

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

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DECEMBER 23RD PROGRAM

Tales from a Shopping Mall Santa: Stories from Behind the Beard

The REAL Santa Claus will visit us this Friday! He will talk about his experiences visiting with the children who come to see him at North Grand Mall.

The program must begin promptly at 12:10, so Santa can return to his post.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank you!** Cynthia Gaunt, John Klaus, Ronnie Lindeman, and Steve Miller volunteered to help HSS with their holiday meal.
- **Thank you!** Thank you to Jim Lester, son of long time former member Roy Lester, for giving to our Kiwanis Foundation.
- **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 are available. Get yours now. Sell!
 - **The Medicare Challenge! Who can sell the most tickets, members on Medicare or those who are not yet on Medicare? The winners will be served desserts by those who place second.**
- **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 next meeting of CCAC will be Tuesday, January 17th 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

Art Pohm is a retired instructor of engineering at Iowa State University. He grew up on a poultry farm near Cleveland, OH. His wife, an Iowan, does not consider him to be a real farm boy, in that his farm did not include hogs, cows, corn, and soybeans!

DECEMBER 16TH PROGRAM

Andy Loonan: DOT Projects

The Iowa DOT is busy, busy, busy with new projects in the Ames area. The DOT spends about \$90 million to \$100 million each year in District One, which includes the area from Ames to Des Moines. Several projects are of particular interest to us in Ames:

- Replacement of the I-35 bridge at the Skunk River. This \$25 million project will tie up lanes until 2018, but is necessary to expand the number of lanes from Ames to Ankeny. This project is expected to reduce flooding on South Duff Avenue.
- I-35 Widened to Six Lanes. I-35 from Ames to Ankeny will be widened to 6 lanes.
- I-35/U.S. 30 Interchange. Finally! Relief is on the way to end the bottleneck where one exits I-35 heading north onto U.S. 30. Hope you are not afraid of heights!
- Grand Avenue Extension. Extending Grand Avenue to South 16th street will provide an alternative North-South route.
- US 30 to Nevada. Dangerous intersections will be replaced with 2-3 interchanges.
- Iowa 17. Improve the grade separation at the railroad crossing.

The additional 10 cents gas tax helps pay for these improvements.

Guests

Randy Griffith, Town & Country Kiwanis