#### November 2021

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#### Calendar

- 4 President's Message Invocation Sam Newkirk
- 11 SEI Symphony Orchestra, Artist in Residence, Jim Priebe & Rose Bishop Invocation by Craig Smith
- 16 Board Meeting, 12 pm, BGC
- 18 Feather Party, Club BINGO No Guests Please Invocation Jon Hart
- 25 Happy Thanksgiving

#### Join Meetings via Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/87246507388? pwd=OW9nNTBIb2k0M01pNH dKY3BYMmU0dz09

Meeting ID: 872 4650 7388 Passcode: burlington

#### Did You Know...

Globally, Kiwanis volunteer organizations annually raise US\$133 million.



Hello Fellow Kiwanians.

The leaves are changing and the air is cooler so to me this means two things, one of the busiest times of the year is quickly approaching with the holidays just around the corner and the other is snow, which I am not as excited about. This time of year also brings a busy and fun time for our Kiwanis members.

I am excited our club will be able to continue with our fun November traditions this year where we will celebrate our military veterans on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> and then we all can have a chance to win a turkey for Thanksgiving on November 18<sup>th</sup> during our annual Feather Party while playing bingo together.

Don't forget to also sign up in November to either shop with a child or volunteer to wrap gifts at our annual Kid's Shopping Day at Target on Saturday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. This service project is always one of my favorite events every year to see all the kids smile when they get to buy gifts for themselves or family members and also see Santa at this special event.

I can't believe my first month as the Kiwanis president is already over! If you haven't been able to attend recently, during my president's message I shared some life experiences with everyone on how its important to look at life's misfortunates (also known as lemons) and how to try and put a positive spin on things in life (to turn the lemons into lemonade). COVID has affected our club just like everything else in life so I hope we can continue on with the great things our club does over the next year and make some lemonade together while working together. I was also excited to announce this years Sergeant at Arms "Squad" that I think will keep us all on our toes and put a little military twist into the SAA time this year. I look forward to see what the group comes up with!

Also, I want to remind members if you are not able to attend our meetings in person, we are still offering zoom capabilities for members to tune in at home or if you can't get away from the office in time. If you need assistance on how to do zoom please feel free to reach out to me and we can get you set up.

To close out my message I just want to say thank you to everyone that has provided me words of encouragement over the last month and how truly thankful I am to be a part of the best service organization around. I am thankful for all of you and the many blessings in my life.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and can take a few minutes to reflect on what you are thankful in life!
Yours in Kiwanis Service, Stephanie Nagrocki

#### **Board Report**

Submitted by Karen Erickson

Funding requests were reviewed and approved for the Kiwanis Aid to the Needy program in the amount of \$288.11. Area School Nurses are allowed to purchase items for students who are in need.

#### Financial Update, 9.30.21

Kiwanis Club Funds
Checking Account \$28,615
Investments \$12,609

Income statement Income

\$50,695 \$48,462

Activities Corp Funds,

Expense

Fundraisers \$54,597 Expenses \$9,773

Burlington Kiwanis fiscal year is October through September.

The Club account is used for administrative income and expenses. Membership dues are the majority of the income while meals and Kiwanis Night Out are a few of the expenses.

Burlington Kiwanis operates a foundation called the Activities Corp. Donation examples are to the Salvation Army, Girl Scouts, Little League, and Burlington Public Library.

### Kid's Shopping Spree

Annually, Kiwanis offers a shopping spree to children in need. Children are paired with a member and can purchase items throughout the store. Most children buy several gifts for family members. After they have selected their items, members wrap the gifts so they are ready for under the tree.



The Kiwanis/Target Shopping Event will be on Saturday, December 4 from 6:45 – 8:30 am. Volunteer sign-up sheets for shoppers & gift wrappers will be available the first week of November at the Kiwanis meeting or at the link below. Face masks will be provided for volunteers and participants. Cassie Gerst will be providing transportation for those who request it.

https://docs.google.com/document/ d/1geTMhBhlqLmbu8hD7lH54s6rpekbDUoZ7 t43TTSJHw/edit?usp=sharing

# Sergeant At Arms Squad!



Have you heard the news? The Sergeant at Arms Squad has been introduced and they are definitely going to have fun! They even have a new recruit to be introduced at the meeting on November 4th.

The members of the Sergeant at Arms Squad for this year are: Craig Smith, Austin Schwartz, Curry Bernand, and Amy Warren.

The Rules...

- 1. When your name is mentioned during the SAA, you will stand and either participate or present your dollar as requested.
- 2. There are no volunteers, only voluntolds during SAA.
- 3. Cell phones vibrating, ringing, dinging, or any other "inging" during a meeting will be fined \$5 on the spot.
- 4. Your Kiwanis name badge will be on prominent display on yourself each and every week. Inspection of the troops will be conducted and you will be considered out of uniform if your badge is not on display.



- 5. You will be required to be at attention during the SAA and at ease during the rest of the meeting. No sleeping, no daydreaming, no lollygagging, no tarrying or loafing will be tolerated.
- 6. And finally, these rules are subject to change at any time by the Sergeant's Squad. Just remember, your buck belongs to us now! Be prepared to sacrifice.