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To my fellow Kiwanians,

Over the past six months I have been reflecting on what it means to be a Kiwanian in preparation for my year of Presidential service to our Club. I have reflected on what it means to me to be here, what does it mean for you and why do we stay? The Kiwanis' motto is "Serving the Children of the World" and for many of us, that is the reason we became a Kiwanian. While to be of service to children may be the reason why we joined it often is the fellowship that this Club offers as the reason why we stay.

During my last five years in Burlington I have watched the leadership of Jim Sleister, Jon Hart, Melissa Jones, Jason Strandberg and Brent Hartley. Each President has their signature style, sense of humor, and reasons for taking up the leadership of the Burlington Club. It is an honor to be representing this Club and following the leaders of my past five years and the ninety plus others who came before them. While I may not have the singing voice of Melissa or Brent, the jokes of Jim, nor the financial acuity of Jon or Jason, I do hope that my own passion for our community's children will help this Club grow over the coming year.

As your 2019-2020 President, I will remain passionate serving the needs of the youth of Burlington while committing to share our love of Kiwanis with our community. I thank the Board who is joining us back this year and welcome Sam, Tony, Kat, and Austin to your first year of service. My motto for this year will align well with our International motto and is "To serve is to share". My hope is that we all share why we are here, why we continue to belong to this great Club and how the Kiwanis serve Burlington's youth. You and I may know why and how but let's not keep it a secret....let's share our message and the many wonderful things that this Club brings to the Burlington area youth!

Yours in Kiwanis Service,
Cassie Gerst
2019-2020 President



Calling all Kiwanis Military Veterans!

Our Veteran's Kiwanis Program will be held on November 7th and we would like to have a slide show presentation to honor all Kiwanis members who have served in the armed forces. Please submit the information below to Stephanie Nagrocki at snagrocki@yahoo.com by October 31st. You can also fill out this information on a paper slip at the back table during one of our Thursday Kiwanis meetings.

Name, Rank, Branch of Service, Service Dates, Unit, Station Location, Or Any wars/ conflicts served in.

Also include a picture of you in uniform. If you can't send it in an email you can also bring it to a Kiwanis meeting and Stephanie can take a picture of it.

Thank you for your service and we look forward to seeing you at our Veterans program on Thursday, November 7th.



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Board of Directors Update

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

The Nurses Program, which allows school nurses to purchase items needed by students with no questions asked, was \$76.78.

Change a Child's Story, made a request for up to \$1,800 was made to purchase 600 books, to distribute to 450 Pre-K through fifth grade students in the Mediapolis Elementary School, was granted. Over the past 4 years more than 10,000 books have been given to children to keep as their own. This is a project of the Mediapolis/Sperry Methodist Churches, in partnership with the Burlington Kiwanis Club.

ADDS made a request for \$200 to use, in the month of October, during Red Ribbon Week was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Erickson,
Secretary

Le Roy Award

In 2003, our club introduced a recognition award that mirrors and measures everything good as exemplified by its name and the person it emulates.

This award has been given to a select few who go beyond the mediocre and commonplace. This award is a simple acknowledgement, but the person it symbolizes was far from simple.

This award is referred to as the “Le Roy” in honor of one of the many heroes in this Kiwanis Club. Mr. Le Roy Pease, was a true gentleman and a man of distinction in our club, our schools and all over town.

Le Roy was a man that earned respect by all. A man with vision and purpose and a man that represented all that is good. He gave freely and expected little in return. This award recognizes quality and excellence in Kiwanis work over the years. Le Roy Pease was a true Kiwanian story.



The 2018-2019 recipient was Dennis Wilson who became a member in April 1982. Dennis has served actively on Kiwanis committees, the Kiwanis Board of Directors and served as President in 2012.

Dennis has spent numerous hours involved with the annual Pancake Breakfast. In addition to serving as chair for several years, he initiated and continues to manage the very successful program to recruit sponsors for Pancake Breakfast.

He has also served on several other boards and committees in our community including Salvation Army expansion, Capitol Theatre restoration, Southeastern Community College funding, the Indoor Sports Complex, The Turf, the city pool bubble, Preservation Station, The Community Foundation Board and many others. Additionally, he continued serving in several leadership positions in scouting after earning Eagle rank and has been active in programs to improve Camp Eastman.

Congratulations to Dennis Wilson for receiving the 2018-2019 LeRoy Award.



Past Recipients of the Leroy Award

2003-2004
Bob Prall

2004-2005
Dave Vavroch,
Wyman Weinbeck,
Gene Van Dewoestyne,
Bob Reid

2005-2006
Ruth Ann Sandroock,
Dan Weidemeier

2006-2007
Ed Larson,
Cliff Calhoun

2007-2008
Jim Garnjobst,
Phil Bartleson

2008-2009
Tom Cameron

2009-2010
Jim Corder

2010-2011
Lois Blythe

2011-2012
Jerry Parks

2012-2013
Bob Engberg

2013-2014
Sharon Graham

2014-2015
Craig Smith

2015-2016
Kay Sackville Breuer
Richard Goughnor
Rod Bell

2016-2017
Rocky Roxlau

2017-2018
Karen Erickson
Larry Turley

Mark Your Calendar...

October

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| 3 | Milestones Area Agency on Aging-Pam Taylor
Invocation by Duane Lee
Officer Installations | 24 | Community Health Centers of Southeastern
Iowa, Ron Kemp
Invocation by Carol Zaiser |
| 10 | SCC Institutional Advancement,
Val Giannettino
Invocation by John Riessen | 31 | Southeast Iowa Community Action
Rachel Albrecht
Invocation by Lois Blythe |
| 15 | Board Meeting, 12 pm @ BCSD Admin Bldg. | | |
| 19 | Vocational Rehabilitation,
Becky Luers & Cindy Whalen
Invocation by Andrew Mahoney | | Programs arranged by Mary Weinand
Invocations arranged by Lois Blythe |



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