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Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

In July we recognized the club's Centurions on July 23rd. A Centurion by our definition is a Kiwanian whose age plus number of years as a Kiwanis member equals 100 or greater. We have 22 Centurions in our club. In alphabetical order they are: James Baker, James Corder, Frank Delaney III, Bob Engberg, Jim Garnjobst, Richard Goughnour, Bud Hart, Ed Larson, Ben Lundell, Al Lunning, Tom O'Keefe, Tom Rexroth, Paul Roxlau, Ruth Ann Sandrock, Warren Schultz, Chuck Siekman, Larry Turley, Charles E. Walsh, Richard Weiss, Dan Wiedemeier, David Wiemer, and Dennis Wilson. The 5 with the greatest centurion number are Al Lunning (159), Bud Hart (136), Warren Schultz (132), Richard Weiss (128), and Ed Larson (125). We are checking to see if Warren's might actually be slightly higher. The 5 with the greatest number of years as a Kiwanian are Al Lunning (65), Bud Hart (53), Warren Schultz (48), Charles E. Walsh (47) and Richard Weiss (43). Congratulations on your years of service to our club and the youth of our community.

We also held Christmas in July on the 24th at the Bee's Ballpark. In August we will have our Night at the Ballpark social for the club on August 6th. We will not have a regular meeting that day.

August brings the start of school. The board will hear reports at our August board meeting from the Burlington and West Burlington after school programs that we helped fund for the 2014-15 school year. They will also present application for funding requests for the 2015-16 school year.

During August we will be gathering updated directory information for the next Kiwanis year. We will have 10 to 15 people contacting 10 to 15 members to make sure the information in the current directory is accurate and making the necessary changes. This will help lessen the work load for the incoming president.

We will also use a division of work model to establish committee assignments for next year. Jon Hart and I will get this rolling with the aid of several volunteers. Be thinking of committees you would like to be assigned to as well as activities for which you want to be a worker.

The delegates at the Kiwanis International Convention passed a by-laws change that will raise our dues to Kiwanis International by \$10 per year effective October 1, 2015. Last year we experienced a \$4 fee increase for liability insurance coverage for all members. Our meal costs have gone up over the last 3 or four years and we have not passed these increases on to the members. We currently spend more from our club administration fund than we take in. Our cash reserves in the administrative fund are diminishing rapidly and soon will be below the level for a good cash flow to pay bills as they come due. The local board will have to address a dues increase in the next few months to be effective January 1, 2016. The board will also have to address the induction fee for new members as it no longer covers the amount we are charged by Kiwanis International and the I-I District. You will hear much more about this over the next few months with approval by the general club membership required for any action.

Respectively Yours, Jim Sleister 2014-15 Club President

## ***Kiwanis in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s***

In 1961 the Kiwanis delegates voted at the Kiwanis International Convention to open clubs outside the United States and Canada. On February 25, 1963 the first club in Europe was organized in Vienna, Austria. In 1964 Tokyo, Japan became the first club in Asia. In 1968 Kiwanis International Europe was formed. At the local level our club continued to engage in fund raiser activities and service projects as well as giving to worthy projects. One of these was a \$1500 donation to Klein Hospital for underwater therapy treatment equipment.

In 1973 Circle K opened its membership to women. In 1975 Builders Club became an official Kiwanis sponsored program for teens. At the local level our club sold 2275 season tickets for the Travel and Adventure Series (Travelogue) in 1972. In 1974 our club put on "The Music Man". Our meeting place changed from the Hotel Burlington to the PZAZZ! and then to the Arion Club.

In 1982 Kiwanis International moved its offices from Chicago to Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1986 the delegates at the International Convention held in Houston, Texas gave First Lady Nancy Reagan the Kiwanis World Service Member for her work against substance abuse among young people. At the same



convention, the delegates voted 2555-2295 against admitting women to membership. During the next year President Reagan himself commended the Kiwanis for its service to America's communities. At the International Convention held in Washington DC the convention delegates voted to eliminate gender from the International Constitution's membership requirements but it wasn't until July 7, 1987 that an amendment was passed to welcome female members into Kiwanis clubs.

At the local level our club inducted Deb Delzell and Ruth Ann Sandrock as its first female members in February 1989. During the 1980's the club moved its meetings from the Arion Club to the PZAZZ on March 1986 after the Arion Club suddenly closed its doors. Our club started supporting the I-I Share Good Health Major Emphasis which included the Spastic Paralysis Foundation efforts. This is still an ongoing effort for I-I District clubs. In 1989 the 1st Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast was held.

### ***Kiwanis Family Outing Last Chance to RSVP***

***Thursday, August 6  
Burlington Bees Ball Park  
5:30 PM Gates Open  
6:30 PM Game Starts***

**RSVP to  
Michelle  
Schnicker  
319-759-5583**



### ***Board of Directors Meetings***

Your Kiwanis Directors & Officers approved \$100 for the Renaissance Program at Burlington High School and \$600 to the South Hill Neighborhood Association block party in August.

They also approved the new membership applications for Dave Schmitt and Christy Ayer. Please give them a warm Kiwanis welcome!

## Join 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

Volunteers help to plan and coordinate a night at the Bee's Ballpark for area children. Responsibilities include coordinating the event, finding prizes and attending the event.



#### Kid's Christmas Shopping Spree

Provides an opportunity for a few children in need to have the opportunity to shop for presents for themselves or family members.

#### After School Program

Providing volunteer support at the after school programs.

#### Paint-A-Thon

Participate in the annual Paint-A-Thon by volunteering to help prepare and paint homes for the less fortunate.

#### Dictionary & Thesaurus Program

Help distribute dictionaries and thesauruses to all third and seventh graders in Des Moines County, promoting reading and spelling.

#### Coats for Kids

Providing new coats for children in need. Helping to solicit donations.

### Fundraising Events

#### Shamrock Shuffle

Helps to plan, organize and conduct a run/walk event for St. Patrick's day, raising funds for the After School Program.



#### Pictures with Santa

Helps to plan, organize and promote the photos with Santa including the creating the background, setting up and recruiting volunteers.

#### Pancake Breakfast

Helps to solicit donations, promote, sell tickets, manage logistics, recruit volunteers, set up and cleanup at the Pancake Breakfast which is held on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.



### Additional Committees

- School Nurse Program
- Spin Art
- Bingo/Turkey Day
- Kid's Day
- House
- Scrapbook
- Leroy Award
- Budget
- Financial Review
- Investment
- Public Relations
- Key Club
- Young Children: Priority One

### Club Activities

#### Kiwanis Singers

This is your time to entertain and share the joy of music by singing at them meetings and special occasions.

#### Kiwanis Night Out

A fun night that provides members and their guests with a night out sponsored by the club to show its appreciation and gratitude for the hard work everyone puts in year round. The committee works to find entertainment, develop a theme, and make it truly a fun night out!

#### Family Picnic/Bee's Game

This event is another fun night to develop friendships in a casual atmosphere among members and their families.

#### Programs

Find program speakers that are informative and entertaining to the membership and introduce them at the meeting. Typically each committee member finds the programs for one month of the year.

#### Spiritual Aims/Invocation

Help in providing weekly invocations as scheduled and with Ministers Day.

#### Membership Growth & Retention

Help develop ways to bring new members into the club and retain current members.

## *Mark Your Calendar...*

6 - No Meeting; Family Night @ Bee's

6 - Roundtable at Peaches, 12 pm

13 - West Burlington Football Coach,  
Nick Breuer

13 - Birthday Table

18 - Board Meeting, 12 pm @ The Drake

20 - Burlington High School Football  
Program, Zach Shay

27 - West Burlington School District,  
Dave Schmitt, Superintendent

Programs arranged by Jeff Strause



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