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To my fellow Kiwanians - Welcome to the first letter of my term.

I'll begin by saying Thank You for allowing me to serve as your Club President. I can say that I did NOT know what all was involved until about a month or two ago! Although it is a bit overwhelming, it is not insurmountable.

Over the last several years, while serving on the Board, Sargent AT Arms, Vice President, and then President elect, I have seen some of our strengths and recognized a few of our weaknesses. I hope to build upon those strengths as well as work to overcome or eliminate our weaknesses.

As I heard the leadership before me say, we do a lot of things very well. During this term I will not get in the way of those things. The few things in which we do not excel, I hope to assist the Club and its membership in those areas.

Thanks to all that have served previously and thanks to those that continue to serve. It is your service that makes this a great club. If there is one thing I want us to remember and think about, it is this: "Kiwaniis is a global organization of VOLUNTEERS.."

As we move forward this upcoming year, please keep this spirit of volunteering. I believe it will only strengthen our Club and assist those we are trying to serve.

Respectfully,
Jon Hart
2015-16 Kiwanis President

The 2015-2016 Club Directories will be available in mid October. Don't forget to pick yours up. The Directories are a great resource of contact information, photos and club information including committee assignments and event dates.

SAVE THE DATE!

Shopping Spree for Children in Need

Saturday, December 5, 6:30 - 8:15 am

Target

Another year has passed.....and it is time to start thinking about the annual Kiwanis/Target Shopping Spree for children in need. School counselors will select children from their school to participate.

Several children will be invited from the Burlington/West Burlington area. The event begins at 6:30 am where Target employees provide a light breakfast for the children and coffee for the volunteers. A chat with Santa, and of course, a picture and a surprise package provided by Target starts the children's shopping adventure.

Kiwanians are encouraged to invite a prospective or new member to join you at Target to assist children with shopping or wrapping gifts. The stories you will have to share from this event are heartwarming, and sometimes heartbreaking, and are always, always, always a witness to the impact we have as Kiwanians' in our community.

When the sign-up sheets appear volunteer to shop, wrap, or provide transportation.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Lois Blythe, lblythe@burlington.lib.ia.us or 319-750-3938.



Board of Directors Meetings

At the September Board of Directors Meeting, your Kiwanis Directors & Officers approved several funding requests,

- SCC Student Nursing Association is raising money to send young cancer patients to camp; \$250 was approved
- Burlington Police Auxiliary are sponsoring Safe Trick or Treat at the Auditorium on October 31; \$150 was approved
- \$500 will be given to the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation

Please welcome Austin Schwartz as a new individual Kiwanis member and Julie Hoschek as the new corporate representative from Bickford Assisted Living!

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Randall
Club Secretary

Welcome Guests

Prospective members eat for free (the club absorbs the cost). Please bring a neighbor, co-worker, or friend to join us for a meeting.

Guests, such as a family member, are more than welcome to attend as well. Their meal will be paid upon your arrival at the back table.

Perfect Attendance

Is "Perfect Attendance" your goal? Did you know that you can earn a "make-up" meeting if you attend a board meeting OR service project?

Please let Michelle Randall know if you are shooting for Perfect Attendance and she will let you know your status towards that goal!

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 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 2014-2015 recipient of the Le Roy is Craig Smith. A few words that describe Craig are involved, giving, smart, friendly, multi-talented, leader, great smile, faithful, outgoing, connected, creative, and hard working! Oh, and chips, Sterzings that is!

Craig has been a long time member of our club. He has served as a board member, President, Sergeant At Arms and has participated in several committees over the years.

Craig is active in the community as well. He is an elder at Harmony Bible Church, been active in several outreach programs, coached little league for 30 years and helped keep Burlington Beautiful and has been directly involved in planting dozens of trees along Roosevelt Ave.



Craig always jumps in to make us laugh!

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**

**2013-2014
Sharon Graham**

Mark Your Calendar...

1 - Installation of New Club Officers

8 - Visiting Cuba, Craig Smith

8 - Birthday Table

15 - Community Foundation, Dennis

Wilson

20 - Board Meeting, 12 pm @ The Drake

22 - Police Station, Chief Doug Beard

29 - Pastor's Day

Programs arranged by Dave Wiemer



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