

# KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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## BULLETIN

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### JANUARY 27TH PROGRAM

#### Aaron Steele: Goats on the Go!

Herbicides can run off, are dangerous to handle, and lead to genetically resistant weeds. Power equipment burns fossil fuel and produces CO<sub>2</sub>. Goats go where people cannot, eat what most animals will not, and leave behind nothing but fertilizer.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Knicks for Kids.** We will collect redeemable bottles and cans this week.
- **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.
  - Ed Gillott, Nancy Kaltenhauser, Jerry Chase and Bill Bossenberger attended a meeting of AKtion Club.
  - Ed Gillott, Nancy Kaltenhauser, Ken Larson and Bill Bossenberger attended a meeting at Golden K 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.** Volunteers are needed to stock and maintain "free library" boxes on Ontario Road. Contact Bill Bossenberger.

## TWO MINUTES ON THE HOT SEAT

Jack Cleasby took his turn on the hot seat. Jack reported that his recent surgery went well and he is feeling much better these days!

## 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

- **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 meetings every other Monday at 6:15pm in Room 113 East Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6th.

## 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.

## JANUARY 20TH PROGRAM

### Aaron Klatt: Ames Little League

[Thank you, Geri, for providing these notes.]

Ames Little league has approximately 30 teams in the area. They have 3 levels of play in addition to T-ball for the 4-year olds. SPRING League has teams play 2 games on Saturdays in March and April. REGULAR League (where we sponsor a team) has about 5 teams in each age group. They partner with Boone players to have an experience with some away games without having to travel too far or often. ALL STAR Teams are selected by coach nomination at the end of the season to play in tournaments in Des Moines.

They have a "draft" to select players for the teams to balance the age and skill levels among the teams. There is a noticeable difference in skill levels as kids do not have as many neighborhood fields to play on to get the informal practice they once did. The league plays at the Hunziker Sports Complex on the south side of Ames.

They are a fully volunteer operation. Annual costs for the program are approximately \$56,000. Only 30% of the cost is covered by player fees. The rest is covered through fundraisers, concessions and tournaments. They are looking to make some repairs to the dugouts, so will have additional expenses this year. Aaron said they would welcome our volunteer help in the concession stand or other areas where we may have an interest. The league partners with the ISU Baseball Club to provide hitting and pitching clinics for youth age 5-13. Clinics will be held on Sundays on February and March.

One thing Ames LL does that others do not is a proud tradition of raising the flag and singing the national anthem. Aaron said he wishes other towns had that tradition.

## FUNDED PROJECTS

We presented the Ames Little League with the check for \$600 to sponsor a team. Once we know who our team is we can get their schedule and cheer for them at a game or two and perhaps sometime this summer provide a post-game snack for the players.

