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Fellow Kiwanians,

We are in the middle of the Summer with vacations and children off of school yet our Club continues to do good work.

As I write this, we just had an eventful weekend. We held our Christmas in July on Friday night at Community Field with the Bees and on Saturday we had our Kiwanis picnic. I was unable to attend the event on Friday night, but heard from a couple of folks on Saturday that they thought the event went well and that there were many people from the community in attendance. Thanks to all of you that volunteered your time and effort into this event. I know that Lois Blythe chairs that committee, but she had a lot of help. I hesitate to single anyone out for fear of leaving others out, but thanks to Lois, Gary Young for setting up the pictures, Jeff Johnson for "filling in" for Santa Claus, Bud and Mary Hart for handling tickets and Dara Henneke for securing the big prize for the night!

The picnic on Saturday was a good event as well. I have to admit the attendance wasn't what I might have hoped for, but for those of us that did attend a good time was had. For those of you that didn't attend, you missed out. There was good food to share and the kids (and kids at heart) had fun playing bags, washers, tossing water balloons and taking turns getting in a whack at a piñata. Again, there are many to thank. Michelle Schnicker chaired this committee and put in a lot of effort. Thanks, Michelle. There was also a lot of help from Mary Jane Hemphill, Melissa Jones, Sharon Graham, Ryan Nagrocki and the spouses of these members. A good time was had by all except for maybe Jason Strandberg's son – you can ask him about this!

At our Board meeting in July we voted to support the Bridges out of Poverty initiative to the tune of \$20,000.00! We hope to have this group back to present to the Club again in the very near future. The Board felt this is a worthy cause and it is a cause that is local and that we will be able to see the results right here in our community.

It is a bit amazing to me that this is my next to last newsletter as I am only two months away from passing the gavel to Melissa Jones. The year has passed quickly and it has been a real honor and a treat to serve such a wonderful group of people.

Respectfully, Jon Hart

Kiwanis Blood Drive

This year we are planning the Kiwanis Blood Drive around the Labor Day holiday, August 27 to September 30. The drive is held at the Burlington Donor Center at 3407 Agency Street Burlington.



If you give during this time you will receive a **\$5 Starbucks gift card** as well as being entered into the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center's **Ford Fiesta give away**. In addition Kiwanis will be giving away to one donor during the drive a **\$25 Gift Card to Gator's Grill & Spirits** so make sure that you tell them to credit your donation to **Burlington Kiwanis (group # 1035)**.

Make your reservations by calling the Burlington Donor Center at 319-754- 4611.

Be a living donor, each unit of whole blood can help up to 4 people.

Board of Directors Meeting

Please welcome Shauna Freitag and Kodie Ignito to our club! Shauna is the Executive Director at Young House Family Services. Dunn Brothers Coffee is our newest Corporate Member, and Kodie is their representative to our club. Please introduce yourself to each of them in the next several weeks.

At the July board meeting, information was once again presented to your Directors and Officers on the "Building Bridges" initiative to help local families get themselves out of poverty. (It's not a hand-out, but it's a hand-up.) The board approved \$20,000 to this endeavor. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Craig Smith, President Hart, President-Elect Melissa Jones or any board member.

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Randall

Kiwanis Family Picnic



Christmas in July

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 Melissa Jones, the upcoming President, know which committees you are interested in.

319-759-4162 or mjones@grhs.net

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.

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

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...

4 - Burlington Public Library's Genealogy Resources, Rhonda Frevert

11 - Midwest Old Threshers, Terry McWilliams

16 - Board Meeting, 12 pm @ The Drake

18 - Homestead 1839 - Food Security, Toby Krell

25 - Bridges Out of Poverty, Vern Reed

Programs arranged by Jim Sleister



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