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Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

February is a month that allows us to catch our collective Kiwanian breath. There have been a lot of activities so far this year. I would like to thank the following for the time and effort they have put in coordinating our projects so far this year:

- Tom Jones for his efforts with the Coats for Kids Committee
- Lois Blythe for coordinating the Christmas Shopping Spree
- Karen Erickson for organizing Kid's Day at the December 30th meeting
- Vicki Stoller for directing the The Kiwanis Singers
- Gary Young and Pat Shier for all their work in coordinating the Santa Photo Fundraiser
- Jim Garnjobst for coordinating the Dictionary and Thesaurus Program and the School Nurse Program
- Craig Gilchrist for organizing the Travelogue Program
- Larry Turley for organizing our Turkey Day activities
- Ruth Ann Sandrock and Lois Blythe for organizing the memories portion of our 100th Birthday Celebration
- Rocky Roxlau for keeping the back table activities organized and helping coordinate the Ding-A-Lings project for the Salvation Army
- Dave Wiemer for arranging the monthly program chairs
- Bruce Widbin for arranging people to do our weekly invocation

I would also like to thank all who helped with these club activities. Without you helping none of these activities would be as successful as they are.

There are no Kiwanis fundraising projects or service activities scheduled for February. This doesn't mean we won't be busy as the planning and groundwork for the Shamrock Shuffle (March), Kids' Against Hunger food preparation (April), Kiwanis Night Out (April) and Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast (May) will be going full steam ahead.

February is the month in which we find Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day has grown into an event where gifts, flowers, dining out and possibly romance has become the expectation. School age children have gone far beyond simple messages to each other as they try to grow old to fast. When I was in 4th grade things were much different as every student in the class made a Valentine's box into which each of our classmates could place a valentine. We had a few ground rules such as (1) every student must give a valentine to each of their classmates

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and (2) each valentine must contain a positive comment about why you would like that classmate to be your valentine. Sometime it wasn't easy to come up with a positive comment about a few of the bullies! We won't be having a valentine exchange but I would like to say that this club is made up of sweethearts that want to make everyday life better for others.

It is time to turn our attention to membership. There was a meeting of last year's and this year's membership committees on January 20th. We will keep you informed of what actions we will take as a club but remember the best thing you can do for membership is share your story with others and invite them to join.

Regards, Jim Sleister, 2014-15 Kiwanis President

Sergeant At Arms Schedule

In celebration of Kiwanis 100th birthday several past sergeant-at-arms will team up as this year's "sergeant-at-arms".

Being Sergeant At Arms is a lot of work, but club members enjoy "the show"...well, most of the time!

At right, Dave Vavroch give Melissa Jones a hard time. Melissa, a die hard Hawkeye fan, went along with the prank as Dave, a die hard Cyclone fan, had a great time!



<i>October 16, 23, January 29, August 20</i>	<i>Julie Canfield</i>
<i>November 6, June 4, 11, August 6</i>	<i>Todd Chelf</i>
<i>December 4, 11, 18</i>	<i>Dave Vavroch</i>
<i>January 8, 15, August 13</i>	<i>Melissa Jones</i>
<i>February 5, 12, 19</i>	<i>Jon Hart</i>
<i>March 5, 12</i>	<i>Bob Engberg</i>
<i>March 26, April 9, 23</i>	<i>Char Blodgett</i>
<i>May 14, 21</i>	<i>Jim O'Neil</i>
<i>July 2, 9, 16</i>	<i>Steve Preader</i>
<i>September 3, 10, 17</i>	<i>Craig Smith</i>

Board of Directors Meetings

Our Board of Directors voted to approve the following funding requests at the January board meeting:

- \$2,000 to the Boy Scouts for camperships
- \$600 to Des Moines County CARES for the purchase of DVD's for new parents on how to deal with their baby's crying in order to help prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome

SHAMROCK SHUFFLE
Get Your Green On!

**Saturday,
March 14
10 am Crapo Park**

Registration
https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=120509

**To Volunteer
Contact Michelle
Randall
319-759-2456**

**Proceeds will
benefit the After
School Programs**

Kiwanis In The 1930s

Even though the stock market crash of 1929 and the Great Depression that followed had serious effects on Kiwanis it didn't keep Kiwanians from doing great things. The effects of the stock market crash didn't impact every part of the country and every one throughout the country in the same way and at the same time. Kiwanis International reflects that in they moved their headquarters to a new location in Chicago on the "Magnificent Mile" just before the effects became so pronounced. A major effort by Kiwanis International was to mark the boundary between the United States and Canada. A symbolic boundary marker was placed on the Ambassador Bridge that connected Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario during 1935 which was the 20th birthday of KI. The marker was paid for by Kiwanians and contains the Kiwanis symbol. The major thrusts of the efforts of Kiwanians during this time period were humanitarian in nature and focused on the young. Some of the major projects by local clubs throughout the country included taking underprivileged students to sporting events, to YMCAs, to Scout Jamborees, and to other camps. Funds were provided for milk and health services for schoolchildren. One interesting project (at least to me) was a pay it forward project involving a dairy calf being given to a child interested in dairy farming who was to in turn give the first calf to another child. This model was copied by many agricultural organizations such as FFA and they included dairy and beef cattle, sheep and hogs. (My father was able to get this program started involving hogs when he was a 15 year old member of the Manilla, Iowa FFA in 1935.)

From the time the Burlington Kiwanis was founded it helped provide funds to purchase milk for the underprivileged students in the Burlington community. They put on Minstrel Shows to raise funds for the Milk Fund. At one point they were purchasing 60,000 half pints/cartons of milk annually.

Ding-A-Ling Report

On December 19th the Kiwanis Ding-A-Lings rang the bells for Salvation Army. We rang bells from 10 AM to 4 PM at HyVee on Agency, Shopko as well as the north and south entrances of Walmart. \$3,795.44 were collected during this time. This is down from previous years. The Club donated \$1,000 to the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign. 43 members and 2 spouses participated for 1 or more hours.



Like many other Kiwanis Clubs across the nation, the Burlington Kiwanis weren't deterred by the Great Depression and they raised \$51,000 to build a first class swimming pool that was completed by 1932. The pool complex they built had a 100' by 150' main pool and a wading pool along with an ornate 2 story Italian/Spanish style bathhouse. Over 10,000 people turned out for the dedication on July 24, 1932. A capacity crowd of 2000 swimmers filled the pool on opening day. Kiwanis maintained the pool for 20 years but then the needed repairs proved too costly for the Kiwanians. In 1952 the City of Burlington bought the pool. They fixed it up and it remained open until 1972. At that time it was closed for good, razed and filled. The old timers still refer to the Kiwanis Pool. One of our club members, speaking from experience, seems to remember that it was also a place where some tried to sneak into at night to go skinny dipping!

In 1936 the Burlington Kiwanis Club hosted the Illinois/Eastern Iowa District Convention.

In 1938 the club set up the separate Kiwanis Club Activities Corporation to serve as the not-for-profit arm of the club.

Throughout the 1930s the Burlington Club was a place where the members could take a break from the reality of everyday life. They enjoyed their usual activities and continued to have a Kiwanis Orchestra that not only entertained the members but provided educational opportunities for local children.

Save the Date for Kiwanis Night Out

Save the Date for Saturday, April 18 for the Kiwanis Night Out Event. Watch for details in upcoming Kiwanis Newsletters.

If you would like to be part of this fun committee, contact Craig Smith @ 319-759-1797 or Karen Erickson @ 319-572-0594. Craig and Karen are serving as cochairs.

Mark Your Calendar...

5 – Shane Storz, CEO, Air Choice One

12– Melissa Mosley, Family Service
Counselor, Prugh Funeral Services

12 - Birthday Table

17– Board Meeting, 12 @ The Drake

19– Debi Durham, Director, Iowa
Economic Development Authority

25 – Travelogue, 7:30

26 – Debbie Wagenbach, Youth
Services, Burlington Public Library

Programs arranged by Gary Young



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