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BULLETIN

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MARCH 11TH PROGRAM:

David Andersen, Political Science Department, Iowa Caucus Results and Beyond

Dr. David Andersen, from the ISU Department of Political Science, will update us on what has so far been an exciting year for presidential politics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome!** Welcome to new member: Jacob McClernon, sponsored by Don Wishart.
- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to repeat our accomplishment of attending all clubs in Division 11.
 - Carl Anderson, Bill Bossenberger, Ed Gillott, Nancy Kaltenheuser, and Lauris Olson attended a meeting of the Cyclone Country Aktion 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. More later as our Board of Directors sets plans for the future of our club.
- **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.
- **Kiwanis International Meeting.** This year, the meeting of Kiwanis International will take place June 23-26, in Toronto, Canada.
- **NE-IA District Convention.** The NE-IA District Convention is scheduled for August 5-6 at Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa.
- **Update Your Profile.** Update your profile on our new and improved web site. Remember to include a recent photograph of yourself.

PROJECT REPORTS

- **Pancake Days.** 2016 Pancake Days this past weekend went very well. The fluffy pancakes were as popular as ever and the scrambled eggs seemed to be well received by the diners. We served 1,926 guests, more than we did in 2014 and 2015 (details later).
 - Co-Chairs Lauris Olson and Bob Currie thank everyone who worked so hard, with a special shout-out to those who stepped up in the kitchen and egg stations as we switched to cooking the eggs on the church's stove at the last minute. Workers switched duties without notice to keep the egg and dishwashing stations running at full capacity. As a result, no one going through the lines had to wait for eggs.
 - Now we need to figure out our profits. It is important that anyone still holding ticket sales money get it to John Core ASAP. We'd really like to have all of it in by this Friday, March 11. Anyone not having turned in money by March 12 will be getting a call or visit from a Pancake Days committee person to make sure all ticket revenues are in John's hands by March 18. No exceptions, please.
 - Thank you to Tom Randall for featuring Pancake Days on his weekly bulletin and for lending us his truck to set up and take down the pancake equipment.
 - Thank you to Jerry Nelson for storing our equipment and lending us his truck.
- **Food Shelf.** 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.
- **Scholarship Time!** The Scholarship Committee is evaluating applications. This year, we received 28 applications, 14 from students at AHS and 14 from Gilbert HS.
- **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.

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- **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. Contact Ed Gillott.
- **Circle K Club.** The next general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 5:30 p.m., 113 East Hall.
 - The C5K is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th at Ada Hayden Park. Details later.
 - Tia Carter, a member of the ISU Circle K Club, recently was elected as Lt. Governor of Division III Circle K!

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...]

MARCH 4TH PROGRAM:

Lauris Olson: Pancakes and Eggs: The Method and the Madness

In this, our 57th year of Kiwanis Pancake Days, we are offering for the first time scrambled eggs as part of our menu. Serving scrambled eggs to nearly 2,000 persons is no small task. Lauris Olson and her spouse, Kerry Whisnant, practiced at home on 21 dozen eggs to figure out how to do it! They learned about avian flu, aluminum (and green eggs), soggy eggs, burned eggs, the voltage capacities at the First United Methodist Church, and much more as part of their preparations for expanding our menu.

As it turned out: Adding scrambled eggs to our menu seems to have been very popular. We had to move from Plan A to Plan B to Plan C to get them cooked and served. But guests seemed to enjoy them.

Guests

Paul Overton, Boone Kiwanis Clubs (Annual Pork Chop Dinner).

Zach Tryon, son of Tim Tryon.