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To my fellow Kiwanians:

Welcome to July! Wait what, how is it July?!? We are entering the fourth and final quarter of my presidential year and it doesn't seem possible. In the past, this edition of the newsletter is a little shorter and the times a bit slower, but for a few reasons that is not the case this year. As a reminder, this will serve as your July and August Newsletter due to Kay's busy schedule with the Chamber of Commerce in the coming month, including Burlington RAGBRAI.

Speaking of Burlington RAGBRAI... Did you know that you have an extra opportunity to serve your club and this community by volunteering for our fund-raising efforts during Burlington RAGBRAI? Yes!! The Kiwanis Club will be serving dinner options on Friday, July 26th and our World-Famous Pancakes on Saturday, July 27th! This will all be happening at the National Guard Armory in Middletown and we need all hands on-deck to help serve the Burlington-sized biking group heading through town. Please see Lois Blythe ASAP to get your name on a spot or three!!!

Amongst the RAGBRAI excitement is one of our more traditional opportunities to serve our community, Christmas in July at Community Field. This will be taking place on Friday, July 26th as well. We will need a good Santa as well as a good handful or so of his helpers to make this a successful event. Again, please see Lois ASAP to get signed up!

Our July Kiwanis Social will be held at Coal Haus 337 located at 337 N Roosevelt Ave beginning at 4:30 pm on Thursday July 18th.

I am going to break up the July and August action with a bit of June re-cap. I apologize once again for missing our Annual Kiwanis Picnic on June 8th. It sounds like kids of all ages, yes that includes all of you, had a wonderful time and I hate that I missed out. Thank you to Jan Chubb-Parris and her team for all the hard work to bring you all the fun, games, and prizes!

Ok, now on to August... On August 1st, we will be hosting a "Free Swim Day" at the Dankwart Park Pool. We will need 4 people to serve the children lunch and show off our Kiwanis Hospitality from 11:45a to 1:15p. I will be asking for volunteers in the near future, but if you know you want to be part of this let me know. Thank you!!

Our August Kiwanis Social will be held at Gator's Grill & Spirits beginning at 4:30 pm on Wednesday August 14th.

President's Message Continued

I would like to end with a CONGRATULATIONS to our newly nominated board members for the 2019-2020 Kiwanis Year. I know each of them will make a welcome addition to our decisioning team. Those four new board members are Kat Knutson, Tony Hazell, Austin Schwartz, and Sam Newkirk. I also want to offer an individual CONGRATULATIONS to Stephanie Nagrocki for stepping up and stepping into the Vice President role for next year. She will follow Cassie Gerst (2019-2020) and George Rinker (2020-2021) to the podium and will make a great President in 2021-2022.

I hope there isn't anything I have missed. If so, you will be receiving a mass email or a Thursday reminder about it. Haha!

LOVE KIWANIS, LIVE KIWANIS, SHARE KIWANIS!!!
LET'S KEEP ROCKIN'!!! Brent Hartley, 2018-2019 Kiwanis President

Kiwanis Sponsors Free Swim Day

Kiwanis is the official sponsor of the FREE swim day on Thursday, August 1st at Dankwardt Park Pool. We are looking for 4-6 volunteers to help with food from 11:30 to 1:30 pm that day.

If you are willing to commit to volunteering, please let Brent Hartley know as soon as possible. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide direct service to accompany our dollars to children in the community.



Kiwanis To Serve Food for Burlington RAGBRAI

Kiwanis has set up to partner with the Iowa National Guard at their Readiness Center in Middletown. This facility is on the main route entering and leaving Burlington and offers riders indoor air conditioned seating for up to 400 people. It includes indoor restrooms and room for porta-potties as needed. The IANG will also provide volunteers to assist us, which is great news!

Please consider volunteering on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27. We will serve Friday from 10 AM until 6 PM. The menu includes hamburgers, cheeseburgers, grilled pork tenderloins, Sterzing Chips, and Pepsi products and water.

On Saturday, from 6 AM - 11:30 AM, we will serve our World Famous Kiwanis Pancakes and Sausage, coffee, juice, and water.

If we do this, they will come, because wherever the riders come from, they all know The National Guard and they know about Kiwanis being reputable organizations worth patronizing.

For more information, contact George Rinker, 319-750-1380 or Lois Blythe, 319-750-3938.

Board of Directors Update

Your Directors and Officers approved the following funding requests at the June board meeting.

Aid to the Needy, also known as The Nurses Program, for \$530.38

City of Burlington/Burlington Fire Department to purchase quality fire prevention/safety materials, by the National Fire Safety Council, to distribute to the residents in our community. Our club will contribute \$400, which is expected to sponsor 100 children. The Kiwanis logo will be listed on the safety manuals.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Erickson,
Secretary





Jars for Juniors Food Drive July 18

The Young Children Priority One Committee is hosting a food drive for The Nest of Des Moines County. Kiwanis members are asked to bring jars of baby food, formula, children's snacks or a monetary donation during the drive on July 18.

Jars for Juniors is a program the club had done for several years and we are excited to bring this back and partner with The Nest of Des Moines County.

The Nest of Des Moines County is a community initiative designed to improve the health of pregnant women, their babies, and the family unit.



Christmas In July

Burlington Bees vs.
Quad Cities River Bandits
When: Friday, July 26, 6:30 pm
Where: Community Field
Games and Fun for Kids



Prizes are needed and if you would like to donate, please contact Lois Blythe at 319-750-3938.

Family Picnic a Success!

The family picnic was a success for all. The food was great and the door prizes were awesome. Plus, the cakewalk and games were fun and the weather cooperated.

If you attended, thank you and I hope you had a great time! If you missed it I'm sorry and hopefully next year will work out.

Special thanks to the committee of Denny Robertson, Geane Cleland, Stefannie Nagrocki, Jon Hart, and Zola Starkey for helping make it a wonderful event.

Jan Chubb-Parris

Mark Your Calendar...

July

- 11 Friends of Geode , David Smith
Invocation by Gina Hardin
- 16 Board Meeting, 12 pm @ Bees Stadium
- 18 Kiwanis Social, 4:30 pm @ Coal Haus
- 18 Heritage Trust, Hal Morton
Invocation by Craig Smith

- 25 Community Foundation of Des Moines
County, Jerry Jochims
Invocation by Jeff Rucker

Programs arranged by Dennis Wilson
Invocations arranged by Lois Blythe

August

- 1 Our Community Listens, Ryan Freitag
Invocation by Brock Anderson
- 8 National Button Museum, Terry Eagle
Invocation by Diane Lerud-Chubb
- 14 Kiwanis Social, 4:30 pm @ Gator's
- 15 Crop Walk, Kay Weiss
Invocation by Jan Parris-Chubb
- 20 Board Meeting, 12 pm @ Bees Stadium

- 22 Burlington Homeless Shelter, Kathy
Johnson
Invocation by Sam Newkirk
- 29 Southeast Iowa Planning Commission,
Zach James
Invocation by Cassie Gerst

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