

# KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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## BULLETIN

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### DECEMBER 9TH PROGRAM

#### Rich Lee: Challenging Heights

Challenging Heights protects children from slavery in the fishing industry on Lake Volta. They are tackling the issue of child trafficking and modern slavery in Ghana head on, with multiple rescues each year, a standard-bearing rehabilitation center, ongoing monitoring after reintegration, and community engagement and empowerment through trainings.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Vice-President Needed.** Incoming President, Bill Bossenberger, reminds us of a desperate need for a Vice-President to serve in the upcoming Kiwanis year.
- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to attend all clubs in Division 11.
  - On December 3rd, Bill Bossenberger, Cynthia Gaunt, Cathy Krebs, and Steve Sapp attended a meeting of Town & Country Kiwanis.
- **Lt. Governor Needed.** Division 11, of which we are a member, seeks a Lt. Governor for the 2017-2018 Kiwanis year. Contact Bill Bossenberger.
- **Programming Committee.** Please contact Geri Derner if you have ideas for a presentation at our weekly meeting.
- **Raising Readers.** Volunteer needed to deliver signed books to area locations.
- **Volunteers Needed.** Heartland Senior Services is seeking volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up at their annual holiday meal, which is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th. See Bill Bossenberger for details.
- **Volunteers Needed.** Ames elementary schools seek volunteers to read questions for their Quiz Bowls. The commitment is for once each month. Contact Bill Bossenberger.
- **Volunteers Needed.** Volunteers are needed to assist with fishing contests for young children. Contact Bill Bossenberger.
- **Volunteers Needed.** Volunteers are needed to stock and maintain "free library" boxes on Ontario Road. Contact Bill Bossenberger.

## 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 Bill Bossenberger or Kris Meinhard for details.

## PROJECT REPORTS

- **Gift Wrap.** It is time to sign up for shifts at our annual gift wrapping table at the North Grand Mall.
  - **You can sign up online, or sheets are on our weekly luncheon tables.**
  - Save your non-food boxes to bring to the mall.
  - Thank you to Cathy Krebs, Mike Miller, and Ann Schmitt for taking the lead on this important project.
  - We have a corporate sponsor! Thank you to Greater Iowa Credit Union for picking up \$500 of our expenses to run the Gift Wrap project.
- **Pancakes.** Pancake Days are scheduled for March 3-4. Lauris Olson and Bob Currie will serve as co-chairs.
  - Tickets will be available prior to Christmas.
- **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.
  - The Board of Directors is offering a \$250 incentive for those persons wishing to become a Zeller Award Winner.
- **Miracle League.** In collaboration with Ames Parks and Recreation Department and Story County Arc, 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. Once completed, the facility would be staffed and maintained by members of Kiwanis clubs in Story County.

## COMMITTEES

- **AKtion Club.** The next meeting is planned for 4:00 p.m. in Tuesday, December 20th at the First United Methodist Church.
- **Circle K Club.** Circle K Club meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 12th at 2:00 pm at Northcrest Community Center.

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

## TWO MINUTES ON THE HOT SEAT

Ann Kennedy is an Iowa farm girl, perhaps no longer in residence but certainly still as part of her heart. While raising her children, she worked at the local post office, newspaper, and radio station. Then, with her children’s encouragement, she went back to school to earn her doctorate. Now, Dr. Kennedy teaches at DMACC and works as a marriage and family counselor.

## DECEMBER 2ND PROGRAM

### Kiwanis Key Leader Camp

When listening to club Secretary Geri Derner tell us about the experiences of youth attending the Kiwanian sponsored Key Leader Camp, it is difficult to know who had more fun, them or her! The 2016 camp, held November 12-14, engaged 74 youth and 20 chaperons in activities aimed at team-building, leadership training, personal growth, personal integrity, and the pursuit of excellence. Youth were assigned to “neighborhoods” of affiliation with 7-8 other campers, who were encouraged to build their identities and proudly display them throughout the weekend camp. Key Leaders learn the value of service leadership and respect for others as they build communities of place and promise for the future. The key impression of Key Leader for Geri was a feeling of great hope for the future, knowing that youth such as the ones attending this camp will be our leaders for tomorrow.

### Guests

Rick Ertz, guest of Ronnie Lindeman