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To my fellow Kiwanians:

As you are reading this, we are entering the second half of my year as president and wow it has flown by. So far, our year has not been without challenge and even heartbreak, but it has also been a year full of fun and excitement.

We are coming off one of our most profitable years of the Shamrock Shuffle, raising just shy of \$20,000 for our Kiwanis Club to pour back into our community. This year saw a little bit of everything to push our net income up from the last couple years. We had a little bit warmer weather, a few more paying participants, new sponsors, and trimmed a few expenses. The success of this event couldn't be possible without all YOUR support. Each person in this club plays a roll from sponsorship, volunteering, and even spreading the news of the event to the community. We have had a great committee over the last several years that really make this event smooth and the leadership of Melissa Jones has been superior. With her announced "Retirement" I hope to fill her shoes once again as chair to continue the success of the fundraiser. I am more than confident in the committee as it is one well oiled machine! Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't shout THANK YOU to non-Kiwanians, Nate Jones (Melissa's husband) and Linda Jones (Tom's wife) for all they do for this event!

Another wildly successful event was the Kiwanis Night Out hosted by Dominique Cornick and Kristi Ecklund, supported by their committee and a fabulous cast of characters. The Murder Mystery Masquerade Ball was a night filled with good food, good fun, and a whole lot of Payton Pewter (Jason Strandberg) yelling at people across the GG Conn Pavilion. I believe there was much fun had by all, whether they were a part of the "show" or not. Thank you to all the Kiwanians and their guests who enjoyed the evening and to Dom, Kristi, and crew for putting the event together. Lastly, congratulations to our BIG winners of the evening... Karen Erickson – Best Dressed Female and Top Detective, Austin Schwartz – Best Dressed Male, Kat Knutson & Guest – Best Dressed Couple.

Now we move on to April, which means Spring. Spring means Baseball. Baseball means Burlington Bees. And Burlington Bees now means more time with you Kiwanis Family in the concession stand at Community Field. Make sure you are getting your names on the sheet that is on the back table each week so that you can enjoy a few hours at the park serving food to supporters of our Burlington Bees that we are so fortunate to have in our community. This is our way to give back to the organization for the use of their facilities for meetings, storage, and many things Shamrock Shuffle.

Lastly, we must start thinking about Pancakes! George Rinker (Hi George) and his team are gearing up for the big day and need your help in many ways. This is still our biggest fund raiser each year and we need all of you to make it successful.

LET'S KEEP ROCKIN'!!! Brent Hartley, 2018-2019 Kiwanis President



2019 Shamrock Shuffle Results

Total Registrations	745
Estimated Net Income	\$20,000
Average Age	33
Oldest Participant	73
Gender	73% Female
Zip Codes Represented	59
States include Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas	

Pancake Breakfast

May 25, 6:30 AM



Kiwanis Blood Drive!

"It's the WRITE thing to do"

Monday, April 7 - Saturday, April 20

Call or text Kali at 319-850-2457 or e-mail at keastin@mvrbc.org

Burlington Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center

Kiwanis code 1035

A Special Thank you will be given to those who donate from Tom Jones. A unique hand turned wooden writing pen from a 35 year old tree in Tom's yard.

**Remember, donating
blood is the WRITE
thing to do!**



Editor's Note...

Hi all, For those of you that don't know, I put together the newsletter each month and it's wonderful to share what the club has going on, showcase fun events and feature club members. I'm always looking for content, so feel free to share! There are numerous people who submit information on a regular basis and it's fantastic! Keep it coming, it's very helpful.

As the summer comes into full swing, there will be a slight modification to the monthly issues. The July and August newsletters will be rolled into one publication that will be sent out the first part of July.

For those of you who take the time to read the newsletter each month, and are still reading this, Thank You! I apologize for missing a newsletter. My work load has significantly changed for the duration of the spring and summer due to RAGBRAI - a cool event that Greater Burlington will be hosting on

Friday, July 26th. It's going to be AWESOME - but also require a huge amount of time.

So, this next bit is the Editor's prerogative, I'm looking to get the word out and need help on a few things, so this is one more marketing opportunity to utilize! Burlington RAGBRAI is looking for volunteers and residents to host riders in their yards or home.

Hosting a rider in your home or letting them set up their tents in your yard can be lots of fun. You never know who you will meet or where they will be from.

If you are interested, let MaryAnn Jordahl or myself know and we will get you connected with a rider. You can visit www.burlingtonragbrai.com to sign up or for more information.

Take Care, Kay Sackville Breuer,
kay.breuer@gmail.com or 319-750-2425

Kiwanis Night Out Masquerade Murder Mystery Fun!



*The "Cast" is showcased above left
Front Row: Andrew Mahoney, Jon Hart, Craig Smith, Alec Cornick, Nick MacGregor, and Austin Shwartz
Back Row: Jason Strandberg, Michelle Randall, Ashlee Hoskins, Brent Hartley, Richard Goughnor, Kay Sackville Breuer, Duane Lee, Kat Knutson, Stephanie Nagrocki, Ryan Nagrocki, Karen Erickson and Melissa Jones.*

*The "Hostesses" are showcased in the upper right
Dominique Cornick and Kristi Ecklund*

Board of Directors Update

Your Directors and Officers met and discussed several items in March including the following funding requests:

- \$5,000 to the Homestead 1839 for their organic, educational farm youth programing which includes school field trips, summer lunch program, seed to canning classes in the barn, pre-school education, a 4 credit program for the ALT School, and special needs children's programs
- \$275 as a Little League team sponsor which strives to develop traits of character, courage, and loyalty while teaching discipline, teamwork and physical wellness in a safe and fun environment
- \$250 to Beaster Bunny 5-K as a race sponsor, which includes race website logo and link, public recognition, logo and name on race t-shirts, on-site signage, race packet inserts,

and an opportunity to set up a display table for merchandise

- \$250 to Burlington Youth Triathlon to be a bike sponsor. This level's opportunities include: race website logo and link, public recognition, logo and name on race t-shirts, on-site signage, race packet inserts, and an opportunity to set up a display table for merchandise
- \$3,000.00 to the Mississippi Valley Council Boy Scouts of America for financial support in the form of camper sponsorship for grades kindergarten to age 18 years old
- \$300.00 to Mary Wienand for 3 Financial Literacy Children's Books kiosks around the community. These will hold children's books on financial literacy and will include reading guides for parents. The major target age would be 7-11 years old. The Kiwanis name would be prominent on all of the kiosks

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Erickson, Secretary

Mark Your Calendar...

4 Our Iowa Magazine, Rick Jost
Invocation by Jason Strandberg

11 Soil Conservation, Steve Brower
Invocation by Larry Turley

16 Board Meeting, 12 pm@Bees Stadium

18 Des Moines County Local Foods,
Morgan Hoenig
Invocation by Jim Miller

25 The Alternative to Violence Program,
Sandy Krell-Andre
Invocation by Michelle Randall

Programs arranged by Mary Weinand
Invocations arranged by Lois Blythe



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