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My fellow Kiwanians,

December is my favorite month of the year not only because of the Christmas Season but because of winter break! Winter break allows me to spend time with my family, enjoy long winter days with my daughter, and build new memories with my extended family. For the past three years Christmas has been at my home as I carry on the tradition of making tamales, dancing to Latin music, and playing games with all of my loved ones. My grandmother was a large part of this tradition and I am so thankful that we will be able to honor her memory by continuing this practice with future generations.

Burlington Kiwanis members have their own traditions of service this time of year as well. We serve our community with the Salvation Army bell ringing, bring the joy of Christmas presents to children through our Target shopping day, offer Santa pictures at the Pzazz, and celebrate the season with each other and our children at our Kid's Christmas luncheon. If you have not participated in any of these traditions I hope you will join us this year. Every year I make new memories with my Kiwanis brothers and sisters through participating in these acts of service. I particularly love ending the year with our Kid's Christmas luncheon and the laughter we bring one another's children.

I hope that you will join us in creating memories of your own with our Kiwanis traditions this month. There are many to choose from and all of them will result in a way to serve the children of our community. If we do not see you in December please know we are wishing you a healthy and happy Holiday Season.

In service,
Cassie Gerst
Yours in Kiwanis Service,
Cassie Gerst
2019-2020 President

Kids Day Fun December 26th

It's the day after Christmas and hopefully the little ones are still being good. It make take a reminder from a Spying Elf to remind them we need to be good all year long.

The Spying Elves will be on hand with spy games, elf games and lots of good ole fashioned spy fun!

Family sign up will be in the back of the room every Thursday or you can email Cassie.Gerst@bcsds.org with a head count for your family.



Board of Directors Update

Your Directors and Officers approved the following funding requests at the November board meetings.

Aid to the Needy, which is known as the Nurses Program, where school nurses can purchase necessary items for children in need, \$670.25.

Iowa National Guard was awarded \$500 to be used for the Family Readiness Group. The Iowa National Guard has been a great partner to our Kiwanis through a variety of activities.

Division 18, Lt. Governor Cheryl Underwood will receive \$100 from the Burlington Kiwanis Club. It is customary for all clubs within the district to provide financial support to the Lt. Governor for travel expenses they may incur.

Did you know Burlington Kiwanis Club as had several members serve as the Lt. Governor? Current members include Richard Goughnour 1998-99, Bob Prall 2000-01, Lois Blythe 2001-02 and Michelle Brown 2006-08.

A total of 12 members have served in this roll for Division 18 and 8 members served when we were in Division 9. Additionally, in 1934, member George Alfs, served as the District Governor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Erickson, Secretary

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Coats for Kids Collection December 5th

Warm the hearts of needy children ages newborn through five years old with a new coat. Monies donated will help the club purchase coats for The Nest and Head Start.



Kiwanis and Target Kids' Christmas Shopping Saturday, December 7th, 6:45-8:00 am, Target

Volunteers are needed to provide transportation, wrap gifts, and shop with the children.

For more information or to sign up, contact Lois Blythe, 319-750-3938
lblythe@burlington.lib.ia.us



Ding a Ling Time! Salvation Army Bell Ringing December 13th

Sign up for a shift to ring the bell for Salvation Army at their collection bucket. Burlington Kiwanis has had a wonderful partnership with the Salvation Army to help with their annual collection time.



Santa Claus at **FUNCITY**

December 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd

Visit with children about their wish list as Santa or be Santas Helper.

Blood Drive, December 9th - 21st

To sign up and make sure you are credited to the Burlington Kiwanis account #1035 call Emily at 319-208-0158 or e-mail eludolph@mvrbc.org



Mark Your Calendar...

December

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| 5 | Milestones ARea Agency on Aging,
Pam Taylor
Invocation by Brent Hartley | 19 | Kiwanis Singers Holiday Celebration
Invocation by Steve Francis |
| 12 | AirEvac Team, FM Hospital, Matt Hodges
Invocation by Gina Hardin | 26 | Kid's Day
Invocation by Jan Parris-Chubb |
| 17 | Board Meeting, 12 pm @ BCSD Admin | | Programs arranged by Geane Cleland
Invocations arranged by Lois Blythe |



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