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To my fellow Kiwanians:

It doesn't seem possible that I am sitting here writing my last Kiwanis Presidential Newsletter. It has been a great year serving our club in this honored capacity and wow did it go by fast! I couldn't have done it without the example set by those in the past, especially those that were there throughout the year to offer encouragement or constructive criticism. It was a year filled with all kinds of emotions and all though not all of them were of the good variety, I am honored to have shared those emotions with all of you!

Our year started off on a sad note with the passing of one of our longest standing members in Bud Hart. A few months later, we lost another dear member in Ed "The Judge" Larson. Most of you knew both of them better than I had the chance to, but no one can deny what they both meant to this great club and I felt it necessary to honor them in my final newsletter. I believe they have found a new Table One in the Great Kiwanis Club in the Sky!

Although we membership has declined during the year, we were able to recruit new ones that have greatly impacted our club over the last year. Thank you to all of you for joining our family and for stepping up when called upon for the greater good of this club and out community. Thank you also to those Kiwanians that were not afraid to share their Kiwanis story with their family, friends, and neighbors to strengthen our club!

We accomplished a lot this past year. We were able to raise significant dollars through our fundraising efforts that supported many wonderful events and other organizations with the same heart we have for the youth in our area. Along with our normal annual giving and following through on prior year commitments, our club made sizable new commitments this year that will impact many kids in our community, including the Homestead 1839 Food Education Program, Bees Reading Program and the Dankwardt Pool Bubble. This impact could not have been made without each of you, as well as the members of the past, that have dedicated the time to improving this community one child at a time!

President's Message Continued

We also had a lot of fun this year! Outside of working hard together fundraising, we had several opportunities to fellowship and grow our personal relationships with our Kiwanis Family. I have been honored to get to know several of you on a more personal level and I am grateful for that opportunity. There is no question that we have the best service club in the area, and it is no surprise how this is possible. It is each and every one of you amazing people! You have one more opportunity this year to get a little more personal with your Kiwanis Family. Please join us at The Buffalo on Tuesday, September 17th starting at 4:30 pm.

I will close with a big THANK YOU to all of you for your trust in me to serve as your president. It has been a true honor to serve and to call you all family!

LOVE KIWANIS, LIVE KIWANIS, SHARE KIWANIS!!!
LET'S KEEP ROCKIN'!!!

Brent Hartley, 2018-2019 Kiwanis President

Member Directory Changes Needed

Have you moved?

Have a new email address?

Maybe a new phone number?

***Now's the time to make changes
for the Member Directory.***

***Submit your changes to
Karen Erickson,
kclub923@yahoo.com***

Board of Directors Update

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

The Nurses Program, which allows school nurses to purchase items needed by students with no questions asked, for both months was \$245.85.

Burlington high School has a locker project that includes giving those in need water, food, paper, socks and other necessities. This project is very similar to the Nurses Program above and we donated \$1,000.

Burlington Pool Bubble is a one-time request for \$73,000. This donation is combined with a previous donation of \$2,000 and includes naming rights and the Burlington Kiwanis Club will be displayed on the pool bubble.

Bees Reading Club Project is a three year commitment for \$4,500. This was approved by the club on August 1st. Children will read books and are rewarded with Bees Baseball tickets, popcorn, treats, bounce house bands, and sandwiches. Also, some of the funds will go to support their Kids Day events. It is estimated to serve 5,000 children.

The Dictionary and Thesaurus Committee will receive up to \$1,500 to distribute 11 cases of books to local schools.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Erickson, Secretary

Dues Reminder

We are nearing our fiscal year on September 30th, if you have a balance on your membership dues, be sure to send your payment in by September 30th.

Thank you, Jay Henrich, Treasurer

Christmas in July Fun

The annual Christmas in July at the Burlington Bees was definitely a fun night for all. There were 35 kids registered for prizes in the PreK-K category, 69 kids in the 1st-5th grade, and 15 kids in the 6th-7th grades. The kids enjoyed decorating Christmas cookies with Krystal & Quinn Yotter, and decorating 3D paper Christmas trees with Lois Blythe & Dawn Durgin.

Prizes included STEM toys, balls, backpacks with school supplies, \$10 Subway gift cards, drinking glasses, and of course, the bike. 12 year-old Shia Johnson won the bike and was thrilled! She immediately got on the phone to call her Mom.



Kiwanis volunteers included Brent Hartley, Denny Robertson, Lois Blythe, Krystal Yotter. Volunteer family members & friends included Ike Blythe, Quinn Yotter, Don Yotter, Ron Starkey, Dawn Durgin. Overall the event costs the club \$419.99 which includes the bike purchased from Bickel's for \$123.05. They reduced the price for us by \$284.00 and is greatly appreciated. The prizes and cookie decorating items came to \$296.94.

Respectfully submitted, Lois J Blythe, Chair



Don't Delay, Sign Up Today!

There are still a few committees that need a Chair for the upcoming year and they are at risk of being dissolved if we don't find one. Many of you have already stepped up and committed to a chair position and your time is greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with you all to make 2019-2020 year a success! Thank you to all of those that have served in the past as well, your service and commitment to this club is much appreciated.

Please let Cassie Gerst, the upcoming President, know which committees you are interested in. Feel free to contact her at burlingtonkiwanis@gmail.com or 319-217-2765.

Service Activities

- Kid's Christmas Shopping Spree
- Paint-A-Thon
- Dictionary & Thesaurus Program
- Coats for Kids
- School Nurse Program
- Young Children: Priority One

Fundraising Events

- Shamrock Shuffle
- Pancake Breakfast

Club Activities

- Kiwanis Singers
- Kiwanis Night Out
- Family Picnic
- Programs
- Spiritual Aims & Invocation

- Membership Growth & Retention
- Bingo/Turkey Day
- Kid's Day
- House
- Leroy Award
- Budget
- Financial Review
- Investment
- Public Relations

Mark Your Calendar...

September

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| 5 | Edward Stone Middle School,
Angela Butler and Students
Invocation by Larry Turley | 17 | Kiwanis Social, 4:30 pm @ The Buffalo |
| 12 | Angela Leopold Intermediate School,
Principal Tim Cradic and Students
Invocation announced at club meeting | 19 | Boy Scouts of America, David Lane
Invocation announced at club meeting |
| 17 | Board Meeting, 12 pm @ Bees Stadium | 26 | Dream Catchers, Lorie Bray and Students
Invocation by Jim Corder |
- Programs arranged by Geane Cleland
Invocations arranged by Lois Blythe



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