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Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

March is here! March is usually a month with lots of weather activity. There was a time when the Iowa Girls State Basketball Tournament and either a winter storm were thought of as early March events that would occur in the same week time span. I took my younger sister and three of her friends to a tournament game in Des Moines in 1972. On the way home it started to spit freezing rain. Even with studded snow tires I had to drive very slowly. Suddenly the car spun around 180 degrees sending us in the opposite direction we wanted to be going. Four high school senior girls screamed so loud and shrill that I thought I would have permanent hearing damage! To this day I want absolute quiet when driving in inclement weather. I put on chains and was able to finish delivering everyone home safely. The freezing rain was followed by eight inches of wet snow.

I tell this story to remind you what March weather can be like and encourage you to pray for good weather on March 14th which is the date of our Shamrock Shuffle fundraiser. Last year Bruce Widbin was put in charge of the weather. He asked the club to pray for good weather and it was a great day on Saturday for the Shamrock Shuffle. Let's hope the same is true this year but whatever happens remember that all prayers are answered, sometimes we just don't get the answer we want!

The new procedures for what takes place when a member is considered to be a member not in good standing go into effect on April 1st. The membership committee and the board met on February 17th to discuss directions we can take to retain current members and recruit new members. The month of February was a good month for membership with 5 new members and 2 corporate membership replacements being added to our roles. In the first 5 months of the year we have had 7 new members, 2 corporate replacements, 3 resignations and 1 death. Keep up the good work in asking people to attend a meeting and then to join.

Sincerely, Jim Sleister 2014-2015 Kiwanis President



**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

Kiwanis In The 1940's

The first half of the 1940's found a world involved in war. Millions of Americans were busy fighting a war to save our rights and liberties. Most of the rest of them were involved in providing the troops with much needed material and spiritual support.



Many of the efforts of Kiwanis Clubs across the country were concentrated on providing support for the youth while their fathers served the country. One project that was popular was to build, maintain, and support camps so young people could have outdoor experiences that they would not have been able to participated in without the Kiwanians.

In 1947 the first Circle K International club was chartered. In 1949 Kiwanis created National Kids' Day and this eventually led to selling peanuts to support projects.

Locally our club continued to support the Kiwanis Pool, the milk fund and many other activities. 1948 saw the start of the I-I Bowling Tournament. Burlington hosted it the first 3 years. 1948 also saw the printing of the Kiwanis Directory. 1949 saw the club promoting a Passion Play that required a large cast of local residents to provide the extras for the "Black Hills Passion Play" group.

Board of Directors Meetings

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

- \$250 to Team BEAST for youth fitness events
- \$500 to Burlington Public Library for the summer reading program
- \$275 to sponsor a Little League team

Please welcome David Ure and Bob Kauffman to our club! They were both approved at our February 17 board meeting as new members. Please give them a Kiwanis welcome!

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Kiwanis Night Out!! Please save the date.....April 18th

Kiwanis Night Out is offering you a giggle and a smirk.....maybe even a guffaw or a bellow.

Please join us for Kiwanis Night out on April 18th. Just 3 days after the tax man cometh, you might need a reason to smile and laughter is the best medicine!

Comedian Scott Long will be entertaining our club and we will of course offer a social hour and dinner for you and your date. There is no charge for Kiwanis members but spouses and guests will be charged for the dinner and entertainment.

We hope you laugh so hard that tears will roll down your leg and don't forget...laughter is always good except when milk comes out of your nose.

Hope you'll join us on April 18th.

Mark Your Calendar...

5 - Des Moines County Conservation

12 - IMPACT Program: Initiating
Meaningful Partnerships and
Community Ties

12 - Birthday Table

14 - Shamrock Shuffle, 10@Crapo Park

17 - Board Meeting, 12 @ The Drake

19 - Tama Building Renovation Project

26 - Young House Family Services

Programs arranged Tracy Balbort



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