

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

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JULY 8TH PROGRAM

Chemotherapy Kits

We will assemble packets of helpful items to be delivered to patients undergoing chemotherapy at Mary Greeley Medical Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bike Rodeo.** Contact either Geri Derner or Cathy Krebs to help conduct a summertime bike rodeo in Ames. Saturday, July 9th, 9:00am to 11:00am, in the parking lot of Ames High School (Please arrive by 8:30). We will sponsor 8 stations of bike safety and fun.
 - Want to take part in the best bike rodeo ever? Come to AHS on Saturday.
 - Want to serve the children of Ames? Come to AHS on Saturday.
 - Want to have fun? Come to AHS on Saturday.
 - Want to celebrate the spirit of Kiwanis (it's a verb, you know). Come to AHS on Saturday.
 - Want to not watch the grass in your yard fry in the summer sun? Come to AHS on Saturday.
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- **Hold the Date.** Our annual summer social is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th at the Ames Masonic Lodge. Auction with fun, desserts with fun, good food with fun, fun with fun.
- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to attend all clubs in Division 11.
 - Carl (and Ginny) Anderson, Jerry Chase, Ed (and Diane) Gillott, and Lauris Olson attended the annual picnic for AKtion Club.
- **Membership Meeting.** We will host a special meeting on Tuesday, July 26th, 5:30pm to 7:30pm to host potential new members. Dinner, wine and cheese. Cost = \$15.
 - The event will be a wing dinger!
- **NE-IA District Convention.** The NE-IA District Convention is scheduled for August 5-6 at Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa. Geri Derner will be the Master of Ceremonies!
- **Nevada Kiwanis Softball.** The Nevada Kiwanians need help with scorekeeping and ticket sales for their annual softball tournament. Tuesday, August 2 to Friday, August 5.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Update Your Profile.** Update your profile on our new and improved web site. Remember to include a recent photograph of yourself.

PROJECT REPORTS

- **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 \$11k to reach our goal of becoming a model club.
 - Contact Mike Miller or Ted MacDonald for an opportunity to have them assist you in raising funds for you to win a Zeller Award.
 - **Congratulations! We did it again by raising the funds to win a Club Zeller Award.**
- **Scholarships.** The Scholarship Committee has selected three recipients of our \$1,000 college scholarships. Announcements later.
 - **The Scholarship Committee will meet on July 8th immediately following our regular Club meeting to finalize our Scholarship Program that will be presented to our club on July 15th.**
- **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.

COMMITTEES

- **AKtion Club.**
 - Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19th, 4:00 p.m. Contact Ed Gillott.
- **Circle K Club.** See you in September!

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:** Go to “Member Login” on our web site. Login with your email address & your password. Click on “Members” in the left-side navigation column.

JULY 1ST PROGRAM

V.V. Raman: Independence Days of Various Nations

Club member V. V. Raman provided us with a brief overview of how nations (states actually, as we learned from V.V.) achieve independence. We know that the United States in 1783 through warfare won its independence from Great Britain. We share this path of engaging in warfare to achieve independence with other nations, such as France and Iran. The oldest nation is South Korea, which established its independence in 2,333 BCE! Japan (660 BCE) is another nation with a long history of independence. Some nations celebrate nationality related to significant events, such as Germany Unity Day (October 3, 1990). Spain celebrates its nationality in relation to the European discovery of the New World (what we call Columbus Day). Ireland, of course, celebrates its nationality as St. Patrick's Day.

From which nations did newer nations gain their independence? The United Kingdom once comprised 200 territories and colonies! France, also, ruled over many colonies. Nations such as the Czech Republic gained their independence from nations that were themselves former colonies. Some nations, such as Portugal, gained their independence from united republics or empires. And some “nations” have the audacity to claim “independence” within their host nations, such as Florida, which each April 2nd celebrates Ponce de Leon Day.

V.V. explained to us an important lesson about nationality by reading to us a poem that we wrote. We all are citizens of the world. Hopefully, we can remember our worldwide citizenship as we try each day to adjust to the ever increasing demands of a globalized society.

Guests

Marilu Raman, wife of V.V. Raman

Ambar Mitra, guest of V.V. Raman

Erica Harris, guest of Bernie White



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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.