

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

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FEBRUARY 17TH PROGRAM

Safeguarding Against Scams – Ames Police Officer Steve Spoon

Be aware of internet and email scams. Officer Spoon will help us know the difference between legitimate inquiries and scams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome!** We have a new member. Deb Russell visited our club a couple times as a guest with Ronnie Lindeman, then decided we had so much to offer that she wanted to get involved herself. Ronnie and Deb work together at Northcrest Community, where Deb is the chief financial officer.
- **Thank you!** John Core answered the call for a Bike Rodeo co-chair.
- **Membership.** President-elect Cynthia Gaunt launched a new Membership challenge by placing a sign saying “Reserved for prospective member” in front of one seat at each table.
 - The member who brings the most guests who are prospective members between now and the end of March will win a free lunch!
 - The board is planning a wine and cheese event in mid-April. More to come.
- **Vice-President Needed!** Just do it. It’s fun and rewarding.
- **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.
- **Congratulations!** Geri Derner was recognized with the Distinguished Secretary Award at the NE-IA District Convention.

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. See directions for signing up for shift attached to this bulletin.
 - 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.
 - Pancake Days co-chair Lauris Olson reminded people that this past year Ames Kiwanians fell \$1100 short of our ticket sales goal. Everyone is encouraged to sell more this year. Our club could easily make this year's goal – the same as 2016's – by each member selling three more tickets than he or she did this past year. The goal for our club is \$4,500, or 750 adult tickets at \$6 each.
 - Good ways to increase your sales are: Make a list of your friends and neighbors so you do not forget some people who are likely to buy in advance. Ask people who do not plan on attending Pancake Days if they would be willing to pay for a ticket we could then donate to Food at First or Emergency Residence Project or the Salvation Army or one of several groups serving children and families in the community. You can turn in donated tickets to Lauris and she will see that the designated agencies get the tickets.
 - **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.
 - The Board of Directors purchased two Zeller Awards: One to honor Past-President Mike Miller and one to honor Sam Carstens.

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- **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 21st 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.
 - AKtion Club is planning a food drive at the Lincoln Center HyVee in April, most likely April 29. Our club president, Bill Bossenberger, would like to make it an All-Ames clubs food drive at the five main grocery stores in Ames. Bill has estimated this would require 45 people working two-hour shifts. Stay tuned for more.
- **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 20th. The tentative program will feature people from YSS talking about Teen Maze.

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.

FEBRUARY 10TH PROGRAM

Angie Schreck and Cherie Torresi: Reggie's Sleepout

[Thank you to Lauris Olson for taking notes at our meeting this past week.]

Hundreds of kids from the Des Moines to Ames corridor will sleep out under the stars on the Jack Trice Stadium field in late March to raise awareness about juvenile and teen homelessness.

Angie Shreck and Cherie Torresi from Ames-based ACCESS brought our members up-to-date on Reggie's Sleep-Out, Ames, which will be held March 25 to March 26.

Reggie's Sleepout has been held in Des Moines for several years. Reggie was a teen in the foster care system that struggled with hallucinations and depression. After turning 18, he was no longer eligible for foster care or state assistance. Reggie ended up homeless, dying from exposure to the elements and lack of services in 2001.

Participants at the sleepout will bring cardboard and sleeping bags to the stadium before 3 p.m. on Saturday, the 25th. They will assemble their structures happened until about 6 p.m. If they want, they can enter a "habitat" contest to learn more about life while homeless. Dinner will be pizza, other refreshments will be served later and there will be plenty of activities, including a 'Reggie's Got Talent' talent show. Lights out is at midnight and participants will be up before 7 a.m. on Sunday, cleaning up Jack Trice Stadium.

Shreck said bringing the event to Ames "highlights that there are victims in this community too, not just in the larger metro areas in Iowa."

Shreck said that at least 200 school-age youth and teens are considered homeless.

And there is an estimated 1,000 total youth, teens and young adults in Story County who are considered homeless or on the verge. Some, she said aren't sleeping outside at night, but are "hopping from apartment to apartment, couch-surfing for a few days at one place before having to find another couch to sleep on.

"Another 300 are truly homeless, and another 300 are dealing with family violence or something else that will turn into homelessness or could very likely cause homelessness.

ACCESS sees about 100 homeless kids per year, most from Story County even though the agency focused on helping victims of sexual violence and domestic abuse serves residents of five Central Iowa counties. The agency closed their central shelter last August and clients are now housed in units disbursed though out the community.

So far, the event has raised about \$50,000 in sponsorships. The proceeds from the sleepout will be donated to ACCESS, YSS (formerly Youth & Shelter Services) and the Emergency Residence Project (ERP). YSS works with youth, teens and young adults, including providing treatment and housing. ERP offers general shelter services.

ONLINE SIGN UP FOR PANCAKE DAYS

The registration for Pancake Days volunteer shifts is now active online. To signup:

- Put amesnoonkiwanis.org in the URL line of your web browser.
- Find the paragraph about “Volunteering for Pancake Days” in the middle of the Home Page.
- Click on the sentence about signing up.
- The Kiwanis Pancake Days Sign-Up page will appear.
 - Scroll down to the day you want to work.
 - Slots are listed by time of day. Scroll until you find the job you want to work at that time.
 - Click “Sign Up.”
 - Input your email address. Input it again to confirm it. Click “Next”
 - Input your name, phone number with area code and Kiwanis club name.
 - The program may recognize your email address. If so, it will automatically fill in your name, phone number and club’s name.
 - Click “Save.”
- A confirmation will be emailed to the email address you used for signup.