

# KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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## BULLETIN

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### JANUARY 22ND PROGRAM

#### Erica Peterson: Boys and Girls Club of Ames

The mission of the Boys and Girls Club is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Ms. Peterson will tell us more about it.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to repeat our accomplishment of attending all clubs in Division 11.
- **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.
- **Knickels for Kids.** Gary Osweiler will be overseeing Knickles for Kids! We will pick up redeemable bottles and cans on Friday, January 29th.
- **Scholarship Time!** Tim Tryon is calling a meeting of the Scholarship Committee, immediately after our luncheon meeting on Friday, January 15th.
- **NE-IA Mid-Year Conference.** The Mid-Year Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 6th, at Bellevue East High School in Bellevue, Nebraska. We will be sending delegates. All are invited to join our delegates for a fun and informative meeting. Contact Mike Miller.
  - Bring new socks to our weekly meeting. These will be delivered to KI to be distributed to those persons who need them.
- **Division 11 Meeting.** Kiwanis Clubs in Division 11 will meet at Town & Country Kiwanis, Green Hills Retirement Center, 8:00-9:00, Saturday, January 30. Come early to the T&C meeting at 7:00am to help build a double interclub.
- **Honored Member.** Roger Lawrence, long-time member of our club and former NE-IA District Governor, has been granted the status of "Honored Member." Congratulations Roger!
- **Changes!** The format and delivery of our weekly Bulletin will be undergoing some welcomed changes. Stay tuned (about mid-March).

## 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.
- **Gift Wrap.** Done!
  - It seems like things became very hectic at the end. Details later.
  - Many thanks to those members who were able to stick it out for the last few days.
- **Pancake Committee.** The committee is meeting and setting up our plans for 2016. Co-Chairs are Lauris Olson and Bob Currie.
  - Dates:
    - Thursday, March 3rd: Set up, beginning at about 8:00 a.m. at the storage unit.
    - Friday, March 4th: Serve pancakes at our weekly meeting. Pancake Days is 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm.
    - Saturday, March 5th: Pancake Days is 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clean up and storage follows.
  - 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!
  - Sign up online at: [amesnoonkiwanis.org](http://amesnoonkiwanis.org)
- **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.

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- **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.

## TREASURER NEEDED

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

## COMMITTEES

- **AKtion Club.** The club will meet next on Tuesday, February 2, 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 Wednesday, February 3, 5:30 p.m., 113 East Hall.
  - The annual (sortof) C5K is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th at Ada Hayden Park. Details later.

## 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Web Site:** Club Webmaster Bud Everett, in coordination with our Board of Directors, has built a new club web site, using a new internet service. The page looks great and will serve us well as an updated version of our old system. Type into the browser address bar: [www.amesnoonkiwanis.org](http://www.amesnoonkiwanis.org).
- **Facebook.** [www.facebook.com/KiwanisClubsOfAmes](http://www.facebook.com/KiwanisClubsOfAmes).
- **Roster:** See: "Member Login" on our web site. (Login: Your email address. Password: Roster1200). [These instructions will change soon. Stay tuned...]

## **JANUARY 15TH PROGRAM**

### **Don Wishart and Michael Sills: Photographs and Facebook**

Club member Don Wishart reminded us of the importance of taking photographs of the Kiwanis events we attend. Photos liven up presentations (like the one in this bulletin) and brighten our day. A few pointers:

- Catch the subjects in action rather than always just staring at the camera.
- Make certain that persons in group photos can see you.
- Anticipate action and catch it on film.
- Try different camera angles
- Be careful of lighted backgrounds and the effects of flash photography.
- Get close to your subject.
- Give large groups something to do (such as waving at the camera).
- Props can tell a story.

Summary: We cannot all be great photographers. Take the best photos that you can and send them to the bulletin editors (Steve and Lauris). We have lots of tricks up our sleeves to make your photos look great.

Club member Michael Sills reminded us of the importance of our Facebook page for our enjoyment and to help others understand what Kiwanis Club is all about.

- Not yet a member of Facebook? It is easy and free to join.
- It is very easy to post comments and photos to Facebook.
- Facebook provides you with easy to follow instructions: [www.facebook.com/help/](http://www.facebook.com/help/)

Summary: We can enjoy each others participation in our club and attract new members by making ourselves more visible, particularly in ways that have become very popular.



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**Kiwanis Club of Ames** City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Foundation Pledge Card**

I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Kiwanis Club of Ames Foundation and I pledge to pay by:

- 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**

**All donations are tax deductible and may qualify for the Endow Iowa Tax Credit Program.**