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Happy Holidays to my fellow Kiwanians!

'Tis the season of giving and appreciation. What a great time to tell our story as we serve the children in our community. Shopping with Santa at Target is the first weekend in December, our Photos with the big guy begin at Fun City that weekend too. These two events define the spirit of the season and the spirit of Kiwanis. I hope you volunteer at one, or better yet, both events. The look on each child's face at these events as they experience Santa and make new memories with their family at Fun City is unforgettable. I also have great memories of taking kids shopping at Target and seeing their faces light up as they realize they get to shop for their families and not just themselves. The innocence of children is a beautiful thing and a great reminder of why the Pancake breakfast, Shamrock Shuffle, and our other fund-raisers are so important. Simply put, every child needs to experience the Christmas Spirit!

Among the other important dates in December, I look forward to seeing photos of our Ding-A-Lings ringing bells for the Salvation Army throughout the community on Friday December 15th. We will continue our holiday celebration on December 21st with the annual Ugly Sweater contest, the 2nd annual \$5 limit White Elephant gift exchange along with wonderful serenading from the talented Kiwanis Singers. December 28th will once again be Kids Day and after a record breaking crowd last year for the Polar Express, Cassie Gerst and company have been hard at work on this years festivities. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and bring their friends! I can't wait to see our Kids Day program full of children again.

Lastly, I'd be remiss if I did not share the gratitude from the Comfort Suites wait staff. During the Feather Party, you dug deep and shared \$790 during our annual collection, providing a wonderful holiday bonus for the staff who take care of us all year long. They truly appreciate your kindness and generosity once again. That was the first of two major shares we ask you to make at our lunch meetings. Thursday December 7th we also ask you to keep our Coats for Kids project in mind. If you are unable to attend that meeting and still wish to donate, please contact Tom Jones. Everyone needs a coat and we've had requests already come in this year.

Thank you for volunteering and kindness during this busy time of year. Every child needs to experience the Christmas Spirit. I wish you and your families the best this season.

Life is so rich! Jason Strandberg
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T.E.A.M. RUDOLPH and the REINDEER GAMES



Kid's Day! December 28th

Bring your family, grandchildren, children, or any special little ones in your life to join us! This year's Reindeer Theme will allow all of us to play those reindeer games and make lasting memories.

RSVP during Kiwanis meetings or contact Cassie Gerst at cassie.gerst@gmail.com (319) 217-2765



***It's A Wrap!
Thank You to all of the
Volunteers from the Annual
Kiwanis and Target Kids'
Christmas Shopping***





Photos with Santa Schedule

December 9, 12-5 pm

December 10, 1-5 pm

December 16, 12-5 pm

December 17, 1-5 pm

For more information contact

Jon Hart, 319-572-1602

Holiday Embrace and Winter Escape

The I-I District of Kiwanis is holding a fun event with all proceeds benefiting the Neuroscience Research Foundation. The Holiday Embrace is a formal evening dinner and dance with auctions (one of the auction items include 4 Disney theme park tickets!), 50/50 raffle, and other fund-raisers to raise money for our district project: The Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation. You'll also hear from campers from Camp Independence (an awesome camp where kids with spina bifida and other spinal cord disabilities can learn to be independent, develop character, and make friends), and our speaker who will talk about the district project.

Winter Escape is focused on fellowship and service. Attendees will get the chance to hang out with people from other districts while giving back to the community and having fun. Friday night we will host fellowship activities, midnight food run, and hold the most awaited Mr. and Ms. Sub C Pageant! Saturday before Holiday Embrace begins, we will be volunteering at Feed My Starving Children, having lunch, and doing in-house projects.

When: January 5-6, 2018

Where: Westin Chicago Northwest

Registration Cost: \$50 (\$20 for dance-only)

Hotel Rate: Discounted rate of \$88/night

Registration Deadline: Dec. 30, 2017

Hotel Booking Deadline: Dec. 15, 2017

Register at <https://ikiwanis.formstack.com/forms/2018ckihe>

Contact: Paul Erickson Nagtalon, (808) 341-4498, pnagtalo@hawk.iit.edu

Friday, January 5th:

7:30 pm - Registration

8:00 pm - Welcome

8:30 pm - Mr. and Mrs. Sub C Pageant 10:00 pm - Fellowship

Saturday, January 6th:

Service Opportunity #1 | Feed My Starving Children

Service Opportunity #2 | On site Project

5:30 pm: Holiday Embrace Registration Opens

6:30 pm: Dinner 8:00 pm - 12:00 am: Dance

Don't Forget!

Coats for Kids Donations Needed

The annual donation collection for the Coats for Kids project will be on December 7th at the noon meeting. If you can't make it but would like to donate, feel free to contact Tom Jones, tomlinjones@hughes.net or 319-752-2293.



Board of Directors Update

At the November board meeting, your Directors and Officers approved the following funding requests:

- \$250 for Toys for Tots
- \$1,000 donation to the kettles when we ring the Salvation Army's kettle bells
- Funds for 267 dictionaries and 269 thesauruses to be distributed to the following schools: West Burlington, Danville, Mediapolis, Notre Dame, and Great River Christian

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Randall, Secretary

Mark Your Calendar...

7 – Burlington High School and
Southeastern Community College's
Steps to SuCCess Program

7 – Donation Collection for Coats for Kids

14 – Burlington High School Orchestra

19 – Board Meeting, 12 pm @ Bees Stadium

21 – Kiwanis Club Holiday Celebration
featuring the Kiwanis Singers

25 – Merry Christmas

28 - Kid's Day

Programs arranged by Cassie Gerst



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