



# Kiwanis<sup>®</sup>

## CLUB OF BURLINGTON

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My fellow Kiwanians,

Welcome to the 20's! It is hard to imagine that we are entering the 20's of the new Millennium. As with most New Year's weeks we start to contemplate our past year(s), make resolutions for the new year and vow to eat better. I know I am doing all three of those things within the coming days!

There is a social media post that is making the rounds of everyone's status updates that asks for a "word". Some of the posts ask for one word that signifies how the recipient should live in the coming year. There is another that asks the sender what their "word" of the year is going to be. I wonder how you pick just one word to focus your year around? I can think of several that would result in an interesting year including generosity, kindness, hope, or compassion. My word for the Kiwanis year is "refresh". The definition of refresh is to give new strength or energy to; reinvigorate. We have started to do so with the new Christmas Celebration that our Kiwanis's singers and Craig Smith created last week. It was wonderful to sing around the piano with my fellow Kiwanians! My hope that is as the year continues we can refresh our Club and repopulate our membership.

Last Spring we had an invigorating Kiwanis Nights Out (KNO) that was both fun and interactive. This year we are missing a Chairperson and I am hopeful that someone in the Club will step up to lead another fun night. If you are interested in helping us to keep the fun alive I hope that you will consider stepping up for this role with a very helpful committee at your side. Feel free to refresh the event or stay the course with another Murder Mystery. The choices are endless when you think about it.

I hope that whatever your "word" of 2020 will be that you make a commitment to live fully and with a heart of compassion. Wishing you a healthy and happy New Year!

In your service,  
Cassie Gerst,  
2019-2020 President

## ***Ding a Ling Recap Kiwanis and the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Team Up for a Banner Day***

Thank you to all who took the time to help ring the bells at the Salvation Army Kettles on Friday, December 13th. There are lots of fun pictures below.



## ***Board of Directors Update***

Your Directors and Officers 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, used \$406.57 in November.

Salvation Army Kettle Campaign received \$1,000, which is the annual donation from the Burlington Kiwanis Club to help further the mission of the Salvation Army and all of the services they have in our community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Erickson, Secretary



## ***Kiwanis and Target Team Up for Success!***

Thirty children and 35 Kiwanians enjoyed a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus to begin their shopping adventure for the annual Kid's Shopping Day held at Target. Excitement permeated the air while children pondered their gift selections for family and themselves. Target elves were ready with gift full of goodies and Kiwanis elves expertly wrapped the treasures for Christmas gift giving. A blessed day for all and for all a good night.



## ***Blood Drive Draws Four New Donors***

We had a great turnout for the blood drive! Kiwanis had 19 people come out and donate at the center during the designated weeks! Four of those donors were first time donors! Thank you all for taking the time to donate to the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center.

## ***Coats for Kids Donated 102 Coats, Thank You for your Donations***

### ***Did You Know?***

The Kiwanis Shamrock Shuffle is featured in the 2020 Greater Burlington Community Guide and it's a full page! The beautiful picture pops with the magnificent colors from the color burst which ends the annual 5K run and walk.

The 2020 Shamrock Shuffle will be held on Saturday, March 14th. Stay tuned for more information at club meetings or in the newsletter.

The 2020 Greater Burlington Community Guide is a fantastic resource used by new residents, realtors, recruiters, employers and visitors alike. The Guide features annual events, area attractions, parks, places to shop, places to dine and more area business for education services, relocation needs and area businesses.



The Guide is produced annually by the Greater Burlington Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, a division of the Greater Burlington Partnership. There are 30,000 copies printed and a digital version at [www.greaterburlington.com](http://www.greaterburlington.com). If you want to pick up a copy, visit the Port of Burlington Welcome Center.

# Mark Your Calendar...

## January

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| 9  | BHS Hound Help, Amy Morgan<br>Invocation by                                       | 23 | United Way, Aaron Baltisberger<br>Invocation by Maary Weinand             |
| 16 | Bridges out of Poverty, Mona Ash &<br>Shauna Freitag<br>Invocation by Sam Newkirk | 30 | North Hill Elementary, Mark Taylor<br>Invocation by Larry Turley          |
| 21 | Board Meeting, 12 pm @ BCSD Admin   |    | Programs arranged by Geane Cleland<br>Invocations arranged by Lois Blythe |



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