

# KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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## BULLETIN

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### FEBRUARY 26TH PROGRAM

#### Donald Kom: City of Ames Electric

Ames is converting its energy facilities to rely more on natural gas and less on coal. Don Kom will explain why the city is making this change and what we can anticipate from our new facility.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Knicks for Kids!** Bring your redeemable bottles and cans to our meeting this week. Gary Osweiler will pick them up and take them to the redemption center.
- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to repeat our accomplishment of attending all clubs in Division 11.
  - Bill Bossenberger, Cynthia Gaunt, Marla Miller, Mike Miller, and Gary Wells attended the induction ceremonies for the new Ballard Kiwanis Club.
- **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.** Bill Bossenberger distributed results of a club self-assessment survey.
  - We generally are very pleased with the quality of our club. We enjoy meeting new people and working with fellow members of the club. We enjoy the weekly meetings, our projects, and serving our community.
  - We always are looking for new members and new opportunities for hands-on projects.
  - We hope that we can receive some better quality lunches.
  - More later, as our Board of Directors has the opportunity to think about the survey results and propose new plans for our club.
- **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.
- **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. Stay tuned....
- **Membership Chair.** The Chair of our Membership Committee (on which all of us "serve") will become a permanent position, assigned to an individual(s) who want to lead this important activity on an ongoing basis. More later.

## PROJECT REPORTS

- **Pancake Days!** The committee is meeting and setting up our plans for 2016. Co-Chairs are Lauris Olson and Bob Currie.
- See attachment for more details about our most important fundraising event.
  - The Committee meets this Friday at 11:00am at the Ames Golf and Country Club, prior to our weekly meeting.
  - 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.
  - 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)
    - 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 26th:
    - 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 \$11k 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 Innis Grove 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, March 1, 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, March 2, 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](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...]

## FEBRUARY 19TH PROGRAM

### Story County Conservation: Heather Hucka

The mission of Story County Conservation is to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Story County by wisely managing our natural resources, providing recreational and leisure opportunities, and educating citizens to be wise caretakers of our natural environment. Ms. Hucka, a Naturalist, helped us learn about the fun things we can do when the weather is cold, such as walking with snow shoes or cross country skiing. We learned much about tracking. We learned how to distinguish between different tracks of critters common to Iowa landscapes. Key lesson: Stop! When we slow down, look carefully, and engage ourselves in our outdoor environment, we see many things we might have missed by simply walking along. Never stop going outside (it's ok to get dirty). Iowa is hardly the "flyover" state that some imagine it to be. Indeed, the state has many wonderful opportunities for outdoor leisure and recreation. [Editor's note: I took Heather up on her offer and went fishing this past Saturday in NE Iowa. I caught my limit of some very beautiful trout! Get out there. It can be lots of fun.]

## NEW MEMBERS!

During this past month we have welcomed several new members.

- Steve Jones, sponsored by Neal Dietz.
- Marla Miller, sponsored by Mike Miller.
- Johnny Willis, sponsored by Jerry Chase.



## Kiwanis Pancake Days!

As of Tuesday, Feb. 23, reported advance ticket sales for our club are at 47% of budgeted. We have 9 days to pre-sell tickets. Are you sure you have approached everyone who wants to attend or who wants to buy a ticket so someone else can attend? Both Bob Currie and Lauris Olson have tickets if you need more.

- Friday, Feb. 25, is the next deadline for reporting your tickets sales as of Feb. 25 (Thursday) and turning in the money you have collected so far. But don't turn in any unsold tickets. You'll still have 7 more days to sell, sell and sell.
- If you will not be at this Friday's meeting, please send the number of tickets you have sold as of Feb. 25 to Lauris Olson at [lauris\\_olson@me.com](mailto:lauris_olson@me.com) by Sunday evening, Feb. 28. Lauris will make certain the rest of the Pancake Committee receives the information. You may turn in all money you have collected to John Core at the March 11 or March 18 meetings.
- Reporting the number of pre-sold tickets will help the Pancake Committee identify the quantities of food and supplies to order as well as allow them to update their budget projections for our club's largest annual fundraiser.

Committees (membership, Eliminate, etc.) wishing to display posters or put out information during Pancake Days should bring their information to First United Methodist Church between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, if possible. The display space will where it was last year – along the south wall of the Fellowship Hall by the diners' line, and we expect at least a couple of the other six clubs participating in Pancake Days to bring posters and information.

The Pancake Committee is asking club members to loan them the following items for use during Pancake Days. If you can help, let Lauris Olson know as soon as possible. [Lauris\\_olson@me.com](mailto:Lauris_olson@me.com) or 515-451-7293.

- 18-qts. Roaster (Need 5)
- 3-qts Mixing Bowls (Need 2)
- BBQ-length oven mitt
- Rubber or plastic spatulas (Need 4)
- Electric hand-mixer (Need 2)
- Long –handled stirring spoons (Need 3)
- ½-cup, ice cream scoops, preferably with the inner release bar. (Need 2)

There are still 80 worker shifts unfilled as of Tuesday morning – 58 during serving hours and 22 for setup or teardown. If you are working during the week, please consider taking a few hours off to help on Thursday or Friday.

- Thursday (Set up)
  - 6 Energetic tasks
  - 3 Lighter tasks
- Friday
  - 26 During serving hours
- Saturday
  - 32 During serving hours
  - 13 Teardown



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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.**