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To my fellow Kiwanians:

I want to start this month's letter with a tribute to the late Ed "The Judge" Larson. When I transferred to the Burlington Club from Fort Madison a little over six years ago, Ed was one of the first "characters" I picked up on in the club. I heard him being called "Judge" and always making sure to pronounce each defendant profoundly guilty in each "trial". I didn't find out until recently that his title didn't have anything to do with his profession as I had assumed. It was great to hear many of the stories from all of you as well as during his funeral and wish I would have gotten to know him better myself. Ed was a Kiwanis member for 42 years, a Centurion of the club for nearly 17 of those years and was a very impactful Kiwanian to this community. I thank everyone of you that attended Ed's funeral and once again recognize Denny Robertson for his heartwarming idea to send our fallen Kiwanians out with honor.

It is difficult to transition from that, but I must and that is also what all of you did last Saturday as we served breakfast to over 2,500 people of this community and the surrounding areas. Thank you all for stepping up and making this yet another successful Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast! Thank you to George Rinker, Jon Hart, Lois Blythe, Dennis Wilson, and the rest of the committee for getting this off on the right track. Thank you to all of you for your volunteer efforts, hog sale support, and sponsorship dollars. Thank you to former Kiwanian Jeff Strause and his wife for joining us once again. We will hopefully have the final numbers soon, but no matter how it all shakes out, I am proud of our Club and everything we do to pull together and do the most good in our community!

As we move into June, the calendar starts to slow, but that doesn't mean that there isn't anything going on for Burlington Kiwanis! We are still working hard at Community Field supporting our Burlington Bees. Remember that this is our way to give back to the organization for the use of their facilities for meetings, storage, and many things Club related. It is also a great way for us to be community minded and front and center. I thank you to those that have and will be putting some hours in this Summer!

We also have our Annual Kiwanis Picnic coming up in June on the 8th at NOON. The date and time were moved up this year in hopes to beat the scorching heat and give families the option to stay longer. It will be held at the large shelter house this year in Dankwardt Park. It sounds like there are several games to play and many prizes up for grabs this year. Unfortunately, my family will be unable to attend this year, but I encourage you all to NOT follow my example, because it sounds like we are going to miss out on a lot of FUN!!!

President's Message Continued

Lastly, I invite you all to join us for our next Kiwanis social at Martini's (patio hopefully) starting at 4:30 pm for a chance to get to know your fellow members better, socialize with you friends, or just have a drink/food with some different folks! Hope to see you there!

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

Kiwanis Family Picnic Bring your Family and Enjoy!

Save the Date!

Who: Kiwanis members and family

When: Saturday, June 8, 12:00 pm - ?

Where: Dankwardt Park Large Shelter

Join in some FUN!!
Games for all ages,
fellowship and get to know
other members. Look
forward to seeing you
there!!



Please Note:
Thursday Meeting
Schedule
There WILL be a
meeting on June 6
There WILL be a
meeting on August 22

Board of Directors Update

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

DMC Conservation for Starr's Cave – for \$5,000.

The funds will be used to hire a part-time seasonal naturalist for their summer camp program; which serves around 200 students' ages 4-18 years old. This funding would also allow Starr's Cave to pursue the building of a new wilderness Trek for High School students.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Erickson,
Secretary

Officer and Director Elections

1 Year Term

Denny Robertson, Geane Cleland, Jan Chubb-Parris, Richard Ketih

2 Year Term

Sam Newkirk, Tony Hazell, Austin Schwartz, Kat Knutson

Secretary, Karen Erickson

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VP, George Rinker

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That's a Wrap - 31st Annual Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual pancake breakfast!



Mark Your Calendar...

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| 6 | Great River Hospice, Janelle McGuire
Invocation by Duane Lee | 18 | Kiwanis Social, 4:30 pm @ Martini's |
| 8 | Family Picnic, 12 pm @ Dankwardt Park | 20 | Burlington RAGBRAI, Kay Sackville Breuer
Invocation by Jason Strandberg |
| 13 | Burlington Riverfront Entertainment,
Mike O'Neil and David Kroll
Invocation by Sandra Gerst | 27 | Des Moines County Sherriff
Department, Gun Safety, Doug Irvine
Invocation by John Reisson |
| 18 | Board Meeting, 12 pm @ Bees Stadium | | Programs arranged by Jan Chubb - Parris
Invocations arranged by Lois Blythe |



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