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BULLETIN

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FEBRUARY 12TH PROGRAM

Social Committee: Valentine's Day Special

February 14th is Valentine's Day. What a great day! A day to tell your family, friends, and neighbors you love them. The Social Committee will treat us to some fun events to celebrate a special day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to repeat our accomplishment of attending all clubs in Division 11.
 - Carl Anderson, Bill Bossenberger, Cynthia Gaunt, Ken Larson, Mike Miller, Lauris Olson, and Gary Wade attended the meeting of the Division 11 Council.
- **Key Leader Camp.** We are exploring a new approach to nominating high school students for this very valuable leadership camp. Contact Geri Derner for details.
- **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.
- **Food at First.** A volunteer opportunity to leap at: Our next scheduled commitment to Food at First falls on Monday, February 29th. Contact Neal Dietz.
- **Ballard Kiwanis Charter Dinner.** The charter dinner for the Ballard Area Community Kiwanis Club is scheduled for Thursday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m. See attached for details.
- **Changes!** The format and delivery of our weekly Bulletin will be undergoing some welcomed changes. Stay tuned (about mid-March).
- **More Changes!** We have significantly improved our club web site and the features available on it. These new features include electronic sign-up sheets for our various activities, including the upcoming Pancake Days! Mostly, the system is working great. But like any new system, there are a few minor glitches to work out. See special instructions attached under the Pancake Days heading in the Projects section of this bulletin.
- **Memorial Contribution.** From our account associated with a memorial to former member, Randy Simdorn, we have donated \$400 to Food at First. They will use these funds to "wrap" (place decals on) their new van.
- **Congratulations** Wally Schloerke was the lucky winner of the "Lunch on the President" drawing.

PROJECT REPORTS

- **Pancake Days!** 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
 - If you are unable to login or register, there may be something wrong with the email address that has been input into the website' data memory. You may not be able to determine this by yourself. You definitely will not be able to fix it by yourself. Contact Lauris Olson. She will do the signup for you and do a preliminary analysis of the issue to determine whether it may be an email issue, then refer it on to our webmaster, Bud Everett or secretary, Geri Derner as appropriate.
 - Please remember to bring the following to the meeting on Friday, February 12th:
 - your remaining Pancake Tickets or a count of how many you have left to sell,
 - any tickets people have paid for but instructed us to donate to others,
 - any money paid so far.
 - Lauris will be asking for a count of tickets sold and assembling the donated tickets to get them to the various non-profits. John Core will be collecting the money, unless he is unable to attend, and then someone else will be logging it in.

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- **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.
- **Scholarship Time!** Contact Tim Tryon if you are interested in working on our Scholarship Committee.
- **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.
 - The theme for this year is: Your Script, Your Movie, Your Life!
 - Our club will donate \$1,000 to help run Teen Maze.
 - We will be responsible for lunch on Thursday, April 7th.
- **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, and oversee construction. Once completed, the facility would be staffed and maintained by members of Kiwanis clubs in Story County.

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 16, 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 17, 5:30 p.m., 113 East Hall.
 - The C5K is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th at Ada Hayden Park. Details later.

MAKEUP ATTENDANCE

Kiwanis International has expanded their definition of a make up for missing a regular meeting: Terms are generous.

- Perfect Attendance is based on total years rather than consecutive years.
- There is no penalty for an approved leave of absence.
- Perfect Attendance will be calculated for the Kiwanis year beginning October 1.
- Attendance at weekly club meetings, monthly board meetings and official interclubs (4 members) will be tracked by the club Secretary.
- If you miss a meeting and want to be considered for Perfect Attendance it is your responsibility to report a "make-up" with a Kiwanis-related activity of our club or another club within a month (before or after) a missed meeting. Contact Geri Derner."

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.
- **Facebook.** 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...]

FEBRUARY 5TH PROGRAM

Lauris Olson: Animal Advocacy and Rescue

Animal Advocacy and Rescue focuses on creating awareness for low-cost spay and neuter programs. And it provides rescue efforts for abandoned or injured animals. Club member Lauris Olson described two primary functions of animal rescue: 1) Protection, and 2) Regulation. Unfortunately, these related functions are not as effective as they could be because federal, state, and local regulations are not always as coordinated as they should be. Iowa ranks 49th among 50 states in the quality of its laws to protect animals.

Most rescues occur at the local level, sometimes through the efforts of local citizens and sometimes through the efforts of professional animal control agents. Rescued animals might be sheltered within “no kill” facilities, meaning that most will be placed in homes. “Open admit” shelters must accept all animals, but necessarily have higher rates of euthanasia for sheltered animals.

Most rescue operations are run by volunteers, even by volunteer directors. The most common types of rescues are dogs and cats, as one would expect. But shelters are provided as well for other small animals, wild animals, and senior animals.

There are many opportunities to foster animals. Stop by your local shelter. Who knows? You might find love!

Guests

Kerry Whisnant, spouse of Lauris Olson



Name: _____

Address: _____

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.