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Denny Robertson To my fellow Kiwanians:

WOW! I can't believe we are one month into this year already. Iappreciate all that have shared a word of encouragement this past month. It has been wonderful hearing from you and it's a joy to work alongside you!

As you all know, our year started off rather difficult with the passing of one of our longest standing members. Bud Hart was the pinnacle of what Kiwanis is, does, and should be. He will forever be a part of this family and I know we are all grateful for the time that we had with him. I will echo what the family said in thanking each of you that attended Bud's services, took time to visit with or send condolences to the family and to those that donated to the club in his honor. I want to thank the Kiwanis Singers for their beautiful song at the funeral. I also want to thank Denny Robertson for the heartwarming idea to line the exit of the church to honor Bud.

On the lighter side of things, we introduced our newest Sargent at Arms. None other than Dave "The King of Jocularity" Schmitt. Dave is off to a good start entertaining and collecting those hard earned dollars. I look forward to what Dave has prepared for this year and I think you will too. Don't be afraid to join in and have fun with Dave every Thursday when "Schmitt Happens"!

The membership drive was announced and run all year long. We will hold a drawing each quarter for Kiwanians that bring a perspective member (one chance per). One lucky winner per quarter will receive a \$50 gift card to any area business of their choice. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!!! At the end of the year, each Kiwanian that sponsors a new member will be in the grand prize drawing for a \$100 gift card to an area business of their choice! LOVE KIWANIS, LIVE KIWANIS, SHARE KIWANIS!!!

The board of directors voted to increase dues for the first time in three years from \$120 per quarter to \$125. This full membership will vote on November 8th.

Looking ahead, we have a busy month. We will be celebrating our Veterans on the 8th with a program arranged by George Rinker that is sure to have some Kiwanis Singing involved. This will be followed up by our Feather Party (Bingo for Birds) on the 15th. We do ask for no guests this day, as it is a day for us to kick back as a family and enjoy a little extra fun before our busy season of giving! Last, unless I'm forgetting something, is the Kids Shopping Spree at Target on Saturday December 1st and the board approved increasing the kid count from 25 to 35. This is a wonderfully touching event and I encourage all to join!

As we head in to this month of Thanksgiving, I close this message with my thanksgiving for this club. I thank all of you serving this club through your time, talent and/or tithe. I thank you for your gracious hearts and your working hands. I thank you for caring.

LET'S ROCK! Brent Hartley, 2018-2019 Burlington Kiwanis President

Coats for Kids

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

The project provides new coats to needy children from newborn to 5 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. You want to avoid the identification that a group of kids all got the same coat from Kiwanis.

The goal has always been to fund this project completely. 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.

Sarah Schwartz has been instrumental in seeking corporate donations for several years now. Last year she was able to get these donations:

- o The ShopKo Foundation provided a \$750 check.
- o Winegard supported the project by giving us a \$1,000 check.

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



The Annual Kiwanis and Target Kids' Christmas Shopping

Saturday, December 1 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 Janet Chubb-Parris, Jane Wilson and Karen Clay!





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. 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

Your Directors and Officers approved the following funding requests at the September board meeting:

• \$1,800 to Change a Child's Story 2018/2019 Project to purchase books for Mediapolis Elementary School, in hopes of helping reading skills.

• Up to \$3,500 to the Coats for Kids Project to purchase 100 children's coats to distribute in the community to those with an identified need.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Erickson, Secretary

Budget

Income	
Membership Dues	66,600
Membership Fees	800
Meals-Guest/Seniors	500
Kiwanis Night Out	1,000
Sergeant of Arms-Birthday	1,500
Div Inc-Edward Jones	500
Interest	5
Total Income	\$70,905
Expense	
Meals	39,700
International Dues	14,200
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	1,100
Family Picnic	835
Social Events	500
Bulletin Printing and Mailing	100
P O Box-Safe Deposit Box	60
Birthday Table	100
Total Expense	\$69,605

Mark Your Calendar...

- Burlington Community School District New Grant Received, Cassie Gerst Invocation by Jim Corder
- 8 Veterans Day Tribute featuring the Color Guard and Kiwanis Singers Invocation by Vicki Stoller
- 15 Club Feather Party! BINGO, No Guests Invocation by John Dodge

- 20 Board Meeting, 12 pm@Bees Stadium
- 22 Happy Thanksgiving
- 29 United Way, Aaron Baltisberger Invocation by Lois Blythe

Programs arranged by Invocations arranged by Lois Blythe



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