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Greetings!

As I begin writing this month's newsletter introduction, I realized my year as President is half over – woah! Time really does fly when you're having FUN!! As the next six months come and go, I look so forward to seeing what we have in store for ourselves. Keep up the great work!!

March comes to a close having wrapped up our fourth year as hosts of the Shamrock Shuffle. Despite the weather being the coldest year on the books, we still had a great turnout and raised around \$19,000 for our club to continue to support children in our community. The committee does a great job with that event and it has been fun watching more and more members volunteer for the shuffle at various stages of the event – THANK YOU all for your support. Please don't forget to thank the sponsors that help our event maintain success as well.

Up next, pancakes – but not before we have fun celebrating ourselves and our successes as we visit the Roaring 20's at Kiwanis Night Out. We are expecting one of the biggest turnouts we have had in quite some time and everyone had awesome costumes. I enjoyed seeing many of you there and celebrating in spirit with those that are unable to be in attendance. This is a wonderful event to reward ourselves for our volunteer efforts and relax with some fun and entertainment. A big shout out to this committee for their hard work in making Kiwanis Night Out happen.

Along with Kiwanis Night Out, April 1st also wraps up our official membership drive. We have had a good time with the team competition and it has been great meeting new people and introducing them to our club, even if they haven't joined... yet! During the membership drive, we had a total of 37 unique guests visit our club and 27 different members played host to the 37 guests. Ten of the guests have officially joined the club and there are at least three to four strong prospects expected to join as well. As of the time of this writing, our club is plus eight in membership since the beginning of the fiscal year – we now rank 4th out of 228 clubs in our district for membership growth!! These are amazing statistics and I couldn't be more proud of everyone who believes in the KI Formula: "Love It. Live It. Share It." Sharing our story is working, we are expanding knowledge of what we do and gaining folks who want to join in our efforts, it is AWESOME! If you are one of the new members reading this, thank you for joining us, we are excited to have you on our team!

Just because the official membership drive is over, we cannot cease sharing our story and inviting folks to see what we are about. 80% of the battle is just showing up, the rest takes care of itself.

Lastly, in the words of Jon Batiste, please remember, "You're never too important to be nice to people". Thank YOU for being a Kiwanian, being nice is what we do! Cheers, Melissa

Roaring TWENTIES



Thanks for A Successful Year!



934 Registrants
120 Volunteers
Gross Proceeds \$28,558
Net Proceeds \$19,013
Next Year's Date:
March 10, 2018



Board of Directors Meeting

At March board meeting the board of directors voted on and approved these funding requests:

\$975 to the South Hill Neighborhood Association's Free Swim Day at Dankwardt Pool on August 15.

\$500 to the Des Moines County Disc Golf Club for sponsorship at the Dankwardt Park Disc Golf Course

For several years, the board has talked about storage for our various supplies. We have a great system for the pancake breakfast with the trailer, but there are still many things that are spread out around the community including Spin Art, Shamrock Shuffle supplies and other items.

Chuck Brockett has offered space at Community Field to consolidate these items into one central location. Thanks to Chuck and the Burlington Baseball Association for allowing us to do this!

And thanks to the folks that will be working on the construction of the space including Melissa Jones, Jon Hart, Dennis Wilson and Chuck Brockett.

Respectfully, Michelle Randall, Secretary



Pancake Breakfast

May 27, 6:30 AM



Mark Your Calendar...

6 – Medical Humanitarian Trip to Lebanese
Refugee Camp, Rotary Members Matt
Rinker and Bob Bartles

13 – Des Moines County Heritage Center:
Out of the Attic, Lindsey Schier

18 – Board Meeting, 12 pm @ Bees Stadium

20 – Birthday Table

20 – Indoor Sports Complex, Joe O'Brien

27 – Transitions Homeless Shelter, Sarah
Dittner

Programs arranged by Jerry Parks



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