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Fellow Kiwanians,

It is with a heavy heart (not really) that I compose this article for the newsletter as it is my last article as your Club President! This is my 12th and final article. The year has gone by pretty quickly and it doesn't seem like that long ago that I was writing my 1st article as President for the newsletter.

I guess it's only natural to reflect a bit on this past year. One thing I know for certain is that this Club is a wonderful Club with many great, caring, volunteering members. We do so many things and we do most of them quite well and it is because of our wonderful members. So many things happen in a given year for our Club and I'm not really sure everyone really appreciates all the time and talent that goes into making these different events happen. Think for a moment about what we do in a year: Veteran's Day celebration, Santa pictures, Kid's Day, the Shamrock Shuffle, the Pancake Breakfast, Christmas in July, the Family Picnic as well as the Dictionary and Thesaurus Program, our Nurse's Program, the couple of other events at which we serve pancakes and our weekly programs. We also have a Board of Directors that take an hour or more each month to do the Club's business. These things don't happen without a fair amount of work by a lot of people. THANK YOU to all of you that have helped our Club do all these things during my term as your President. We raised a lot of money this year and we spent a lot of money as well! My hope is that the dollars raised and spent will make a difference in the lives of many children in our community and beyond.

A special thanks to Jerry for providing us with music every week that he is with us and to Deb for the occasional filling in. Thanks to Rocky for being a rock at the back table again this year. Thanks to my SAA team of Jeff and Jason for providing us with a laugh or two and for helping us raise a bit more money for the Club.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your President. It has been a good year for me and I hope it has been at least bearable for all of you. Serving as Club President does make one aware of all we do and how much effort goes into what we do and that is why I wanted to take this time to say thank you to all of you that made my year an easy year.

So this is so long, but not goodbye. Respectfully, Jon Hart

Kiwanis Blood Drive August 27 to September 30

Did You Know

17% of all blood products are used to treat Cancer.



8% of all blood products are used to treat Heart Disease.

The blood 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.

Board of Directors Meeting

Your Directors and Officers approved the following funding requests at the August board meeting:

\$1000 to the Kiwanis International Foundation

\$600 to the Burlington South Hill Association Block Party

\$300 to Des Moines County CARES for the purchase of car seats

The 2016-2017 Board of Directors will hold a planning retreat in September. President Elect, Melissa Jones, is looking forward to all new ideas and discussing the strengths of our club.

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Randall

Welcome Guests to our Fun Kiwanis Club



Neighbors, co-workers and friends are invited to join us for a meeting!

Prospective members eat for free (the club absorbs the cost).

Guests are more than welcome to attend as well. Pay for their meal upon your arrival at the back table.





Don't forget to sign up for 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 burlingtonkiwanis@gmail.com

Service Activities

- Christmas in July
- Kid's Christmas Shopping Spree
- Paint-A-Thon
- Dictionary & Thesaurus Program Spin Art
- Coats for Kids
- School Nurse Program
- Key Club
- Young Children: Priority One

Fundraising Events

- Shamrock Shuffle
- Pictures with Santa
- Pancake Breakfast

Club Activities

- Kiwanis Singers
- Kiwanis Night Out
- · Family Picnic
- Programs
- Spiritual Aims/Invocation

- Membership Growth & Retention
- Bingo/Turkey Day
- Kid's Day
- House
- Scrapbook
- Leroy Award
- Budget
- Financial Review
- Investment
- Public Relations

Perfect Attendance

Is "Perfect Attendance" your goal? Did you know that you can earn a "make-up" meeting by attending a board meeting OR completing a service project?

Please let Michelle Randall know if you are shooting for Perfect Attendance. She will let you know your status towards that goal!

Have You Visited Facebook Lately?

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Mark Your Calendar...

1 – Patrick Coen, Superintendent, 20 - Board Meeting, 12 pm @ The Drake

Burlington Community School District 22 – Steve Delaney, Editor of the Burlington

8 – Tim Seibert, President of Carl A. Nelson Hawk Eye

15 - Mark Richardson, CEO of Great River 29 - President Jon Harts Farewell

Medical Center Programs arranged by Jim Miller



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