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BULLETIN

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DECEMBER 30TH PROGRAM

Happy New Years!

We will share experiences of New Year's Eve. We might share some of the bubbly over lunch!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank you!** Several members brought canned and boxed goods to donate to MICA.
- **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.
 - Paul Domoto, Bill Bossenberger, Nancy Kaltenhauser and Ed Gillott attended the holiday party of the Cyclone Country AKtion Club.
- **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.
- **Knicks for Kids.** No collection in December. Please hold your donations until January.

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.** Thank you to all who participated in this fun and profitable adventure. More news later.
- **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.

DECEMBER 23RD PROGRAM

[Thank you to Geri Derner for taking these wonderful notes!]

Santa Claus! Tales from Behind the Beard

The character of Santa is well over 1400 years old, but our Santa rings in at a jolly 68 years young. He has been wearing "the suit" about 7 years for family and friends, and the past 4 years at the Mall. Being Santa is about more than wearing the beard. He takes his responsibility as Santa very seriously. No matter how difficult, he reminds us he always maintains the persona. Santa has to be on his toes and ready for anything. It is not just about the toys. When a child wants his parents to be happy together he explains that he can't do that, but encourages the child to tell his parents how he feels when they argue. He knows he cannot make promises, but does his best to help children be hopeful. When Younkers had their own Santa it confused a young child, he quickly explains that the other Santa works for him to make sure all the children have a chance to talk to Santa. Pet photo nights are especially fun when he gets to meet lots of critters including cats, dogs and camels. One little girl didn't bother to sit on his lap. Instead, she stepped onto the footstool and just wanted to hear him say "ho, ho ho" to make sure he was real. Santa informed us that all his reindeer are really girls because males shed their antlers before Christmas. He explains that the suit gets quite warm with all the padding, so he has specially designed pockets to hold cooling gel packs. Sometimes it is hard to sit four hours at a time entertaining children. Yes, they are sometimes wet. Sometimes Snata needs to take an unscheduled break and he explains this to the children as "checking on a reindeer." Our Santa is quite the story teller and spent many years entertaining as the original Mountain Man at the Iowa State Fair Buckskinners camp. He dons the nickname "Snake" due to the authentic rattlesnake head on his hat. He has 13 children, 26 grandchildren and 3 grey grandchildren.

Guests

Mauricy Gregoire, visiting friend of John Klaus' granddaughter