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Dear Kiwanians,
Hard to believe this is my last month as President and my last chance to brag on what a great club we have. We met October 18th for our first board meeting and kick-off planning session with twenty three board members and committee chairman participating, and agreed it was very worthwhile. Following are a few of the plans we made that night:

Socials - We need to think out of the box and not necessarily do the same things again and again – will encourage the sports day, family picnic and kiwanis night out chairs to feel free to come up with some new approaches. WOW, did we over achieve here with the best and wildest Kiwanis night out ever, the family picnic at the Bees Park which many said was the best ever and a great sports day golf tournament at BGC.

Public Relations/Publicity - Tim & Sharon's committee will work on getting more articles in the newspaper, radio etc. to get Kiwanis better known in the community. What a great job Tim & Sharon did this year with more articles and pictures of Kiwanis activities in the paper and many more submitted.

Rachel's Challenge or similar event - Dave Vavroch and committee are working on a similar event for this fall with our club being the major sponsor.

Kiwanis OneDay, April 21 - Our service project, painting the kiddy pool, was appreciated and recognized.

New or Expanded Service Projects - Will work with the Key Club to take on BUG (Bring Up Grades) for the 2nd part of the year with the clubs financial backing. While the Key Club didn't make as much progress

as they hoped this year Sue Cohoon reports we should see some results next year (see her article). Brandon's committee will come to the board in November/December with a proposal for After School program. We had a very successful After School program this year and now the committee is planning an expanded program at Leopold for this school year plus meeting with the Rotary to encourage their leadership to offer a similar program at Stone.

Membership - Agreed our biggest challenge is to get members to invite prospective members as only 11% of our members did last year. I couldn't be more pleased with our results this year as through August, 18% of our members have invited a prospect to a meeting which is a 64% improvement from last year and 40% improvement of the average of the last 10 years. And we set our goals for Membership Growth at 25 new members (which would be a 200% improvement from last year). As of our August Board meeting we have approved 22 new member applications for our club (a close rate of 52% of those prospects invited) and should more than reach the goal of 25 in September.

WOW, what an outstanding year we've had and I'm blessed to have shared with you in our meetings, projects, socials and successes. Thank you for your contribution to making our club the best ever.

Please make a special effort to make our last meeting of the year on September 27th. We'll be presenting a number of special recognitions including the Leroy Award and celebrating a great Kiwanis year.

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

Kiwanis Board Invests Dollars

On Tuesday, August 21st, at the Board meeting, it was decided that Kiwanis would conservatively invest some excess funds into a Franklin U.S. Government Securities Fund.

As a Board, we felt we needed to be better stewards of the funds that our Club has worked hard to accumulate. As current interest rates being offered for CD's are near all-time lows, we decided to move SOME of our money into a mutual fund that invests in securities that are directly and/or inherently backed by the U.S. Government.

This fund is currently paying over 2.5 percent and also offers the Club an opportunity for some growth of our principal. This fund is not guaranteed, but over any period of time over 3 years it has always resulted in a positive return. Over the life of this fund it has returned over 5.33 percent per year.

It is our goal to see that we use our funds wisely with the best interests of our Club and its members as our first priority. In the current interest rate environment, we do not think that CD's are the most prudent place for our money. This investment is NOT necessarily a long-term commitment, but it is what we think is best, for at least the near term, use of or excess money.

Kiwanis Air Show Breakfast, September 22

Our Kiwanis Club is serving our famous pancake breakfast at this year's Southeast Iowa Regional Air Show. The breakfast, held in the new hanger just south of the terminal, is a great community event as well as a fundraiser for our club.

Serving is from 7 AM to 10 AM. Volunteers from other Burlington service clubs will be joining us in staging this breakfast. We need members to sign up to help with the set up on Thursday, September 20th and for the actual event on Saturday, September 22nd. On Saturday, we have two shifts, 6 AM to 8:30 AM and 8:30 AM to 11 AM. The second shift will also involve the tear-down, after the breakfast concludes at 10 AM.

We need 6-8 members to help with the Thursday set-up and 12 per shift for the Saturday breakfast. Sign-up sheets will be available at our noon meetings or call John Bentler at 759-0216 for questions or to sign up.

BUG - Bringing Up Grades

The Key Club kick started the BUG program at the end of the school year with Blackhawk Elementary school. There was some difficulty with setting up a time with the teacher and Key Club members schedules, but we were finally able to get the program initiated.

Key Club members visited the 3rd grade class and talked with them about the importance of doing well in school, then stayed to play games with the students.

The first Key Club meeting was August 28th at Burlington High School, where plans were made to continue this project by contacting the school (teacher and principal) to set up times to visit to work with the students and to set up a plan with the teacher concerning incentives for students.

Sue Cohoon, Key Club
Faculty Advisor

2012 - 2013 Directory & Committee Sign Up

*Please send your updates and committee preference to
Michelle Randall, 319-753-1671, ext. 31450 or
Michelle.Randall@iwd.iowa.gov*

*If you need a new picture, see Duane Lee
at Thursday Meetings*

Kiwanis Scholarship Fund

Many of you may be unaware of the fact that your Kiwanis Club of Burlington awards five \$1,000 scholarships each year. Each scholarship is awarded over two semesters at \$500 each and is strictly for tuition. Scholarship money is paid directly to the college.

One of these scholarships is awarded to one of our Key Club members whom is recommended to our club by the Key Club Advisor. The other four scholarships are awarded through the Southeastern Community College Foundation.

Up until about five years ago, these four scholarships were awarded to high school seniors by their counselors. At the time, the counselors made their selections based on need, but usually had the student apply for other scholarships and grants. After the scholarship was awarded, many times the student would receive word that they had won a "full ride" scholarship or grant. This would leave the Kiwanis Scholarship unused as it is only for tuition. This situation precipitated the change to the Southeastern Community College Foundation.

The SCC Foundation finds students that are worthy of a Kiwanis Scholarship and would not be able to attend college without our help. These are students who do not qualify for other scholarships or grants. Typically, the Kiwanis Scholarship is the only financial aide they receive. They are not the poorest of poor or the smartest students as those are the types that get all the help through other sources. They are simply average young men and women who wish to better themselves and their families, but can't because of the cost.

You and your Kiwanis Club can take great pride that a helping hand is being offered to these students in the form of Kiwanis Scholarships. Their dream of a college education may now come true.

Your Board of Directors

Your Board of Directors approved up to \$200 for local schools to have ribbons during Red Ribbon Week. BHS' Renaissance Program will receive \$100 from the club. We will also donate \$100 to the Make A Wish Foundation.

Lots of new member applications were approved!

- Tina Salamone, Director, Capitol Theater
- Angela Beardsley, Sunnybrook
- Jerry Johnson, Director, Art Guild
- Roy Dixon, Leyda, Burrus & Metz
- Tracy Balbort, Village Cooperative
- Bill Partain, MidWest One Bank

Please welcome them the next time you see them at a meeting. We are happy to have you as part of our Kiwanis family!

Submitted by Michelle Randall, Vice President



Programs

Arranged by Chip Readinger

6 - Abdullah Alwahdani, MD, Medical Director, Great River Cardiology and

Great River Heart and Vascular Center of GRMC

13 - Candidate John Archer, House of Representatives Iowa's 2nd

Congregational District

20 - John Griffith, Science Instructor, Great River Christian School

Invocations

Will Be

Announced

at Meeting

Centurions Recognized

A centurion is an Kiwanis member whose age and years of membership equal 100. On July 19 members gathered at the Thursday meeting for a special walk down memory lane with our Centurions. The meeting was held at the Burlington Apartments as it was in the 1950's and 60's. For the next several months, we will recognize these members and share their stories.

Jim Corder joined Kiwanis on February 4, 1988. He and his wife, Joyce, have been married for 56 years. Jim said that he feels like a combination of Abraham and Methuselah because they have 27 direct descendants. They have eight great-grandchildren who keep them young. He is retired from General Electric after 30 years of employment with that company.

Jim became a member due to being mesmerized at his first attendance at a meeting when Bob Dole, Republican Presidential Primary Candidate, was the speaker. He has served on the Board of Directors. He has chaired the Coats and Boots for Tots project for 20 years and has served as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee for 11 years. His favorite project is Coats and Boots for Tots. His favorite memory is the "Laugh In" program at Kiwanis Night Out several years ago. He is a recipient of the Leroy Award.

Ralph E. Cushman has been a Kiwanis member since September 8, 1983. He and his wife, Audrey, enjoy attending the Travelogue series. He is retired from private business.

Ralph joined the club because it was a men's organization at that time. Ralph served on many committees and volunteered for "... whatever service projects that came up." His favorite activity is the Santa Project.

Bob Engberg joined Kiwanis on September 6, 1976 as a result of being invited to join by a member, Jim Fisch, of the law firm, Aspeimeier, Fisch, Power, Engberg, and Helling, where Bob is employed. He has been married for 42 years to his wife, Mary, for 42 years. They have two adult children, Aaron and Emily and are the grandparents of three grandchildren.

Bob has served as a member of the Board of Directors, Sergeant At Arms, and President. His favorite memory is recognizing the late Wayne Johnson, a Kiwanis member for many years.

Richard Goughnour joined the Burlington Kiwanis Club on January 22, 1987 when he moved to Burlington. He and his wife, Virginia, have four children, nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren who live throughout the Midwest. He was an award-winning newspaper publisher in Mediapolis for 23 years before becoming employed in the printing and direct mailing business after selling the newspaper. He has been retired for 10 years.

Richard joined Kiwanis because his banker, Charlie Walsh, said that he would sponsor him when and if he ever decided to join Kiwanis. (Richard had been a member of the Mediapolis Lions Club for 26 years.) He has served in all of the Kiwanis offices starting as Sergeant At Arms in 1989-90. He served as club president in 1996-97. He has served as committee chairman for numerous Kiwanis projects and volunteered to assume the Pancake Day Breakfast fundraiser for the third annual event to which was added that delicious whole-hog sausage. Pancake Day has become the largest fundraiser for Burlington Kiwanis Club. He also provided leadership for the Youth Scholarship Fund project which raised \$100,000 over a twelve-year period. His favorite memory is when he dressed as Mrs. Santa Claus at Christmas time when he was the Sergeant At Arms. Richard said, "That meeting was a riot!"

Richard served as Lt. Governor in 1998-99 and he and his wife attended six International Conventions. He served on numerous national committees during those years. Richard received the prestigious George F. Hixson Kiwanis Award in October of 1988.

Phillip Paule has been a Kiwanis member since February 6, 1959. Due to an accident, he has not been able to be an active member, but has retained his Kiwanis membership.

John "Bud" Hart will celebrate his 50th anniversary as a Kiwanis member on November 5, 2012. He and his wife, Mary, have a son, Jon, who is also an active member of Kiwanis. He is retired from ownership of a garbage and recycling center.

Bud sits at Table One at weekly meetings. He joined the club to meet new people because he was employed in sales at that time. He currently serves on the Kiwanis Sunshine & Smiles Flower Day fundraiser. His favorite projects are Shopping with Santa, Santa Project fundraiser, and Paint-A-Thon.

Ed Larson became a Kiwanis member since January 20, 1977 in order to represent his employer, Chittendon & Eastman from which he is retired. He is a widower and is the father of two sons and one daughter.

Ed sits at Table One at weekly meetings. He has served on the Board of Directors and chaired the Santa Project and PlayDay events. His favorite Kiwanis project is the Pancake Day Breakfast and his favorite Kiwanis memory is "the old days."

Ben Lundell has been a Kiwanis member for 13 years. He and his wife, Fran, have been married for 65 years. He has been retired for 26 years after being employed for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for 40 years.

He joined Kiwanis at the invitation of Glenn Porter, who is deceased. His favorite Kiwanis activities are the Santa Project and Sports Day. He enjoys meeting and working with other Kiwanis members on various service projects.

Al Lunning has been a Kiwanis member since September 18, 1950, which makes him the Kiwanian with the most seniority. He is a retired funeral director from Lunning Chapel. He and his wife, Genevieve, have five daughters and one son. Al says that his children are all wonderful.

He originally joined the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club because he wanted to help other people. He served as President in 1969. He also served as Chairman of the Program Committee and the Travel and Adventure Committee for several years. His favorite Kiwanis project is the Pancake Day Breakfast. He enjoyed participating in the Golf League.

Tom O'Keefe was invited to join Kiwanis by Jim Corder and has been a member for 24 years. He has been married to his wife, Judy, for 55 years and they have five children and seven grandchildren. He is retired from General Electric.

He has served on a number of Kiwanis committees and participated in many activities including Paint-A-Thon, Santa Project, Salvation Army Bell Ringer, and Kids Shopping Sprees. His favorite project is the Santa Project and his favorite memory is when he played Santa and was recognized by a grandson. After the photo session with "Grandpa" Santa, the boy exclaimed, "That's not Santa, that's Grandpa!"

C. Lawrence Paule joined Kiwanis on February 25, 1960. Larry is retired from Paule Jewelry Store and is married to wife, Billie.

Larry joined because "... it got him out of the store." Larry played the trumpet before each Kiwanis meeting until just recently. His favorite Kiwanis project is Pancake Day Breakfast. His favorite memory is sharing his musical gift with fellow Kiwanians by playing his trumpet for many years.

Warren R. Schulz joined Kiwanis on May 4, 1967. He has been married to his wife, Elva, for 57 years and they have two daughters, Sandra Miller and Linda Ross. They have 5 grandchildren. He is the retired owner of the former Beckman Professional Dry Cleaners.

Warren was employed as the principal of what was formerly Oak Street Junior High School at the time that he joined Kiwanis. He liked and continues to appreciate the Kiwanis emphasis on children. He served as club president in 1991-92. He served on the Travelogue Committee and the Santa Project for many years. He has many fond memories of Kiwanis projects and activities. He particularly likes the Aldo Leopold Middle School After School Program.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Board Meeting 5 pm, The Drake	5	6 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites Dr. Alwahdani	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites John Archer	14	15
16	17	18 Board Meeting 12 pm, The Drake	19	20 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites John Griffith	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Kiwanis Meeting Noon, Comfort Suites President's Farewell Leroy Award	28	29
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