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To my fellow Kiwanians,

Happy Fall, or winter, if you spent Halloween trick or treating in the snow! What a way to welcome our Fall season. At this time of year we begin to reflect on our blessings, consider the past year's successes and challenges, and begin to plan our Holidays. Whether young or old, this is the time of year to be thankful for all we have.

As I reflect on my year I am thankful for the fellowship I receive from the Burlington Kiwanis Club members. We acknowledge that our numbers may be declining but we continue to pursue our mission to serve the children of our community. I hope that throughout this season of family and friend gatherings that you will consider sharing your Kiwanis message with those you hold dear.

I thank our Veteran's for your service to our country and look forward to honoring you at our November luncheon. As I sit in my hotel room in Washington, D.C. for the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth conference, I would be remiss to not acknowledge the sacrifices of our armed forces and those who served.

In celebration of Thanksgiving, please visit with us during our annual Feather Party and I hope you are lucky enough to yell BINGO. May this season of thanksgiving be one you are thankful for your Kiwanis family as I am thankful for you.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,
 Cassie Gerst
 2019-2020 President

Blood Drive

Our Blood Drive will be December 9 to 21. Donations are down during the holidays so we are asking for your help. As a club we are under performing! On a national scale 30% of us could donate but only 10% do donate. Our club last time only had 7.7% donate.

Our incentive to donate is provided by Miracle Car Wash, a full service wash for one donor selected from a random drawing.

This Blood Drive we want to encourage new donation, so if you have not donated in the last year or are a new donor you will be entered into a separate drawing for a second full service car wash from Miracle Car Wash. If you try to donate and are deferred for any reason we will include you in the drawing as well.

So, that is two Miracle Car Wash full service washes to two of our donors! We all could use a car wash his winter!

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Burlington Kiwanis

December 9 - 21

Burlington Donor Center 3407 Agency Street

Monday – Wednesday: Noon – 6:30 pm

Thursday – Saturday: 7:00 – 11:30 am

To schedule an appointment, please contact Emily at eludolph@mvrbc.org or 319-208-0158.

Be sure to credit your donation by giving code #1035 when you check in!

All donors will be entered to win a Full-Service Wash from Miracle Car Wash!

Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID.



GIVE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES!

www.bloodcenter.org

Board of Directors Update

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

Aid to the Needy, which is known as the Nurses Program, where school nurses can purchase necessary items for children in need, \$414.68.

After School Tutoring, \$1,000. In its third year, this allows 9-12th grade students to work on projects, homework, tests, or receive extra help in the classes. The funds will be used to buy bus tokens and provide daily snacks.

Camp Courageous, \$1,000, provides year-round respite care for individuals with special needs. They serve 9,000 campers and families annually. Kiwanis will be named on a special recognition plaque.

Coats for Kids for up to \$4,000. The coats are distributed to Head Start and to The Nest of Des Moines County.

Dream Catchers, \$2,000, will be awarded to the Des Moines Dream Catchers Program. These funds will be used to help those, of all ages, in Hospice; to fulfill their last wishes.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Erickson, Secretary

Coats for Kids

This is our 27th year of providing new coats for kids! The project provides new coats to needy children from newborn to 5 years old. We work with The Nest and Head Start to identify gender and size of coats needed. 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 December meeting and you have been great to support the project over the years. Last year members donated \$836. Thank you for your support for this project.

This year we will be collecting on December 5.

Sarah Schwartz has been instrumental in seeking corporate donations for several years now. Last year she was able to get these donations from Great River Health for \$500 and the ShopKo Foundation for \$750.

Unfortunately, the ShopKo foundation has been closed so if you know of any foundations that may be willing to help fund the Coats for Kids project please contact Sarah Schwartz, 319-572-0952 or sschwartz@scciova.edu or Tom Jones, tomlinjones@hughes.net or 319-752-2293.



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.

Join the fun on Thursday, November 21

Pictured are Jay Henrich, Jim Miller, Jeff Rucker and Lois Blythe



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

Volunteers are needed to provide transportation, wrap gifts, and shop with the children. Children from area elementary schools 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



Mark Your Calendar...

November

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| 7 | Veteran's Day Celebration
Invocation by Mary Weinand | 21 | Feather Party
Invocation by Kiwanis Singers |
| 14 | North Hill Elementary School
Principal Mark Taylor and Students
Invocation by Brent Hartley | 28 | Happy Thanksgiving

Programs arranged by George Rinker and
Geane Cleland |
| 19 | Board Meeting, 12 pm @ BCSD Admin | | Invocations arranged by Lois Blythe |



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