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To my fellow Kiwanians:

Welcome all to the great season of giving and cheer and what a great season it is! I write this as I am coming off the high of the excitement from shopping with the kids at Target. This is both a joyous and heartwarming event, one that has direct Kiwanian to Kid impact, and truly serves our mission. I want to thank all the Kiwanis family that came out early to help shop or wrap and two special folks that brought Santa (George Rinker) and Mrs. Clause (Karen Erickson) to life for the morning. I also want to thank Lois for the organization for this wonderful event. On the heels of the excitement of this event, I also think about the kids afterwards and challenge us all to keep them all in your prayers for the future!

Looking back at November, I want to thank several different groups. The Feather party crew; Larry Turley, Jason Strandberg, and Jim Steer for helping us all enjoy Bingo for Birds. Each of you who dug deep to give the wait staff an extra Holiday Bonus of \$760. They were blown away and thankful for your generosity. George Rinker for spear heading the Veterans Celebration and the Kiwanis Singers for serenading us so sweetly!

Looking ahead to what is arguably the busiest time of year, there are plenty of opportunities for us to live out the mission, while giving with both our time and monetary blessings. If you haven't already, please see Mary Weinand to sign up for "Photos with Santa" which runs Saturdays and Sundays through Sunday, December 23rd. If that's not your groove and you have a different tune ringing in your head, please see Jim Sleister to sign up for Salvation Army bell ringing on Friday, December 14th, (see what I did there, wink, wink). If you don't have the time, but your wallet is getting as heavy as your blessings, please plan to give on Thursday, December 6th to our annual Coats for Kids project or see Tom Jones with your offering. We have already served 130 kids with coats and the needs are still coming in. A big THANK you to Tom and his wife Linda for shopping and distributing the coats as well as Sarah Schwartz for hunting down corporate donations.

There's lots of club fun coming up in December, minus the monthly social as many Kiwanians are busy volunteering within and outside of the club. We will be having the annual Thursday Christmas Celebration on the 20th, which includes an Ugly Sweater Contest and \$5 limit White Elephant Gift Exchange. The Kiwanis Singers have something special for the club too! Plus, don't forget about Kids Day on Thursday, December 27th as we round out the calendar year. Cassie and her team are set to out-who themselves this year and ask us not to be a Grinch. So, bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or even your neighbors for this Whotastic event!!!

As I close, I want to thank all of you for stepping up in so many ways. Every time there is an ask, there is at least one hand to answer the call. God bless you all in this Merry season and let's not forget why we are all here! LET'S ROCK! Brent Hartley, 2018-2019 Burlington Kiwanis President

Coats for Kids

2018 was a big year for the Kiwanis Coats for Kids project! We have delivered 130 coats to Head Start and The Nest this year! This is our 26th year of providing new coats for kids and it may be the largest number we have provided.

Kiwanis members always help with donations during a weekly meeting in December and you have been great to support the project over the years. Last year our members donated \$1,102. Thank you for your support for this project.

This year we will be collecting on December 6, 2018. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to donate contact Tom Jones at a meeting or call 319-752-2293.



Kiwanis and Target Kids' Christmas Shopping Thank You Volunteers





Sign Up to Help with Photos with Santa

Contact Mary Weinand

319-750-4651

Board of Directors Update

Your Directors and Officers met and discussed several items. The number of shoppers was increased from 25 to 35 children for the Target Shopping Spree. They approved the following funding requests at the November board meeting:

- \$500 for the After School Program. The donation is for teachers to provide bus tokens and snacks at the freshmen high school tutoring sessions.

Additionally, the House Committee reported that Rocky Roxlau has retired from the back table greeter and Karen Erickson has taken over these duties. A special thank you to Rocky for all of his time, smiles and conversations at the back table.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Erickson, Secretary



Feather Party Fun!



Mark Your Calendar...

6 Art Center and Capitol Theater,
Executive Director, Tammy McCoy
Invocation by Mary Weinand

13 Burlington Public Library,
Executive Director, Rhonda Frevert
Invocation by Jan Chubb-Paris

18 Board Meeting, 12 pm@Bees Stadium

20 Club Ugly Sweater Party,
White Elephant Gift Exchange and
Kiwanis Singers
Invocation by Jeff Rucker

27 Kid's Day, The Grinch
Invocation by Lois Blythe

Programs arranged by Cassie Gerst
Invocations arranged by Lois Blythe



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