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Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

December is a busy time for all and yet as a club we ask you to find additional time outside your business, personal and religious time commitments to help with a variety of club service projects and our Santa Project fund raiser.

On December 4th you can help provide a needy child with a warm coat when a collection is taken for our Coats for Kids Project. If you can't attend the meeting your contribution would still be welcome!

Do you want to take part in a project that often shows the love of a needy child for his/her family as they try to find gifts for their family members often leaving it so they don't have much to spend for their own gift? If you do, take part in our Kids' Christmas Shopping Spree at Target at 6:30 AM on Saturday, December 6th. Target partners with us to make this a memorable experience for the children (and us adults!). Sign up on December 4th or contact Lois Blythe if you would like to help and fill your heart with Christmas spirit.

On Friday, December 19th we will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Shopko, HyV-ee on Agency, and both entrances at Wal-Mart from 10 AM to 4 PM. The sign up sheets for one hour shifts will be available at the club meetings starting December 4th. As a club and as individuals we use this opportunity to provide funding to assist the area's needy. We ask you to give what you can for this project and we will have a collection container at our December 18th meeting for those who can't help ring the bells but want to give. The day we ring the bells for the Salvation Army is usually their best collection of the season.

The Santa Project will be running full steam ahead during December and club members can volunteer to be Santa, to take pictures, or to serve as the sales person. Sign up sheets are at each meeting to allow you to see what slots need filled and to sign up for one or more slots. Slots are open on December 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23. This is one of our fund raisers but it also is a community service as it provides an economical way for parents to get a picture their loved one(s) with Santa.

Because Christmas and New Year are both on Thursday this year we will have our Kids' Day Meeting on Tuesday, December 30th. Bring your kids, grand kids, and/or neighbor kids to the meeting that will feature a youth oriented meal and activities.

I hope everyone has a great December and a safe holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Jim Sleister, 2014-15 Kiwanis President

Le Roy Award

In 2003, our club introduced a recognition 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. 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 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 year’s recipient of the Le Roy is Sharon Graham. A few words that describe Sharon are involved, giving, smart, friendly, multi-talented, leader, well dressed, outgoing, connected, creative, and hard working!

Sharon has been a member of our club for eight years, is a board member and has participated in several committees over the years including Spin Art, Travelouge, Key Club, Programs, After School Program, and Rose Day.

Dave Vavroch commented that Sharon is one of the most positive people in our club and is always friendly and smiling. It’s contagious, we should all do the same.



Past Recipients of the Leroy Award

2003-2004

Bob Prall

2004-2005

**Dave Vavroch,
Wyman Weinbeck,
Gene Van Dewoestyne,
Bob Reid**

2005-2006

**Ruth Ann Sandrock,
Dan Weidemeier**

2006-2007

**Ed Larson,
Cliff Calhoun**

2007-2008

**Jim Garnjobst,
Phil Bartleson**

2008-2009

Tom Cameron

2009-2010

Jim Corder

2010-2011

Lois Blythe

2011-2012

Jerry Parks

2012-2013

Bob Engberg



Kiwanis In The 1920s

In 1920 the total membership of Kiwanis reached 28,500 in 267 clubs. The editor of the Kiwanis magazine coined the motto “We Build”, saying Kiwanis clubs build communities. In 1918 the first Kiwanis headquarters was established in Chicago. By 1924, the headquarters had moved twice into different buildings in downtown Chicago as Kiwanis outgrew the space they had rented. In that year it moved to its third location in downtown Chicago and would call that location home for 7 years. In 1922 Toronto, Ontario hosted the first convention outside of the United States. Total membership reached nearly 90,000 with more than 1,200 clubs during 1924 with the Burlington Kiwanis Club being one of those clubs. At the international convention held in Denver of that year the Constitution and Bylaws of Kiwanis International was adopted and the six Objects of Kiwanis were adopted. They remain unchanged to this day. In 1925 Kiwanis sponsored the

first Key Club at Sacramento High School in California. Projects conducted by clubs during the 1920s included providing milk for school children, providing assistance including a place for unwed mothers to live until the baby was born, providing scales for schools to track student growth, providing transportation for police, fire, and emergency departments as well as many other worthwhile projects. The number Kiwanis clubs and members continued to grow during the 1920s.

In 1921 Mark Walsh had some correspondence with the International Headquarter advising them that the formation of the club in Burlington would be delayed until fall. That delay extended until February, 1923. By that time Mark’s brother, Eugene, was president of the Davenport Kiwanis Club. C.H. Walsh wrote Harry Hirtzler of Davenport on April 19th that he had 20 men who promised to go in as Charter Members. Organizer Warren Kimsey was told to report at once to Davenport, confer with Mr. Hirtzler and then come to Burlington to organize the club.

This was done and the Burlington Club #1021 was chartered on April 27, 1923 with 50 members. Officers were: President Mark A. Walsh, Vice President E. L. Hirsch, Secretary Max A. Conrad and Treasurer M.L. Toothacre. The Burlington Hawk

Eye reported the organizational meeting in detail telling readers on April 28, 1923 that 62 Charter Members are in a club with the purpose to promote civic and business activities. By July, 1923 the membership list had swelled to 81 members.

The Burlington Kiwanis Club generally met at Hotel Burlington during its early history. Just meeting to eat and exchange pleasantries was never enough. From the start, the Club immediately sought to fill needs of the community and establish a real reason for its existence—to be of service. The need to provide milk for underprivileged and probably undernourished school children was immediately recognized and became the clubs first project. To provide funds for this venture, the Kiwanis Milk Fund Show was inaugurated and took the form of a Minstrel Show. It was an immediate success. At times over 60,000 half pint bottles or cartons of milk per year were supplied to children through the public and parochial schools. Later the Kiwanis Milk Fund Show gave way to the Travel and Adventure Series (Travelogue).

More KI and Burlington Kiwanis Club history will be provided each month. This information comes from KI sources as well as a publication produced (and then updated) called the History of the Burlington, Iowa Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanis 2014 Santa Photo Schedule

Hours at Fun City in the Pzazz Complex

Fri, Dec 5, 2014	3pm to 9pm
Sat, Dec 6, 2014	10am to 7pm
Sun, Dec 7, 2014	Noon to 6pm
Fri, Dec 12, 2014	3pm to 9pm
Sat, Dec 13, 2014	10am to 9pm
Sun, Dec 14, 2014	Noon to 6pm
Fri, Dec 19, 2014	Noon to 9pm
Sat, Dec 20, 2014	10am to 9pm
Sun, Dec 21, 2014	Noon to 6pm
Monday, Dec 22, 2014	3pm to 9pm
Tuesday, Dec 23, 2014	Noon to 9pm

Special Pet Day with Santa at Farm King

Sat, Nov 29, 2014 10am to 4 pm



KIWANIS Santa Photos
Boogaloo Lobby at Fun City
Photo Packages starting at \$9.00
All Profits Benefit
Local Kids

Package Pricing

- Package A - \$30.00 3-5x7s, 2-3 ½ x5s, 8 wallets
- Package B - \$25.00 2-5x7s, 1-3 ½ x5, 8 wallets
- Package C - \$17.00 1-5x7, 1-3 ½ x5, 4 wallets
- Package D – Build your own, first sheet \$9, additional sheets \$6

Mark Your Calendar...

4 – Loving Opportunities Fair Trade Market,
First United Methodist Church, Pastor Melissa

4 – Donations for Coats for Tots

6 – Kids Shopping Spree @ Target

11 – Senator Tom Courtney

16 – Board Meeting, 12 @ The Drake

18 – Freedoms Journey, Monty Knutson

19 – Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

23 – Round Table @ Peaches

25 – Merry Christmas

30 – Kids Day

Programs arranged by Tom Rexroth



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