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Hello Fellow Kiwanis Members,

August is the start of our fall, school is back in session and fall sports are beginning...or so it was. Our world continues to shift and we pivot along with it. The two things that I know for certain right now is my faith and that our Club is in this together!

It is disappointing that we have to cancel our pancake breakfast this fall. It was not an easy decision to make nor to share with you. The Board and Pancake Chair discussed many alternatives but in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, a lack of active members who can be in public, and the challenges with drive-up pancakes, it was just not a viable option this year. We will plan on an even bigger and stronger 2021 and George has already secured the Port for next year.

Our weekly Thursday meetings are back at the Comfort Suites and our first meeting was well attended. Our programs are interesting, we are social distancing, and the fun doesn't stop there! It is a pleasure to see everyone on a weekly basis, share our boasts and brags, and to be able to razz each other from time to time. I miss our full house but know that everyone is taking care of themselves and their families. If you want to return to us on Thursdays please know we would love to have you. We are served wonderful food, we have distance at our tables (except table 1) and we wear masks on all microphones.

To quote Eddie Izzard, "I like to think of life as an adventure, like a roller coaster. It helps with the ups and downs". I may feel queasy on a roller coaster but I do love them!

Rolling through the ups and downs with you....
Yours in service,
Cassie Gerst,
2019-2020 President

A Special Thank You

Starr's Cave Nature Center & Preserve appreciated the continued support of Burlington Kiwanis. Kiwanis supports the Nature Center in a variety of ways including camps and various educational projects.

Starr's Cave Nature Center & Preserve is part of Des Moines County Conservation. Visit them at 11627 Starr's Cave Park Road, Burlington. www.dmcounty.com

Thank you for your continued support!



Mark Your Calendar...

August Club Meetings Comfort Suites, 12 pm

- 6 YMCA, Gina Crabtree
Invocation by Keely Kangus
- 13 Local History, Russ Fry
Invocation by Jon Hart
- 18 Board Meeting, 12 pm
- 20 Program To Be Announced
Invocation by Courtney Gustafson
- 27 Program To Be Announced
Invocation by George Rinker

Programs arranged by Sean Lewis

Innocations arranged by Lois Blythe

Board of Directors Update

Your Directors and Officers has been meeting and has approved the following funding requests at the last board meeting.

Aid to the Needy, which is also known as the Nurses Program where area School Nurses can purchase items immediately for children in need, received \$33.59.

At our May Board meeting your Kiwanis Board approved a \$2,500 funding request to the PIECES After School Program. Funds will be used for purchasing equipment for academic enrichment for grades K-8.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Erickson,
Secretary



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