

# Kiwanis®

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Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

I was reminded many times at both the District Convention on March 31st and the Club Excellence Workshop on April 7th of just how fortunate we are to be part of such a great club. As other clubs shared both their successes and challenges, I was reminded of how many positive attributes our club has. And yes, while we have a few areas that could use improvement, our club cup is 90% plus full!!

Allow me again to urge you to please take the time to invite quests to our meetings. Use that prospect form we put out on the tables to make your to-do list of at least 3 prospective members you will invite to join us for lunch. On the back of the form is a list of 120 types of people in your life that you could consider inviting. And remember you don't have to pay for their lunch or even sell Kiwanis. The club picks up the cost of their lunch and our club sells itself, as proven by the fact that 50% or more of our invited prospects join. To give you some incentive we'll have a drawing for all members who have invited a prospect since October at our May 31st meeting. So far we have dining gift certificates from Peaches, Fun City, The Drake, Napoli's and Happy Joe's.

Finally, I announced last week that we have two members who will receive the Mayor's Lifetime Achievement Award on May 10th and want to share their nominations with you as an inspiration to all of us for aspiring to this level of service.

Jim Corder has been a member of our Kiwanis Club since 1988. He has chaired our Boots and Coats for Tots program for 20 years which has helped over 2,000 needy children. Jim has also chaired our Membership Growth and Retention Committee for many years. He always volunteers wherever needed, and continues to serve on our Santa, Pancake Breakfast, After School Program and Kids Shopping Spree projects.

Jim and Joyce have been married 56 years and have four children, 10 grandchildren (one an adopted grandson from China) and 8 great grandchildren. He retired from GE in 1997 after 30 years but continues as a member of the GE Elfun Society and has been active in their local services such as Community Action.

Jim is very active in First United Methodist Church, serving as Lay Leader for FUMC. For many years he served as President of United Methodist Men and has chaired many of the various committees and is presently Chair of Finance. In addition, Jim has served on the Board of Adjustments, City Planning Commissioner, Enterprise Zone, United Way Allocations Review, and as a Boy Scout Leader.

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A fun night out with some "square" celebrities . . .



# Kiwanis Night Out

Saturday, May 12



Comfort Suites

1780 Stonegate Drive, Burlington

6:00–7:00 PM Social Hour

7:00–8:00 PM Dinner

8:00–9:00ish PM Entertainment



## For Your Dining Pleasure:

Ribeye de Bargo with Skewered Shrimp

Spinach Salad w/ Strawberries, Blue Cheese crumbles, Pecans, Red Onion

served with choice of Vinaigrette or Blue Cheese dressing

Red Pepper Spinach Risotto

Green Beans or Asparagus

Fresh Baked Bread

Tiramisu or Black Forest Parfait

Coffee, Tea, Water

Cash Bar

Please join us for an evening of good food, great friends, and lots of laughter and fun!

This is a special occasion to show appreciation And gratitude to our members for their hard work Raising funds and participating in our many activities throughout the year.

Guests are welcome ~ \$25

Reservations are requested no later than May 3, 2012.



# It's Pancake Time!

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast is quickly approaching! Always held on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, the breakfast has become one of the Burlington area's annual events and is held in conjunction with the Snake Alley Criterium. It's also considered by many as the kick-off of the downtown riverfront summer events.



Last year this event netted over \$26,800 to support our club's many youth activities. In order for this event to be successful, it's important that all members participate in the many facets of this fund raiser.

So, how can you help to assure the success of this project?

- Sell tickets – Ask your neighbors, friends, business associates, customers, everyone. Last year, 3,810 were sold. Wouldn't it be great to top 4,000 tickets?
- Buy a "hog" – Whole hog-\$100, Half hog-\$50, Quarter hog-\$25. Last year, hog sales totaled \$4,827. This helps defray the cost of product.
- Sign up to work the event - We need lots of volunteer help. If you're not able to attend any club meetings before the event, you can call Lois Blythe at 753-1647 or email her at lblythe@burlington.lib.ia.us. She can assist you in signing up to work at the event.



Please acknowledge and support the companies, businesses, and individuals who support this project by their donations of products, services, and contributions. Without their support, our "bottom-line" would be considerably less.

If you have any questions, please contact Chip Readinger (750-7130) or John Bentler (759-0216).

## Want to Help? Here's How

Friday night, May 25<sup>th</sup>

Set-up Port Building – 7:30 - 10:30 (The more workers, the faster the setup goes)

Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

Greeters, Seaters, Pancake Mixers, or Batter Dispenser Fillers 6 - 9 9 - 12

Ticket Sales 9 - 12

Plates 9 - 12:15

Sausage or Pancake Line Servers 6:15 - 9:15 9 - 12

Seconds Servers 7:00 - 9:45 9:30 - 12

Pancake Cookers 6 - 9 7:30 - 12 9 - 12

Sausage Cookers, Patty Peelers, or Sausage Runners 5:30 - 8 8 - 10:30 10:30 - 1

Coffee Servers 6:15 - 9 8:30 - 10:30 10:30 - 1

Milk & Juice Line Servers 6:15 - 9:15 9:15 - 12

Table Bussers 7 - 9 8:30 - 10:30 10:30 - 1

Clean-up 12 - 2:00

## President's Letter continued...

Lois Blythe has been a member of our Kiwanis Club since 1989, and was our first woman President in 2000-2001. Lois, also, served as a Lt. Governor for the Iowa-Illinois District. She always volunteers wherever needed, and continues to Chair the Kiwanis Scrapbook committee and the Kids Christmas Shopping Spree which

she has done for a number of years, and cochairs the Key Club and Christmas in Summer committees. She is a member of Kiwanis Singers and serves on other Kiwanis committees each year including our Pancake Breakfast where she and her family start work at 5:00 am and don't leave until the early afternoon.

Lois and Ike have been married 22 years and have four children. One daughter was the first Key Club President at BHS. She has been employed at the Burlington Public Library for 22 years and was called to the priesthood in her church. The family has served at the Community Thanksgiving Day dinner for 17 years which Lois has, also, coor-

inated. Lois has been a volunteer leader for Girl & Boy Scouts for many years and the Blythe family has been recognized as "Family of the Year" by the Scouting program.

Dennis Wilson, President 2011-2012 "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."

## Pool Time Fun!

The Dankwardt Pool Painting Project came off without a hitch!!!! The day was beautiful, we quickly got started on time, cleaned the wading pool and commenced to paint.

Brad Selby, City Recreation Manager, pre-mixed the epoxy paint and fueled our paint buckets and pans for the roller brigade! Jerry Parks wife Lynn manned the front entrance with cleaning supplies and still managed to collect old towels for washing and gathered up all the lost and found articles from last year.

A great big "Thank You" goes to all those who volunteered and *The Hawk Eye* newspaper for their coverage of our Kiwanis One Day Project in the Sunday April 22nd edition.

Thanks again to Dennis Wilson, Jerry and Lynn Parks, Craig Ewinger, Dave Wiemer, Bruce Widbin, Julie



Canfield and Ben Lundell, our "Star of the Day," who will be 90 years young in July, and inspired us all!!!

Thanks for all your help and hope to see you all at "The Pool." Tim Agnew

## Kiwanis Bring Up Grades

Bring Up Grades or BUG is a program designed to provide recognition to students who raise their grades into an acceptable range and maintain or continue to raise them from one grading period to the next. Recognition includes being placed on the school's BUG Honor

Roll; a pizza, ice cream or other food-themed party; and presentation of certificates and buttons.

The Burlington Kiwanis Key Club, under the direction of Sue Cohoon, chose the 4th grade at Blackhawk for this project. We are still waiting to hear if they are interested in pursuing the program. Once confirmed, the plan is to have a pizza party, unless teachers request something otherwise, for students who have improved their grades from first to third quarter.

Through the program, students are empowered to participate in their own academic success, which builds self-confidence, perseverance and character. They attain important life skills known as developmental assets, that help them make smart choices.



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Kiwanis and Like us!

Stay up to date with weekly  
meetings and fun pictures!

### Got Photos?

If you have any fun pictures of  
Kiwanians at our events, service  
projects and meetings, send them  
to Kay Sackville Breuer. You never  
know, we might use them in an  
issue of the monthly newsletter.

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# So, Why Are YOU a Member?

When I was asked to attend a meeting, I didn't know much about Kiwanis. Dr. Merlin VanZee extended the invitation while I was at his office with my beloved pet, Shyann. Although time passed before I actually attended as his guest, that initial conversation "planted the seed."



When I did attend a meeting, I saw several familiar faces, met many friendly folks, and laughed. I remember thinking, "What a neat group of people." That visit was nurtured by future contacts from Karen Clay, Jim Corder and Dave Vavroch, followed by a casual gathering for "prospectives" at Jane Schulte's home. I remember asking several members what they liked best about Kiwanis and was surprised by the variety of responses – each had a different aspect of Kiwanis that was endearing to them. I decided then and there to become a Kiwanian.



Three years have passed and these are just a few of the things I now know about our Kiwanis Club: we value our members; we are very concerned about the wellbeing of our community's children; we act on those concerns with great diligence; we are awesome at fund raising; our meetings are fun and topics are relevant; and we are the quintessence of community pancake breakfasts.

I also know it is my responsibility to share my Kiwanis "experience" and plant a seed by extending an invitation to others to attend our meetings. It is my hope our club embraces membership growth with the tenacity of a weed so we may continue to be a viable presence in the lives of children.



Proud to be a Kiwanian,  
Julie Canfield

## Your Board of Directors

Your Board of Directors approved the following funding requests at the April 17 meeting:

- Leap Day Tornado in southern Illinois – 42 Key Club students lost their homes from the damage.
- \$236 in camperships for the YMCA/YWCA.
- \$1000 to the Spastics Paralysis Research Foundation, which is the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District project.

Submitted by  
Michelle Randall,  
Vice President



### Programs

Arranged by Lois Blythe

- May 3 - Senior Medicare Patrol, Larry Kiesel, Volunteer
- May 17 - Music Therapy, Amanda Neira, Music Therapist
- May 24 - Burlington Public Library, Rhonda Frevert
- May 31 - Therapy Dog, Sammie & Birch

### Invocations

Arranged by  
Morris Hurd



To Be Announced  
at Meeting



PO Box 15  
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# May, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Board Meeting 5 pm, The Drake	2	3 Kiwaniis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites SEnior Medical Patrol	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 No Meeting Roundtable at Peaches	11	12 Kiwaniis Night Out Comfort Suites
13	14	15 Board Meeting 12 pm, The Drake	16	17 Kiwaniis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Music Therapy	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Kiwaniis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Burlington Public Library	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Kiwaniis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Therapy Dog		