

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

Steve Sapp, Editor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Upcoming Dates.** We will not meet on December 25th or on January 1st.
- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to repeat our accomplishment of attending all clubs in Division 11.
 - On Wednesday, January 6th, we will travel to Huxley to witness the formation of their new club. Meet in the (former) K-Mart parking lot at 11:30am to travel to Huxley.
- **Club Assessment.** President-Elect and Membership Chair Bill Bossenberger has distributed a survey aimed at club self assessment. We hope to hear the results soon.
- **Makeup Assignments.** Kiwanis International has expanded their definition of a make up for missing a regular meeting: Terms are generous. Information is posted on our web site.
- **Food at First.** A volunteer opportunity to leap at: Our next scheduled commitment to Food at First falls on Monday, February 29th.
- **Miracle League.** Kiwanis clubs in Story County are making tentative plans to build a Miracle League playground and ball park in Ames, in Lloyd Kurtz Park. The estimated cost is \$1.5 million. We hope to have the facility completed in July, 2017. ARC of Story County is taking the lead in efforts to raise funds, hire contractors, oversee construction, and so forth. Once completed, the facility would be staffed and maintained by members of Kiwanis clubs in Story County. The results of a straw vote at our meeting this past week indicated strong support by our club to participate in this adventure.
- **Thank You!** These persons won fabulous awards for bringing guests to our meetings as part of our Membership Challenge:
 - Lauris Olson: Gift Certificate to Hickory Park.
 - Jerry Chase and Bob Watson: 5 gold dollars, each.
- **Thank You!** Our Apple project was a success. Some persons were especially good at selling:
 - Wally Schloerke: \$776!
 - Members in the \$150+ Category: Bill Bossenberger, Jack Cleasby, John Core, Lynell Dougherty, Cynthia Gaunt, Mike Miller.
- **Thank You!** Gary Osweiler will be overseeing Knickles for Kids! We will pick up redeemable bottles and cans at the end of January.

PROJECT REPORTS

- **Food Shelf.** Volunteers are needed! Contact Bernie White for more details. We are working with Hy-Vee on potential food drives.
 - Our service is extremely valuable to the Ames community because we collect such a large volume of food.
 - Thank you to Carl and Ginny Anderson, Cynthia Gaunt, Ken Larson, Doug and Kris Meinhard, Gary and Sue Osweiler, Gary Wade, and Don and Mary Ellen Wishart for helping Bernie collect food each week.
- **Project Eliminate.** Kiwanis International has joined with USAID and UNICEF to Eliminate Maternal-Neonatal Tetanus.
 - We need just \$15k to reach our goal of becoming a model club.
 - Ask Ted MacDonald how to become a Zeller or Centennial Award recipient.
 - Maeann Unser challenges us to contribute 100 coins (of any denomination) for each year we participate in this project.
 - **Just Desserts!** Our December 18th dessert auction raised \$343. Congratulations!
- **Gift Wrap.** We are set up and ready to wrap at the North Grand Mall.
 - Sign up now for a shift. Use the hand out sheets at tables each Friday or go online.
 - Go to <https://members.portalbuzz.com/Member/User/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fMember> and log in. If you have not registered with Kiwanis International in the past, click on Register and complete the online Kiwanis International Registration.
 - Under the heading "Meetings and events", scroll to the day you wish to volunteer and click on the "Signup" button.
 - Scroll to the shift you wish to work that day and click on the "Sign up member" button to complete your sign up. If you are signing up a nonmember, click on a "Sign up guest" button and complete the sign up.
- **Pancake Committee.** The committee is meeting and setting up our plans for 2016. Co-Chairs are Lauris Olson and Bob Currie.
 - In 2016, we will add scrambled eggs to the menu. Ticket prices (adult = \$6.00; children = \$3.00) will remain the same. We hope to increase ticket sales by serving more options.
 - We need captains, volunteers for set-up and tear-down, etc.
 - Placemat ads are \$60 for members who have previously purchased space and \$75 for other members and non-members. Act soon!
- **Heartland Senior Services.** HSS seeks volunteers for their at-home meal delivery system. The route requires about one hour. Contact Geri Derner.
- **Teen Maze.** The dates for this upcoming year are April 4-8. Volunteers are sought for the planning committee. Contact Bob Currie, Nancy Kaltenheuser, or Ronnie Lindeman.

TREASURER NEEDED

Beginning October, 2016 our club will need a new Treasurer. Contact Mike Miller.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Web Site: Type into the browser address bar: amesnoonkiwanis.org. (In transition. Stay tuned.)

Facebook. www.facebook.com/KiwanisClubsOfAmes.

Roster: See: "Member Login" on our web site. (Name: Roster. Password: Roster1200).

COMMITTEES

- **AKtion Club.** The club will meet next on Tuesday, December 2nd 4:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, for their Holiday Party. Contact Ed Gillott.
- **Circle K Club.** The next general meeting is scheduled for the Spring semester. Stay tuned.

KIWANIS FOUNDATION

The Kiwanis Foundation serves the children of Ames by providing college scholarships to high school seniors who excel in serving our community and who require financial assistance to further their education. Please return your pledge card with a generous donation (see attached). Contact Mike Miller or John Core for details.

DECEMBER 18TH PROGRAM

Ed Gillott: AKtion Club, Year in Review

Members of the Cyclone Country AKtion Club told us about their recent and upcoming activities and events. The club has about 30 members. They enjoy conducting an annual food drive for the community food shelf. Each year, they collect donations through a project supported by Pizza Ranch. They participate in Crop Walk and Kiwanis Pancake Days. AKtion Club is jointly sponsored by Town & Country Kiwanis (their KI official sponsor) and the Kiwanis Club of Ames. Representatives of Mainstream Living, Story County Community Life, Friendship Ark, and Lutheran Social Services also help out at Aktion club. The club is looking for persons to provide weekly programs; contact Ed Gillott if you want to give a program. The president of AKtion Club is Lisa Thogerson. Lisa enjoys AKtion Club because it provides its members with unique opportunities to do things they cannot do as part of other organizations. Missy Wierson, the Vice-President, recalled how much fun it was to paint boxes in front of the Ames Public Library. Barb Gauger, AKtion Club Secretary, read a beautiful poem about the circle of life, and how in this circle of life she has seen people grow in spirit and enthusiasm, seen the kindness of people, seen flowers planted, and seen the joy of people who know that members of AKtion Club care about them. Josh Dobbs, Treasurer of AKtion Club, noted how the contributions of others in the club made it easy and enjoyable for him to serve as the club's first president. Special thank you to these members of our club who often attend meetings of the Cyclone Country AKtion Club: Carl Anderson, Bill Bossenberger, Jerry Chase, Nancy Kaltenheuser, and Gary Wade.



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- Enclosed check for the full amount. Please make checks out to: **Kiwanis Club of Ames Foundation**
- Credit Card: Account #: _____ Exp. _____ Vin # _____
- Monthly payments of \$ _____ per month for _____ months (*Please no more than 12*) paid by:
 - check or credit card (please fill out above credit card information and it will be run monthly on the 15th)
- Please add \$ _____ to my quarterly Kiwanis Bill until my pledge is completed.

**Please return pledge card to: John Core, 3006 Briggs Circle, Ames, Iowa 50010 or
Hand in at a Friday meeting to Mike, Geri, or John.**

Any questions please contact John at 515.233.1014

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