

January 2022

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Calendar

- 6 Blackhawk Rock, Russ Fry
Invocation Steve Francis
- 13 Outreach at the Library,
Brittany Jacobs
Invocation by Jan Chubb-Parris
- 18 Board Meeting, 12 pm, BGC
- 20 Southeast Iowa Regional Air
port Authority, New Airline,
Cape Air, Sara Sandberg
Invocation Jim Corder
- 27 Hmong Quilts,
Linda Gerdner
Invocation Gina Hardin

Did You Know...

Kiwanis was organized in
Detroit, Michigan, USA,
on January 21, 1915.



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CLUB OF BURLINGTON

Happy New Year to my fellow Kiwanians!

I can't believe 2022 is already here! December seemed to fly by and it was certainly a busy month for our club. We started December with one of my favorite events, the annual Kids Shopping day at Target where 40 children got to shop for the holidays. Thank you to Lois Blythe who coordinated this fun event and also coordinated our club to do bell ringing for the Salvation Army again this year. We also changed up our Santa Project this year by partnering with Downtown Partners and providing Santa at the Santa Cottage downtown for a few Saturday afternoons. A special thank you to Patrick Fee who asked to do a couple extra shifts at the last minute to make sure kids could still catch Santa, even on Christmas Eve! We are thankful for the \$250 donation Downtown Partners made to our club and additional donations to the tune of \$228 that were made by families who visited Santa this year.

I also want to give a special thank you to Cassie Gerst on arranging some great programs for the month of December. It was so great to have local talented high school students perform for our club for several Thursdays this past month to get us into the holiday spirit. Cassie also coordinated Kid's Day again this year to make it her 6th year arranging this fun day. We all had a great time for our Christmas sing-along, ugly sweater contest and white-elephant gift exchange 2 days before Christmas this year. If you participate next year, you never know, you may be the next lucky winner (like I was) of the Melissa Jones autographed Kiwanis photo collage that apparently has been passed around a time or two!

Now that the busy holiday season is over, I always try to start out the new year with a fresh mind and goals for the New Year. While things are a little quieter for our club for the next few months let's all try to focus on sharing our love of Kiwanis with others and make a goal of bringing a guest to one of our Thursday meetings in the next few months. We all have our own reasons on why we love Kiwanis and our club so let's not be afraid to share it with others. There might even be a contest underway, stay tuned!

It takes a team to make this such a wonderful club so thank you again to all of our club members who took time to volunteer during the busy month of December. I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy New Year!

Yours in Kiwanis Service,
Stephanie Nagrocki

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Board Report

Submitted by Karen Erickson

Funding requests were reviewed and approved for the following:

Kiwanis Aid to the Needy program for November in the amount of \$985.08. Area School Nurses are allowed to purchase items for students who are in need.

Change a Child's Story: This project was awarded \$1,800 to purchase 600 children's books for the Mediapolis Community School District. These books will serve children in grades pre-K through fifth, in hopes to help underprivileged children raise their reading skills

Ding a Ling Time!



Kiwanis and Target Kids' Christmas Shopping



Santa Claus Downtown Cottage

