

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

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JANUARY 20TH PROGRAM

Ames Boys Softball

We will learn about the softball program for boys in Ames.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Food at First.** January has a fifth Monday. On January 30th we will plan, prepare, and serve at Food at First. Sign-up sheets are available at our meetings and online.
- **NE-IA District Convention.** The mid-year convention will be held on February 4th in Council Bluffs. Registration fees are paid by our club. Ask Bill Bossenberger for details.
- **Division 11 Meeting.** Division 11 will meet on Saturday, January 28th at Town & Country Kiwanis.
- **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.
- **Knicks for Kids.** We will collect at the end of this month.

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. The preliminary report is that we earned approximately \$3,900!
- **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!
 - Preliminary estimates are that our expenses will be about the same as this past year.
 - Jim Converse and others are working on options for new grills. More later.
 - It will be a close call as to whether First United Methodist Church renovations will be completed prior to March 2nd.
 - **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.**
 - **Nervous! The First United Methodist Church is remodeling. They are on a tight schedule to have the facility ready for Pancake Days. Keep selling tickets. For now, we are hoping for the best. We will adjust if we have to.**
- **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 of CCAC will be Tuesday, February 7th at the First United Methodist Church.
 - Ed Gillott reports that we are considering options to partner with ARC of Story County to better serve the club.
 - We need more volunteers from our club to help out at CCAC.
- **Circle K Club.** Circle K Club will hold its first meeting, either next Monday or next Tuesday. We will send an email soon to let you know the details.

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.

JANUARY 13TH PROGRAM

Jeff Kopaska: Ice Fishing

Winter is upon us. Well, so what? We still can go fishing! Jeff Kopaska, Fisheries Biometrician at the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources and President, Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, gave us a brief lesson on ice fishing. This activity can be as simple as bringing an ice bucket, fishing gear, and a hatchet to chop through the ice. Dress warmly and in layers. Neoprene gloves beneath warm mittens is a good idea. It is a good idea to keep a screwdriver in each pocket to help you get out of the ice, should it collapse. If the ice is at least 4" thick, however, one need not be concerned about it breaking. Use very small jigs (1/64 oz) and be patient in that during the winter months fish move slowly and bite softly. Use very small bobbers or other such flotation for your fishing line to provide as little resistance as possible to the line. You can get fancier and fancier: fish finders, fish TV, ice houses, heaters, HD televisions, and more! Or, just keep it simple.

It's winter. So what? Get outside and enjoy it!