

December 2021

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Calendar

- 2 BHS Purple Aires and Band
Invocation Andie Gerst
- 9 BHS Chamber Music
Invocation by Lois Blythe
- 16 Bethlehem from the Sky
children's book, by Tom and
Sharon Rexroth
Invocation Daniel Steiner
- 21 Board Meeting, 12 pm, BGC
- 23 Kiwanis Singers
Invocation Andrew Mahoney
- 30 Kid's Day Program
Invocation by Craig Neises

Did You Know...

Kiwanis international has been fighting to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus in the world's poorest and most vulnerable populations since 2010 by raising money for lifesaving vaccines, health education, and creating safe birth environments to help eliminate this horrible disease.



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Happy Holidays to my fellow Kiwanians,

Tis the season of joy and giving! This is always one of my favorite times of the year especially since I still have a little one at home that really brings out the joy and magic of the holiday season. I love sharing my families' traditions with him and all the fun we have together this time of year. This is also a rewarding time for our club to carry on some of our own traditions in December and to give back to the kids in our community by shopping with kids at Target, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, providing Santa again this year for kids to come and visit, and lastly our Kiwanis Kids Day the last Thursday in December.

Looking back at November we had a great Veteran's Day Celebration and to my fellow Veterans thank you again for your service. Sorry I was unable to attend the Feather Party this year but I heard it was still a great success so thanks to Tony for stepping in for me and Larry & Jason for carrying on the BINGO tradition. Also, thanks to those that were able to join for the Lighted Holiday Parade this year. It was a great time and I am proud we were able to get out in front of the community and something new this year.



We will have a lot of great holiday programs lined up this month so be sure to join us in December and specifically for our Kiwanis holiday celebration on December 23rd to sing Christmas carols with the Kiwanis Singers & we will be bringing back the ugly Christmas sweater contest this year so be sure to find your sweater in your closet or make one of your own! Also, sign up to bring your kids or grandkids for our Kids Day to have fun playing Snowman Games on Thursday, December 30th.

I'm sure we can all agree we are thankful we can carry on our club traditions in person again this year so I hope everyone can join in on the holiday fun and I appreciate everyone taking the time to volunteer during this busy season! I hope everyone has a blessed and healthy holiday!

Yours in Kiwanis Service, Stephanie Nagrocki

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pwd=OW9nNTBib2k0M01pNHdKY3BYMmU0dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87246507388?pwd=OW9nNTBib2k0M01pNHdKY3BYMmU0dz09)

Meeting ID: 872 4650 7388 Passcode: burlington

Board Report

Submitted by Karen Erickson

Funding requests were reviewed and approved for the following:

Kiwanis Aid to the Needy program in the amount of \$589.70. Area School Nurses are allowed to purchase items for students who are in need.

Burlington K-9 Unit Program: \$7,500 was approved to help fund another multi-purpose K-9 Unit.

Kiwanis Children's Fund: \$1,000 was granted to help Kiwanis support initiatives that foster cognitive development of babies and young children and to get kids ready to learn

Kids Day

December 30th

Kids Day is always a lot of fun for the little ones and members alike.

Members are encouraged to bring their kids, grandchildren, nieces or nephews or the neighborhood friend.

Sign up will be in the back of the room on Thursdays or you can email Cassie Gerst at Cassie.Gerst@bclds.org with a head count for your family.

Coats for Kids

This is our 29th year of providing coats for kids in need. The project provides new coats to needy children from newborn to 5 years old. For many years we have worked with The Nest and Head Start. This year we added the Burlington Area YMCA with two of their program's needs, the YMCA Child Care Center and the Kiddie Campus at SCC.



These organizations identify the gender and the size of coats needed. Coordination of the sizes needed is a challenge when it comes to purchasing the coats. We try not to purchase all the same color and style for the same size coat. You want to avoid the identification that a group of kids all got the same coat from Kiwanis. Supply chain issues as well as the changing needs have been a challenge this year, resulting in multiple trips to Target (West Burlington and Davenport) and Kohls. This year so far, we have supplied 66 heavyweight winter coats. We have in the past had additional requests for coats as the temperature drops. We will fill the additional needs as they are identified all winter.

Ding a Ling Time!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing, December 11th

Sign up for a shift to ring the bell for Salvation Army at their collection bucket. Burlington Kiwanis has had a wonderful partnership with the Salvation Army to help with their annual collection time.

Members can sign-up by going to registertoring.com and choosing I'm Ringing with a Group. Our group number is 1926. Contact Lois Blythe for more information or help signing up at lblythe@burlington.lib.ia.us



Kiwanis and Target Kids' Christmas Shopping

Saturday, December 4th, 6:45-8:00 am, Target



Volunteers are needed to provide transportation, wrap gifts, and shop with the children.

For more information or to sign up, contact Lois Blythe, 319-750-3938 or lblythe@burlington.lib.ia.us