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Greetings! This month's newsletter message is written with mixed emotions. Serving as President of the best service club in town, heck, the best service club in the region has been amazing. It has also been an honor, a privilege, a learning experience and by golly, it has been FUN!

In my opening newsletter, I said I wanted to make sure we continued "strengthening our relationships with one another through fellowship and fun as we serve the children of the world". Perhaps you feel otherwise, but from my lonely seat up front, I think we accomplished the goal. Sure, we did some silly activities and told bad jokes, but we got out of our seats and just talked with each other.

Henry Ford once said "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success". This year we have had a lot of opportunity to work together and we created success. We successfully helped 35 local children have Christmas they may not have had otherwise; we successfully provided coats to small children for the winter months so they could be warm; we successfully raised over \$50,000 with our three fund raisers; we successfully celebrated our clergy and veterans; we successfully provided books to area students to help improve literacy rates; we successfully threw a tailgate party inside Comfort Suites on a Thursday afternoon; we successfully boarded the Polar Express with a record-attendance Kids Day; we successfully supported area youth in activities they may not get participate in otherwise with a Bees game and free swim day; we successfully collaborated with other groups and organizations; we successfully helped celebrate the life of a longtime Kiwanian; we successfully took ourselves back to the Roaring 20's for quite the party; we successfully introduced new characters to our club and hosted a white elephant gift exchange; we successfully shared our stories on social media outlets and received recognition from Kiwanis International; we successfully invited others to join our club and share in our mission; and we successfully did so much more than all of that. We came together, we have kept together and we continue to work together.

Several times this year, I was complimented on my leadership of our club. For some reason, I have a hard time accepting compliments, perhaps I will outgrow that someday, who knows. Anyway, those compliments and kind words would resonate with me for hours and days after receiving them, I almost dwelled on them, internally thinking, "but wait, I'm just being me." It did not take long, but eventually it dawned on me, it's not me, it's YOU. YOU all are the reason this club is awesome, I just had the honor of being the one to remind you about it from the podium. Thank you for allowing me to do just that. No really, thank you.

I know you know I could keep going on and on and on, but I will stop there and save the rest for later. Please join us on Thursday, September 28th for a full reflection on the successes of this year, I would love to see all of you there. I'll probably cry or at least get chocked up a little, surely you don't want to miss that!

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

Kiwanis Family Picnic Fun! Potato Sack Races! Pinatas! BINGO! Oh WOW!



Kiwanis Sponsors Free Swim Day

Kiwanis was the official sponsor of the FREE swim day on Tuesday, August 15th at Dankwardt Park Pool. This was a wonderful opportunity to provide direct service to accompany our dollars to children in the community. Thanks to all who volunteered. It was a hit!



“Thank You” to all of the birthday table sponsors and for Zola Starkey who helped coordinate the birthday fun!

- November – Karen Erickson
- December, February, May, September – Carol Zaiser
- January – Steve Francis & Mary Delzell
- March – Carol Brokaw, April – Kent Brown
- June – Universal Therapy Group
- July – Lunning Chapel & Chip
- August – Hy-Vee

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 Jason Strandberg, 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
- Coats for Kids
- School Nurse Program
- Key Club
- Young Children: Priority One

Fundraising Events

- Shamrock Shuffle
- Pictures with Santa
- Pancake Breakfast

Club Activities

- FUN Committee
- Kiwanis Singers
- Kiwanis Night Out
- Family Picnic
- Programs

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

Kiwanis Blood Drive

This year we are planning the Kiwanis Blood Drive around the Labor Day holiday, August 28 to September 17. The drive is held at the Burlington Donor Center at 3407 Agency Street Burlington.



One lucky donor will receive a **\$25 Gift Card** 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.

Be a living donor, each unit of whole blood can help up to 4 people.

Board of Directors Update and Membership Dues Note

Please welcome Hannah Nickelsen, from Sunnybrook, to our club! Sunnybrook is a Corporate Member and Hannah will be joining us as their representative. (Also, please be on the lookout for Mallory Hymes who will also be joining us occasionally from Sunnybrook as well).

The following funding requests were approved:
•\$600 to the South Hill Neighborhood Block Party on 8/19 to provide children's activities .

You will notice slight changes to the presentation of your next dues invoice in October. We are going to allow members to pay for their entire years' worth of dues in one payment if they desire to do so. However, we want to stress that you may continue to pay quarterly if you wish.

Quarterly statements will continue to be sent to members. This change is targeted to those members that would rather submit one check a year instead of one each quarter.

Mark Your Calendar...

7 – Birthday Table

19 – Board Meeting, 12 pm @ Bees Stadium

28 – President's Farewell, Melissa Jones

Programs will be announced at Club
Meeting



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