

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

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MARCH 4TH PROGRAM:

PANCAKE DAYS! Meet at the First United Methodist Church.

HOBY: HOBY's flagship program, the State Leadership Seminar, helps high school sophomores recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community. We will hear from our HOBY award winner from this past year and from the recipient of this year's award.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Birthdays!

1: Jack Cleasby	3: Gary Wade
3: Jason Haglund	12: Mike Miller

- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to repeat our accomplishment of attending all clubs in Division 11.
- **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. More later as our Board of Directors sets plans for the future of our club.
- **Food at First.** Thank you to Neal Dietz for organizing another successful service project at Food at First. These club members (plus spouses, children) volunteered on Feb. 29th:
 - Ralph Yoder, Bernie White, Don Wishart, Mary Ellen Wishart, Cynthia Gaunt, Ronnie Lindeman, Lynell Dougherty, Jerry Chase, Jack Cleasby, Gary Osweiler, Steve Sapp, Natalie Enloe.
- **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

- **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.
 - **It is time to sign up for volunteer spots.**
 - Click this link to see our Sign-up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/E3rdD9>
 - Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
 - Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.
- **Miracle League.** Kiwanis clubs in Story County are planning 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. A fundraising event is being planned for August 2-7, as part of the Nevada softball tournament. Details later.

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 15, 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: Contact Geri Derner for details.

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 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 explained that we are converting from coal to gas in part to comply with new rules issued by the EPA and in part because of the current and projected cost benefits of using natural gas. Investing in the equipment needed to continue using coal would be very expensive. Rebuilding entirely seems cost prohibitive. The total cost of conversion looks to be nearly \$50 million. The conversion should be completed prior to this summer. At the same time, of course, Ames is seeking to expand its reliance upon renewable sources of energy such as wind, solar, and continued use of our refuse system.

Guests

Jacob McClernon, guest of Don Wishart

Mariah Unser, guest of Maeann Unser



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.