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Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

December was busy with volunteers needed for many service projects and our Santa Photo fund raising project. I applaud all the club members who stepped forward and made it possible for us to do these projects. The Kids' Shopping Spree on December 6th saw 23 club members and 6 spouses volunteering to make the day for the children selected by their school counselor. The Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army project saw 42 club members and 2 spouses volunteering time to help raise money for the area's neediest families. I know that I found my volunteering times enjoyable and I hope you did as well. Reports on the other projects will be included in separate articles in our newsletter either this month or next month.

January 21st is the 100th birthday of what became Kiwanis International. On January 22nd at our regular club meeting we will have a birthday celebration. We will have music, other entertainment, a slide show of Kiwanis history and, of course, ice cream and cake. Encourage our fellow Kiwanians that don't always attend to be there.

In January we will start addressing Kiwanis policies and procedures with the club. The first 2 being addressed are Policy B in regards to being a Kiwanian not in good standing and a Policy on Background checks. Information on the proposed procedures for Policy B will be sent to each club member by e-mail and a hard copy sent to those that don't have e-mail in order to seek your input.

This month we will also start addressing membership growth. At the Club board meeting on January 20th we will ask the members of last year's membership committee and this year's membership committee to meet at 6:30 PM. We will review the excellent ideas developed last year and determine an implementation process to retain and renew current members as well as attract possible new members. We will look at both the more traditional ways of getting members to join a club with a meeting and dues structure like we currently have as well as look at the possibility of forming a satellite club. It is possible that a satellite club could meet the needs of those that can't attend noon time meetings or would join if the dues weren't as high as they are when they include the meal cost. We will also discuss a Friends of Kiwanis organization that might meet the needs of those that want to volunteer for the types of activities we do currently without actually joining Kiwanis. Remember that I prefer to explore the possibilities of what might work and weighing the merits of each possibility before deciding to do something versus saying I don't think that we should do anything and wondering why things don't improve (change).

President's Message, continued

I will be asking people to help serve on a visioning committee to develop guidelines for accepting proposals of something we can do as a long range club project that will help the children of our community and leave a visible reminder to the community of what Kiwanians do besides raise money. If you would like to volunteer for this task please let me know.

There will not be a Kiwanis history article this month but there will be one again in February.

Regards,
Jim Sleister
2014-15 Kiwanis President

After School Program

The after school program is in full swing with an all time high of children participating. If you would like to volunteer, you are more than welcome too. The children love meeting the volunteers and having them help out.

Contact any of the committee members if you would like to help. They are Ryan Gerling (chair), Lois Blythe, Craig Ewinger, Deb Hatteberg, Melissa Jones, Sam Larson, Jerry Parks, Michelle Randall, Christine Stensland, Dave Vavroch, Bruce Widbin and Dennis Wilson.



Board of Directors Meetings

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

- Kiwanis International Foundation for \$1000
- Edward Stone Middle School for \$300 to purchase bus passes for students that would otherwise have to walk long distances to school in the winter
- Salvation Army donation of \$1000 on our "Ding-A-Ling" day December 19
- Toys for Tots donation of \$500

SHAMROCK SHUFFLE
Get Your Green On!

Save The Date!

Saturday,

March 14

10 am

Crapo Park

Proceeds will benefit the After School Programs



Thank You

Both the club and individuals contributed to The Eliminate Project. A special thank you to the Zeller Fellowship members who contributed .

The Eliminate Project

With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth, more than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take US\$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

Kiwanis and UNICEF joined forces to tackle iodine deficiency disorders, achieving one of the most significant public health successes of the 20th century. Now, they are eliminating MNT from the face of the Earth. And in doing so, the project will reach the poorest, most neglected mothers and babies with additional lifesaving health care. The end of this one disease means the beginning of better health for so many families.

Zeller Fellowship

It began with 25 silver dollars. That's the donation that Walter Zeller made in 1940—the first in our history, one year after our foundation had been established.

But there was a larger idea behind Zeller's gift: Inspire fellow Kiwanians to build on that donation. And they did—with an auction that eventually turned that first contribution into US\$625.

Our foundation's members have been inspiring each other ever since.

Today, the Kiwanis International Foundation is a multi-million dollar organization that turns people's generosity into financial assistance that helps Kiwanians reach children all over the globe. From the U.S. to India to Poland, and many places in between. Maybe even in your hometown.

Pictured above are the members of our club who donated at the Zeller Fellowship level.

Seated, L to R: Christine Stensland, Karen Clay, Sue Ellen Sherman, Michelle Randall.

Standing, L to R: Dennis Wilson, Dave Vavroch, Jim Garnjobst, Jeff Rucker, Jim Sleister, Dan Wiedemeier, Jerry Parks, Jim Miller, and Richard Goughnour.

Not pictured, Chip Readinger and Tony Hayes.

Mark Your Calendar...

8 – Burlington Police Department,
Chief Doug Beard

15– Maple Leaf Center,
Jeremy Hess & Nathan Williams

20 – Board Meeting, 5:30 @ The Drake

21 – Travelogue, 7:30

22 – Kiwanis 100th Birthday Program

29 – Southeast Iowa Regional Planning,
Mike Norris

Programs arranged by Jason Strandberg



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