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Greetings!

They say April showers bring May flowers, as I type this letter and look out the window on a late April afternoon, it is raining, how perfect. I don't know about you, but I am sure looking forward to those May flowers!

Sometimes we mention our slower months as a club, but it sure seems like I have plenty to discuss as we enter each month. That is certainly no different with the month of May!

Our awesome club will host its most long-standing and rewarding fund-raiser on Saturday, May 27th in the Annual Pancake Breakfast. If you've been at the last couple of meetings, we have many committee members reminding us of the plethora of opportunity we all have to help this event be successful. Between approaching a potential sponsor, selling tickets to those around you, contributing to the hog sales campaign or signing up to volunteer at the event, each of us should be able to say we contributed to the 2017 pancake breakfast! It likely goes without saying, but a great leader always offers reminders (someone told me that once), the pancake breakfast is our biggest fund-raising event and I cannot stress enough the importance of volunteering for the pancake breakfast. Personally, I sign myself and my husband up for a shift and we make it a family affair (Landry will soon be added to the list as well) and have fun with it! If you're in town, please find a slot or two to sign up with Lois Blythe or Curry Bernand. Please do NOT sign up to cook sausage naked though! (If you missed the meeting on April 27th, you might ask about this!)

In addition to the "World Series" pancake event mentioned above, the committee and several volunteers have committed their time to "regular season games" at both West Burlington and Burlington High School post proms. I would like to thank everyone who has done that as sleep is very important and it means a lot to interrupt your night of rest to help the kids stay out of trouble!

As I type, this weekend is set to be the FUN wrap up event at Community Field for our membership drive. One more shout out to Team Sunshine on their victory! Just because the membership drive itself has concluded, prospective members and guests are welcome all year long. I challenge each of you to bring at least one prospective member to a meeting yet this year. Help share our story so we can continue to improve the world one child and one community at a time with others who may not yet know they're the perfect fit to our organization!

Love It. Share It. Live It. Cheers, Melissa

29th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 28, 6:30 am - 12 pm Port of Burlington

Tickets, Tickets, and More Tickets!

Each member is urged to sell as many tickets as possible prior to the breakfast. Your packet is at meeting or will be mailed to you. If you need additional tickets, contact Jon Hart, jonhart@mchsi.com or 319-572-1602.

The Scoop on Sponsorships

All Sponsors will receive recognition in our poster & the news paper tab if received by May 10 and event recognition if received by May 20.



The sponsorship categories are as follows: Copper Level \$150 - includes 2 tickets Bronze Level \$400 - includes 6 tickets Silver Level \$500 - includes 8 tickets Gold Level \$700 - includes 10 tickets Platinum Level \$1,000 - Includes 14 tickets

Return to Dennis Wilson by fax at 319-753-6929 or email denniswilson4@mchsi.com



Above, Bill Cloven gets ready to serve the masses their morning coffee.

Left, Karen Erickson and Tim Agnew take a much needed break.



Above, Jerry Parks may have pancake mix all over before the bag is open!

Do I Really have to Buy a Hog?

No, not a real hog! Each year, we try to raise the necessary funds from our membership to underwrite the cost of the supplies for our Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser. This is done by offering the opportunity for our members to buy a Hog for the event for \$100 (or any portion – ¼ or ½), well not really a hog, but all the supplies we need to put on this great breakfast. With these donations, we're then able to put all the ticket sales directly to the bottom line and all of it back into the community for worthy projects. Contact Craig Smith for more info, craig@sterzingschips.com or 319-759-1797.



Where do I Sign Up to Work?

Numerous shifts and stations are available for those who wish to volunteer. You may also have friends or family volunteer with you if you choose.

Jim Steer serves pancakes along side Peggy Hart, Jon's wife, at left and Steve Preader made it a family affair with his daughter's helping, Sophia and Olivia at right.

To sign up, contact Lois Blythe, lblythe@burlington.lib.ia.us or 319-750-3938.



Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to the following who were recently recognized at a club meeting.

Duane Lee, 3 Years

Karen Erickson, 6 Years

Karen Clay, 23 Years

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!

Board of Directors Meeting

The April board meeting the board of directors was pretty light, but that's ok!

The Board of Directors voted on and approved the following funding requests:

\$300 for the Outdoor Youth Jamboree at Big Hollow Recreation Area. The Jamboree is completely free and open to the public on may 13th. The day is a cooperative day between several wildlife and conservation organizations and attendance is usually 1,000 kids and parents. It includes instructor-led shooting sports (shotgun, rifle, air rifle and archery), retriever demonstrations, fishing, fully guided boat tours of Big Hollow lake, event T-shirts and free memberships to Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited, prizes, giveaways, and a free lunch.

Plus, everything is 100% free! Including fishing poles and bait, to the firearms and ammo. It truly was a whole-family event.

Respectfully, Michelle Randall, Secretary



Welcome Guests to our Fun Kiwanis Club

Neighbors, coworkers and friends are invited to join us for a meeting! Prospective members eat for free on their first visit (the club absorbs the cost).

Guests are more than welcome to attend as well. Please pay for their meal upon your arrival at the back table. Guest meals are \$10.





Mark Your Calendar...

4 - Kiwanis Group Photo for The Hawk Eye 16 - Board Meeting, 12 pm @ Bees Stadium

4 – Fireball Run, Chelsea Tolle 18 – Mount Pleasant Chamber of

11 – Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce, Commerce, Kristi Ray

Laura Francisco 25– Indoor Sports Complex, Joe O'Brien

11 – Birthday Table Programs arranged by Jim Sleister



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