

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

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FEBRUARY 3RD PROGRAM

Casie Vance: Ames Historical Society

The History Center of the Ames Historical Society includes archival storage, offices, a media room, meeting space, and display space. Artifacts are currently stored in five off-site storage facilities. Their mission is to engage our diverse public and provide unique opportunities to learn about Ames history.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Birthdays!

16: Cathy Krebs

23: Tim Tryon

28: Maeann Unser

- **Food at First.** Thank you to these members who planned, prepared, served, and cleaned at Food at First on Monday, January 30th: Bill Bosenberger, Jerry Chase, John Clark (with son, Monty), Neal Dietz, Paul Domoto, Bud Everett (with wife, Ginny), Cynthia Gaunt, Steve Jones, Ted MacDonald, Dean McCormick, Doug and Kris Meinhard, Gary Osweiler, V.V. Raman. Help from members of the ISU Circle K Club: Sarah Canon, Tia Carter, Matt Lee, Sara Weyer.
- **NE-IA District Convention.** The mid-year convention will be held on February 4th in Council Bluffs. Registration fees are paid by our club.
- **Division 11 Meeting.** On Saturday, January 28th, Bill Bosenberger, Cynthia Gaunt, Ted MacDonald, and Gary Wade attended the meeting of Division 11 Kiwanis.
- **Vice-President Needed!**
- **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.** 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

- **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.
 - The Board of Directors purchased two Zeller Awards: One to honor Past-President Mike Miller and one to honor Sam Carstens.
- **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.
- **Teen Maze.** Plans are underway for the 2017 Teen Maze, to be conducted April 3-7 at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Volunteers are needed for setup, the event, and tear-down. Sign-up sheets will be available soon. We will serve lunch on one of the days (perhaps either Monday or Tuesday when students from Ames will be participating). More later.

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.
- **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 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 CO₂. Goats go where people can't, eat what most animals won't, and leave behind nothing but fertilizer. Managed goats eat problem vegetation with little damage to desirable plants. Light-footed goats work in rough terrain with little risk of erosion. Seeds are not typically viable after being eaten by goats. Valuable fertilizer is the only by-product. And let's face it: it's a great show!

Goats can clear residential or recreational woodlots of low brush and irritating plants. They reduce nuisances from mosquitos and other pests by thinning dense cover. Goat grazing can improve sight lines or provide initial clearing for surveying and construction planning. Goat grazing can keep public facilities grounds (e.g. water treatment, retired landfills) neat without the use of machinery. Businesses all over the U.S. are using goats as natural landscapers on their campuses. Goats On The Go can provide the goats, the fencing, the management, and even the publicity and exposure a vegetation project deserves.

Guests

Deb Russell, guest of Ronnie Lindeman