

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

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DECEMBER 16TH PROGRAM

I-35 Ames to Ankeny

Have you been curious about what is going on out there at I-35? The Iowa DOT will let us know the plans.

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.
- **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.** 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.
 - **Congratulations to Cynthia Gaunt and Ed Gillott for earning their Zeller awards!**
- **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 Holiday Party is planned for 4:00 p.m. in Tuesday, December 20th at the First United Methodist Church.
- **Circle K Club.** Circle K Club is on break until the spring semester.

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.

TWO MINUTES ON THE HOT SEAT

Kris Meinhard is a native of Waverly in Northeast Iowa. Her parents ran a construction company, meaning that Kris has spent a lot of time on roofs. She has worked as a middle-school teacher of physics and math. She and her husband Doug have three children and seven grandchildren. Kris is a former member of the Iowa legislature and Treasurer to the Lt. Governor. She and Doug prior to retirement ran a business providing computer technical support to schools. She is active in her church and actively fights for social justice: she has three arrests for civil disobedience!

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. Challenging Heights was organized by James Kofi Annan, a former slave on Lake Volta who when he was an illiterate teenager escaped, later earning his Masters degree in communications. Rescue teams affiliated with Challenging Heights must plan well in advance to coordinate their efforts with local police and parents. Rescued children are sent to a half-way house, where they are nourished, cared for, and educated. Thus far, approximately 1,400 children have been rescued from the terrible conditions at Lake Volta.

Guests

Jack Winkler, Town & Country Kiwanis

Diane Gillott, wife of Ed Gillott

Xavier and Nash McClernon, son of Jacob McClernon

KIWANIANS IN ACTION

Zeller Award Winners

Congratulations to Ed Gillott, shown with his wife, Diane, and Cynthia Gaunt, our two new recipients of a Zeller award for their contributions to Project Eliminate.

