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BULLETIN

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APRIL 8TH PROGRAM

Mike Fritz: The Good Neighbor Program.

Mike will tell us about the great things that Food at First does for the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to attend all clubs in Division 11.
 - This past Saturday, the Town & Country Kiwanis Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary. As their sponsoring club, it was only fitting that we sent a triple interclub to help them celebrate: Bill Bossenberger, Bob Currie, Paul Domoto, Cynthia Gaunt, Cathy Krebs, Ken Larson, Roger Lawrence, Mike Miller, Lauris Olson, Steve Sapp, Wally Schloerke, and Gary Wade.
- **Stash the Trash.** Saturday, April 30th. Our area is the Main Street Cultural District. To volunteer, contact Bob Currie.
- **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.** 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. We have new brochures. They look great. Hand them out.
- **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.
- **Baseball.** Our Social Committee is exploring options for us to attend an I-Cubs game together. Possible dates (all Sundays) are: June 12, July 17, August 7, and August 28). More later.

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- **Update Your Profile.** Update your profile on our new and improved web site. Remember to include a recent photograph of yourself.
 - Before and after our meetings for a few weeks in April, Don Wishart will be taking photographs to post to the web site profiles.
- **Knicks for Kids.** Next pickup of redeemable bottles and cans will be April 29th.

PROJECT REPORTS

- **Pancake Days.** 2016 Pancake Days went very well. The fluffy pancakes were as popular as ever and the scrambled eggs seemed to be well received by the diners.
 - Lauris Olson will tell us the results very soon.
- **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.** Teen Maze is this week: April 4-8.
 - The theme for this year is: Your Script, Your Movie, Your Life!
 - 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, 2018. 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.

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.

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, April 5th, 4:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church. Contact Ed Gillott.
 - CCAC will hold a food drive for the MICA (Mid-Iowa Community Action) food bank on Saturday, April 16, at the Lincoln Center HyVee. Advisors are needed to work with the club members. Shifts are: 9:30 to 10 a.m. (set up); 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. (includes loading the truck). Two people are also needed about 3:15 p.m. to drive the delivery truck. Sign-up at Friday's meeting or contact Ed Gillott.
- **Circle K Club.** The next general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 5:30 p.m., 113 East Hall.
 - The C5K is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th at Ada Hayden Park. Entry fee is \$15. Participants receive a T-Shirt. Proceeds go to Project Eliminate.

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...]

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Captain Ricks Polk and six Navy ROTC Midshipmen (Gary Buchanan, Quincy Lamp, Christian Mahrelce, Adam Pollard, Joseph Ravenhorst, and Katelyn Sargeant) were on hand to receive our expressions of appreciation for their assistance in cleaning up after Pancake Days. It is a great relief to us for these young persons to relieve us of those duties!



APRIL 1ST PROGRAM

Kelly Boon: Collaborations Between the Elderly and Youth at Risk.

What do YSS, art, the elderly, and youth at risk have in common? Kelly Boon told us about PEARL: People Engaging in the Arts, Rejoicing in Life. PEARL is a divine invitation to join in a celebration of life. It works in collaboration with First Nations People to encourage us to let go of the old and engage in a life of forgiveness, healing, and love.

We grow through a balance of our masculine and feminine. And as part of this process, we can help lift the marginalized, such as youth at risk.

The PEARL of Wisdom Portrait Project partners older members of the community with youth at risk. This year, this project focuses on the issue of human trafficking. Participants are asked to paint portraits of one another—portraits that tell stories of life as well as depict the images of the individual.

Kelly Boon is seeking 6-8 volunteers to participate in the Portrait Project. No artistic talent or art training is necessary to join in this 20 hour program. Participants are asked to bring a non-judgmental attitude and a desire to have fun. The Portrait Project eventually will span 12 locations worldwide. Contact Kelly for more details.

Kelly closed out her presentation by encouraging us to love ourselves: After all, how can we love others if we do not love our selves also?

Guests

Marilu Ramon, wife of V.V. Ramon.