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Fellow Kiwanians,

As I write this we are rapidly approaching the Holiday Season. Hopefully everyone (including Bob Engberg) enjoyed our traditional Kiwanis Thanksgiving of "Bingo for Turkeys" on the 19th. Thanks to Larry Turley, Jason Strandberg and Jim Steer for running that event.

Upcoming projects include pictures of Santa with your pet(s) at Farm King on Saturday, November 28th and pictures with Santa at Fun City/Boogaloo Café on the Saturdays and Sundays in December through December 20. Thanks to all who have and will volunteer for that project and a big thank you to Gary Young for his continued support and leadership with this project.

December also brings us the opportunity to shop with children at Target on Saturday, December 5, and Lois Blythe is making sure this goes well again this year.

The annual ringing of the bells (Ding-a-Lings) for the Salvation Army is being coordinated by Jim Sleister. Kiwanians will be ringing bells on Friday, December 18. We'll have a sign-up sheet, but feel free to call Jim at 754-7179 to pick your time and place.

The coats, dictionaries and thesauruses have all been delivered. It was another successful year for both these projects and a big thank you to all who volunteered to help.

I guess I have Thanksgiving on my mind as I write this as I am truly thankful for the wonderful volunteers we have in this club. We do so much for so many and I am always amazed at how generous and willing to help you all are.

During this Holiday Season I ask you all to keep those members that need our prayers in your thoughts and prayers. We still have many members with situations that can use our prayers.

God bless, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.
Respectfully, Jon Hart, Club President

Don't forget! Volunteers Still Needed Shopping Spree for Children in Need

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

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.

To volunteer, contact Lois Blythe, lblythe@burlington.lib.ia.us or 319-750-3938.

Kiwanis Coats for Kids

This Kiwanis project provides new coats to needy children from new born to 5 years old. We are currently working with the Nest and Head Start to establish the list of coats needed. With it being cold earlier this year, in mid-November we delivered 68 new coats. If additional need is determined we will purchase more coats all winter long. The project started in 1991 and was awarded the Iowa "Governor's Award".



This project has two facets:

Purchasing and giving away the coats.

First we need to identify the need by gender, quantity, and what sizes the child wears. Coordination of the sizes needed is a challenge when it comes the purchasing of the coats. We try not to purchase all the same color and style for the same size. You want to avoid the identification that a group of kids all got the same coat from Kiwanis. This year the coats came from ShopKo, Target, JCPenney.com, and BurlingtonCoatFactory.com.

Funding is the second Facet of the project.

- Kiwanis members always help with donations during a weekly meeting. This year it will be December 3rd and members have been great to support the project over the years.
- The goal has always been to fund this project completely therefore Corporate donations have provided the additional funding needed;
 - o Winegard has been a long term supporter and this year gave \$1,000.
 - o The ShopKo Foundation provided \$500.

Thank you Kiwanis members for your generous support!

Board of Directors Meetings

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

- \$1000 to the Salvation Army, to be put into the red kettles on the day that our club rings the bells at collection sites

- \$1000 to help sponsor the "Bridges Out of Poverty" program which will begin at West Burlington High School on December 16 for Burlington/West Burlington community leaders

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Randall, Club Secretary

Santa Photo Schedule @ The PZAZZ!

Sat, Dec 5 11 am to 8 pm

Sun, Dec 6 12 to 5 pm

Sat, Dec 12 11 am to 8 pm

Sun, Dec 13 12 to 5 pm

Sat, Dec 19 11 am to 8 pm

Sun, Dec 20 12 to 5 pm

Sign Up to Help

Contact

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Distribution of Dictionaries & Thesaurus 2015

This Kiwanis program provides a dictionary to every 3rd grader and a thesaurus to every 7th grader in Des Moines County, which is keeping with our goal of trying to reach every child in the area. This is the 12th year of the program and so far we have passed out over 12,000 books to the children of Des Moines County.

This year Kiwanis distributed 582 dictionaries and 525 thesauruses to Burlington, Danville, Mediapolis and West Burlington schools.

The Kiwanis volunteers on this project are, Tim Agnew, Chuck Brocket, Kristy Ecklund, Bruce Engel, Jim Garnjobst, Craig Gilchrist, Bud Hart, Deb Hatteberg, Melissa Jones, Tom Jones, Bob Reid, Dave Schmitt, Jim Sleister, Jason Strandberg, Tom Vance, and David Wiemer.

Kids Day *Tuesday, December 29*

Kid's Day provides an opportunity for your children, grandchildren, niece or nephew to attend a special Kiwanis meeting that is all about them! A special menu and program will be just for the kids.



Feather Party FUN!

Members enjoyed the annual tradition of BINGO during the Feather Party. Special thanks to all who helped organize the fun day.

Mark Your Calendar...

3 - Grief Share, Michele Schnicker

Coats for Kids Donations

10 - Art Center, Tammy McCoy

15 - Board Meeting, 12 pm @ The Drake

17 - BHS Band, Choir, Orchestra

Holiday Musical Entertainment

24 - Merry Christmas (no meeting)

27 - Kid's Day (note this is a Tuesday)

31 - Happy New Year (no meeting)

Programs arranged by Ryan Nagrocki



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