



# Kiwaniis®

Burlington, Iowa

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## Burlington Kiwanis BurlingtonKiwanis.org

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Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

As I look back at the past 11 months and prepare for this month I find myself struggling to find the best way to express my gratitude to the club for allowing me to be the President this year. It has been a truly rewarding experience and one that I will cherish forever. There are many fantastic members in this club that give tremendously of their time, talents, and money to this club and the children of this community as well as the children of the world. I thank all of you who took leadership roles as well as those who took worker roles in carrying out the club's activities.

This year saw us celebrate the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International. Hopefully through the various newsletter articles and KI publication articles we all learned more about our organizational roots and history. Just as in genealogy, the knowing of who did what when won't make us better (or worse) but will help us to understand where our Kiwanis family has been and serve as the basis for our going forward in serving the children of the world.

During the course of this year we had to submit our club by-laws for KI approval. That provided an opportunity to see what KI's expectations were of us to be an approved club and to make changes to meet those expectations.

We examined several of the fundraisers that we have held for years and made decisions in regards to them. For the Travelogue fund raiser that also served as a community service the decision was that we were at a point of diminishing financial return with a waning interest in this type of entertainment and that we would discontinue it as a club activity. Some of our Kiwanians along with a few other people in the community are helping keep it alive through the Capitol Theatre and a grant from a local foundation. We wish them the best of luck. After much discussion the Santa project will continue with changes in times operated and possibly in technology used to see if we can bring new life to something that has brought great joy to so many over the years.

This month and next month the board and the club members will deal with how we are going to handle the KI dues increase as well as some increases in other operational costs. I am sure that we will be able to come to a solution that will solve the short and medium term impact of these operating increases while not alienating the club membership.

I will single out one person for recognition at this time and that is Rich Goughnour who led the club in a membership drive that will leave our club with more members at the end of September 2015 that we had on October 1, 2014. He put a tremendous amount of effort into this and still has more prospects that people can call on! Thanks  
Respectively submitted, Jim Sleister 2014-15 Kiwanis President

## **Don't forget to sign up for a Committee for the New Kiwanis Year**

The Kiwanis fiscal year is October 1st through September 30 and each year we are asked to sign up for things we are interested in helping with. The committees are a great way to get involved, meet new people, give back to the area children and have FUN!

*Please let Jon Hart, the upcoming President, know which committees you are interested in.  
319-753-5693, 319-572-1602 or jonhart@mchsi.com*

### **Service Activities**

- Christmas in July
- Kid's Christmas Shopping Spree
- After School Program
- Paint-A-Thon
- Dictionary & Thesaurus Program
- Coats for Kids
- School Nurse Program
- Key Club
- Young Children: Priority One

### **Fundraising Events**

- Shamrock Shuffle
- Pictures with Santa
- Pancake Breakfast
- Spin Art

### **Club Activities**

- Kiwanis Singers
- Kiwanis Night Out
- Family Picnic/Bee's Game
- Programs

- Spiritual Aims/Invocation
- Membership Growth & Retention
- Bingo/Turkey Day
- Kid's Day
- House
- Scrapbook
- Leroy Award
- Budget
- Financial Review
- Investment
- Public Relations

## **Kiwanis Blood Drive**

Burlington Kiwanis Club will host an "in-center" blood drive at Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, 3407 Agency Street, from September 1 through September 12.

If you are already scheduled to donate during that time, please ask them to credit Kiwanis. To make an appointment to donate, contact Melissa Jones at 319-759-4162 or mjones@grhs.net. You may also make an appointment by calling 1-800-747-5401.

This blood drive is taking place during the "Save Our Summer" promotion and free t-shirts will be available for those who present to donate blood. Remember, an hour of your time can save up to 4 lives!



## **Board of Directors Meetings**

Your Kiwanis Directors & Officers did not have any funding requests this month.

They did approve the new membership applications for Floyd Wagoner and Cassie Gerst. Please give them a warm Kiwanis welcome!

# Fun Night Out at Kiwanis Family Night



*Rocky and Gary Welcome Guests*



*Kiwanis Singers preparing for the National Anthem*



*Sarah Schwartz's kids enjoy the bounce house*

*Thank you to all the Kiwanis members that came out to the Bees Game for some meaningful fellowship August 6th. We kicked off the game with the great voices of our Kiwanis Singers, Jim Corders' grandson threw out the first pitch, and Gary Young and his granddaughters had a fun competition on the pony hop! Please thank the committee members Gary Young, Zola Starkey, and Melissa Jones. Special thanks to Rocky Roxlau for taking attendance. Thanks again for taking the time out of your busy schedules to enjoy a beautiful night while supporting the Burlington Bees! Hope you enjoy these photos!*



*Hanging with Buzz are Gary Young and his granddaughters*



*Taking a ride on the slide!  
Melissa Jones' daughter and  
Jason Strandberg's son enjoy the fun.*

## *Mark Your Calendar...*

3 - Burlington Community Schools, Pat Coen, Superintendent

10 - Iowa State Patrol, Trooper Marlow

10 - Birthday Table

15 - Board Meeting, 12 pm @ The Drake

17 - Great River Health Systems, Mark Richardson, President and CEO

27 - President Sleister's Farewell

Programs arranged by Jim Miller



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