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My fellow Kiwanians,

The first month has come and gone, yet I feel barely settled in. What a great month! I am overwhelmed by your support with nearly 80 Kiwanians at our new year kickoff lunch on October 5th. We also had about 15 clergy present for our minister's day the following week.

As with every year, great job by Bruce Widbin, Craig Smith and the entire spiritual aims committee. Blending a serious message of gratitude along with a charge for continued leadership in our community while balancing some truthful humor is not always easy. I love that we start our year recognizing those whose mission stands so close to ours at times.

We introduced our Co-Sargent at Arms this past month. (Even if they were a little reluctant to stand up...) I know Nick MacGregor and Dominique Cornick will do an excellent job throughout the year. You often hear how Sgt. at Arms is the most difficult job in the club. Nick and Dom have some great things planned this year; however, that time is what you make of it. Jump in and enjoy those few moments of release from our regular day. If you have any feedback, I'm sure they would be willing to listen.

We are nearing the season of thanks and giving. This is a time when our clubs power shines the brightest in the lives of those we touch. Coats for Kids, Dictionaries and Thesauruses, Ding-a-lings, Kids Shopping with Santa at Target, and photos with the Big Guy at PZAZZ! are all on the horizon. What a wonderful time of year to be of service in our communities. I call on our membership to help the committee chairs out and volunteer early and often.

Jeff Strause and the traveling pancake cooking crew set a great example with many hands making for light work as we cooked pancakes and sausage for the BHS football team on October 19th. No one left hungry as we cooked 250 pancakes and 216 sausages. Great work by our volunteers.

In addition to our volunteers, this Thanksgiving I am thankful for my years and experiences in Kiwanis. I am thankful to call you friends. I am thankful to learn from your service. Thank you for being awesome Kiwanians and making a difference in Burlington!

Life is so rich!

Jason Strandberg

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Coats for Kids

For the last 25 years, Kiwanis have been able to purchase new coats for some of the kids in our community. We are currently working with the Nest and Head Start to establish the list for 2017.

This project has two facets; identifying the need and funding.

First, we need to identify the needed gender, quantity, and size the child wears. The project provides new coats to needy children from newborn to five years old. Coordination of the sizes needed is a challenge when it comes the purchasing of the coats. We try not to purchase all the same color and style for the same size of child. You want to avoid the identification that a group of kids all got the same coat from Kiwanis.

Second, we need to secure funding of the project. The goal has always been to fund this project completely.

Kiwanis members always help with donations during a weekly meeting and you have been great to support the project over the years. This year we will be collecting on December 7.

Corporate donations have also been requested.

Last year we received:

- o The ShopKo Foundation provided \$500
- o GRMC supported the project by giving us \$1,000
- o Winegard supported the project by giving us \$1,000
- o Dave & Cindy Vavroch Memorial gave \$500.

For more information, contact Tom Jones, tomlinjones@hughes.net or 319-752-2293.



The Annual Kiwanis and Target Kids' Christmas Shopping

*Saturday, December 2
6:30-8:30 am, Target*

Volunteers are needed to provide transportation, wrap gifts, and shop with the children. Five children from each of the elementary schools in Burlington and West Burlington are selected by their school counselor to be invited to participate in this event.



The children will have a light breakfast provided by Target, a visit and picture taken with Santa, and then SHOPPING!!!! Children are encouraged to purchase gifts for other family members as well as themselves.



When they are finished shopping the gift wrappers go into action. Many happy faces leave Target knowing that they will have something to open for Christmas or they have something to give to someone special in their lives.

If you are looking for an uplifting experience there is nothing better than 35 excited kids patiently or impatiently waiting for Santa to arrive and then having the chance to shop with their own personal Kiwanis shopping partner. Merry Christmas!

For more information or to sign up, contact Lois Blythe, lblythe@burlington.lib.ia.us or 319-750-3938

Feather Party Fun!

One of our many club traditions - the annual Feather Party!
Club members can win a turkey or cash when they shout out
that magic word, BINGO!!

As you can tell from the photo below,
this is a fun day for club members,
so please no guests.

Pictured are Shauna Freitag, Heath
Hillyard, JR DeLap, and Dave Vavroch -
apparently they were big winners!



The planning for our Kiwanis Pictures with Santa is underway. Final details are still being worked out, but we once again intend to set up at Fun City. Tentatively we will work on Saturdays and Sundays between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We'll begin on Saturday, 12/2 and wrap up on Sunday 12/17. With this limited schedule it should be easy to fill our volunteer time slots with our eager to serve members! Stay tuned for further information on the date for setting things up and the work schedule.

For more information or to sign up early, contact Jon Hart,
jonhart@mchsi.com or 319-572-1602

Board of Directors Update

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

- \$1,000 to the Kiwanis International Foundation
- Up to \$4000 for the purchase of coats for our Coats for Kids project

We also approved the new member application of Robert Haines. We welcome Robert to our club, and thanks go to Bob Reed for sponsoring our newest member!

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Randall, Secretary

Income

Membership Dues	65,000
Membership Fees	1,100
Meals-Guest/Seniors	500
Kiwanis Night Out	1,000
Sergeant of Arms-Birthday	1,500
Div Inc-Edward Jones	500
Interest	5
Total Income	\$69,605

Expense

Meals	37,700
International Dues	14,300
Insurance-Bond	900
District Meetings and Conventions	250
Club Directory Printing	650
FICA Expense	310
Secretary Salary	2,250
Postage	250
Professional Fees	500
Treasurer Salary	2,250
Thanksgiving Day	500
Lt Gov & Gov Expense	100
Membership Development	1,000
Internet Web Site	600
Club Supplies	900
Memorial Youth Scholarship	300
Kids Christmas Program	200
Kiwanis Singers	150
Special Committees-Centurion	200
Meals- Kiwanis Night Out	3,000
Entertainment- Kiwanis Night Out	1,800
Family Picnic	835
Social Events	500
Bulletin Printing and Mailing	100
P O Box-Safe Deposit Box	60
Total Expense	\$69,605

Mark Your Calendar...

2 – The Hawk Eye, Editor, Ellis Smith

9 – Veteran's Day and Birthday Table

16 – Feather Party

21 – Board Meeting, 12 pm @ Bees Stadium

23 – Happy Thanksgiving

30 - West Burlington Football, Coach Jay Eilers

Programs arranged by Dave Schmitt



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