting your prospective member!

# **Coats for Kids**

November is a month for giving thanks and we in Kiwanis have a lot to be thankful for. Kiwanis is focused on helping children in need and some of the kids need a warm winter coat. On November 29 all of us will be able to help a selected group of children feel the warmth of that new winter coat.

The Coats for Kids project (previously known as Coats and Boots for Tots) is entering its 21st year. This project under the direction of Jim Corder has received the Iowa "Governor's Community Service Award". Last year Kiwanis provided 97 new coats to children selected by Head Start and The Nest of Des Moines County as needing a new winter coat. This year the committee is Brooke Mehaffey, Bruce Widbin, Craig Ewinger, Sarah Schwartz, Karen Erickson and Tom Jones.

On November 29 please come prepared to help us fund the purchase of new coats for the kids. If you are unable to attend and want to contribute to this project please see one of the committee members.

# Here Comes Santa Claus

This is the 21st year the Kiwanis Santa Project has been providing top quality professional pictures of "Kids with Santa" to Burlington area residents and the 6th year we have been located at Fun City. The Project is a major Kiwanis fund-raiser and relies on members time and talents to set-up, promote and run the project.

Photos are printed on 5" x 7" quality photo paper and can be printed in several options ranging from one portrait per sheet to 8 - I.D. size pictures on the sheet. A single sheet is \$8.00 and reduced pricing is available for packages. In addition, Fun City generously provides a \$5 coupon

toward the purchase of a \$10.00 fun card for each youth in the picture. Our value and quality cannot be beaten!

As a new feature this year we will be offering larger size Santa photos in conjunction with Cameral Land. There will be 4 larger sizes available ranging from  $10'' \times 12''$  up to  $20'' \times 30''$ .

Each year we look for Santas, Photographers and Sales Associates. Volunteer positions are for 2 or 3 hours. Please plan to help with the project by volunteering for one or more time slots.

Santa Project Co-chairmen -Gary Young and Tom Pilcher



#### Santa Photo Schedule

Friday, November 23 5 to 9 PM

Saturday, November 24 10 AM to 9 PM

Friday, November 30 5 to 9 PM

Saturday, December 01 10 AM to 9 PM

Sunday, December 02 10 AM to 6 PM

Friday, December 07 5 to 9 PM

Saturday, December 08 10 AM to 9 PM

Sunday, December 09 10 AM to 6 PM

Friday, December 14 5 to 9 PM

Saturday, December 15 10 AM to 9 PM

Sunday, December 16 10 AM to 6 PM

Tuesday, December 18 12 to 9 PM

Wednesday, December 19 12 to 9 PM

Thursday, December 20 12 to 9 PM

Friday, December 21 10 AM to 9 PM

Saturday, December 22 10 AM to 9 PM

Sunday, December 23 10 AM to 6 PM

Programs

Arranged by Tom Vance



- 1 Des Moines County Attorney, Pat Jackson
- 8 Young House Family Services, Shauna Freitag

15 - BINGO aka Feather Party

- 22 Happy Thanksgiving, no meeting
- 29 Physical Therapy, Karen Elliott



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites DMC Attorney	2	3
4	5	6	7 Bring food for Salvation Army Collection	Birthday Table 8 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Young House	9	10
11	12	13 Board Meeting 12 pm, The Drake	14 Bring food for Salvation Army Collection	15 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites BINGO	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Happy Thanksgiving No Kiwanis Meeting	23 Santa, 5-9 PM Fun City	24 Santa, 10 AM -9 PM Fun City
25	26	27	28	29 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Physical Therapy	Santa, 5-9 PM Fun City	