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Board of Directors



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Directors, 2 Years



Fellow Kiwanians –

In some far corners of my mind it is hard to fight the feeling of 'the end is near'. I catch myself reflecting on the year and then remembering there will be enough time for that later.

Our club is in full swing and impacting our community in a number of ways. As I write we just completed another successful sponsorship of a free swim day at Dankwardt park. Thank you to Tom & Linda Jones, Cassie Gerst, Jim Corder, Lois Blythe, Russ Benischek, and Denny Robertson for volunteering. Lois Blythe and her committee are also gearing up for Christmas in July at the Bee's ballpark. We may often think of these as secondary events for our club, but the truth is around 100 kids attended the free swim day, we had a number of families attend our first movie and art event at the Capital Theater, and we have changed Christmas in July to encourage greater family attendance as well. There were about 50 in attendance at the Bees game. The social media hashtag says #KidsNeedKiwanis. While the funding is important, the social interaction is also a vital part in our contribution to the community. A huge thank you to those that have volunteered recently!

One of the things that has stuck with me the most this year is the unwavering desire by the officers and board members to represent our club members as best as possible. I cannot say enough about how proud and thankful I am to have had their support and resource this past year. That said, none of them (to my knowledge) are mind readers. Take a look at the officer and board members listed just to the left of this writing. If you have thoughts, ideas, or friendly criticisms, please share them with us. They truly strive to make club decisions that reflect you and I believe they have done an excellent job this year.

Keep spreading that Kiwanis spirit! Life is so rich, see you Thursdays! Jason Strandberg, burlingtonkiwanis@gmail.com

Looking to Get Involved or Volunteer with Kiwanis? Now's the time to sign up for a Committee

The Kiwanis fiscal year is October 1st through September 30 and that also means we are gearing up for new officers and a board of directors. As they prepare for the new year, it gives all members an opportunity to think about what volunteer opportunities they would like to seize. The committees are a great way to get involved, meet new people, give back to the area children and have FUN!

Please let Brent Hartley, the upcoming President, know which committees you are interested in. 309-337-0850 or burlingtonkiwanis@gmail.com

Service Activities

- Christmas in July
- Kid's Christmas Shopping Spree
- Paint-A-Thon
- Dictionary & Thesaurus Club Activities Program
- Coats for Kids
- School Nurse Program
- Key Club
- Young Children: Priority Programs One

Fundraising Events

- Shamrock Shuffle
- Pictures with Santa
- Pancake Breakfast

- FUN Committee
- Kiwanis Singers
- Kiwanis Night Out
- Family Picnic
- Spiritual Aims & Invocation

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



Volunteering is fun and we always love extra helpers. Members volunteer for the Salvation Army - what we call the Ding A Lings!, Christmas at Target for Children in Need, The Shamrock Shuffle and the Pancake Breakfast. There's always something to volunteer for!

Kiwanis Family Picnic Bring your Family for a Night of FUN!

Save the Date! Who: Kiwanis members and family When: Thursday, September 13, 5:30 pm - ? Where: Perkins Park Shelter House, 1429 West Ave





Join in some FUN!! Games for all ages, fellowship and get to know other members. Look forward to seeing you there!! If you or your business would like to donate any prize items it would be greatly appreciated! Any questions contact Michele Schnicker



The New Social Hour, Don't Miss the Fun! Come for as long or as short as you want and feel free to bring a guest! Please note, all food and beverages are on your own, but the conversation is free!

Wednesday, August 22, 4:30 pm The Buffalo, 2016 S Main St., Burlington

Board of Directors Update

At the July board meeting, your Directors & Officers approved the following funding requests:

\$3,000 to Des Moines County Conservation for their new playground project at Big Hollow Campground. The next time you are there be sure to check out their progress!

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Randall, Secretary

Mark Your Calendar...

2 – Des Moines County Living Well, Jake
Tanumihardjo
9 – Fireball Run, Chad Palmer
9 – Birthday Table
16 – Life skills, Mt Pleasant Corrections,
Jolene Cox and Kerry Murray
21 – Board Meeting, 12 pm@Bees Stadium

22 – Social Hour, The Buffalo, 4:30 pm

- 23 Camp Courageous: camp for youth,
- kids, and adults with disabilities
- 30 Homestead 1839, Tobin Krelle

Programs arranged by Mary Weinand



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