

# KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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## BULLETIN

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### FEBRUARY 24TH PROGRAM

#### Octagon Center for the Arts Youth Classes – Beth Weninger

Children and their adult partners explore art together in a relaxed environment. Toddlers create their own works of art while learning new skills like tearing paper, gluing, cutting, coloring over texture, painting with different objects and imitating art making processes. Activities focus on age appropriate, playful, artistic and sensory materials.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Knicks for Kids.** This week, bring your redeemable bottles and cans to our Friday meeting. Club member Gary Osweiler will pick them up and redeem them for our club funds.
- **Congratulations!** Our Legion of Honor Awardees:
  - Tom McGee was presented with the Legion of Honor Award for his 55 years of service in the Kiwanis Club of Ames.
  - Carl Anderson was presented with the Legion of Honor Award for his 35 years of service to the Kiwanis Club of Ames.
- **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.
- **Amazon.Smile.** Do you purchase items through Amazon.com? Login through Amazon.Smile, designate the Kiwanis Club of Ames Foundation as your benefit organization, and purchase as usual with no extra charges. Part of your purchase price (.5%) goes to our club!

## 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, March 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.
  - 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, March 6th. 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](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.

## KIWANIANS IN ACTION

Our Interclub Contingent to the recent Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District Mid-Year Rally in Council Bluffs received an outstanding award and learned more about how to run a successful club.

- **Congratulations!** Geri Derner received a Distinguished Secretary Award. Club President Bill Bossenberger narrowly missed receiving the “Longest-serving Kiwanian award.” His nearly 49 years of Kiwanis Service was just a few months short of another 49-year member.
- **The Rally** emphasized the Kiwanis International's I-Plan: A futuristic strategic plan for individual clubs. All clubs are to submit an I-Plan by the end of the current Kiwanis year. We had four different situations introducing, promoting and then instructions for assembling an I-Plan.
- **Service** was emphasized of course, but **Membership** has to be the main emphasis as Kiwanis. Service clubs, churches, groups, etc. are reaching membership levels that severely challenge the invaluable service provided to local communities. Imagine what would be missing in Ames if our Kiwanis clubs folded!!!



## **FEBRUARY 17TH PROGRAM**

### **Safeguarding Against Scams – Ames Police Officer Steve Spoon**

Nothing is secret! If you have any information that has been entered into an electronic data base, which can in some way be accessed online, then it can be obtained either legally or illegally. Should you end all electronic correspondence or purchasing? No. But you should be very careful about responding to unsolicited telephone calls, via email, or by clicking on email links, even from calls or emails that appear to be legitimate. Double check the source and confirm before you respond to calls or click on that email. Officer Spoon will help us know the difference between legitimate inquiries and scams (see list below). If you think you may be the victim of a scam please call the Ames PD at 515-239-5133.

### **Tips to Avoid Becoming the Victim of a Scam**

- Don't wire money to strangers, to sellers who insist on wire transfers for payment, or to anyone who claims to be a relative or friend in an emergency and wants to keep the request a secret.
- Be wary of someone asking for payment in gift cards. They are not a form of currency.
- If you are contacted by a known company and asked to provide any form of payment or personal information discontinue the contact and call the company yourself. Look the number up; do not use the information they provide. With internet phone services it is difficult to tell where a call is coming from. Some scammers will mimic the phone numbers of legitimate companies, agencies, or institutions (banks, the IRS, Police Department, etc.). It is always a good idea to do an online search for the company name, website, and phone number.
- Do not give out personal information unless you initiated the call.
- Law enforcement will not contact you to demand money for any violations you may have committed. If someone tells you that you have an arrest warrant it is probably a scam.
- Government agencies such as the IRS will not contact you and/or accept payment by phone to pay fines, fees, taxes, etc.
- Some scams will involve an email or text message from a bank or other institution. Never click on links. Call the institution directly.
- Computer repair scams are used to access your personal information. Don't allow anyone to access your computer remotely.
- If someone offers to send you a check for more than they owe you, with the request that you send a portion to someone else it is probably a scam. In this common scam the check they send you is forged or stolen. It will pass through your bank but after you send money from your account the check will be found to be fraudulent and you will be out the money you sent them.
- If you are told that you have to pay to receive money you have won or been awarded it is probably a scam.
- If anyone from outside of the United States contacts you and requests money, for any reason, be cautious. It may very well be a scam.
- If a Kiwanis Club Bulletin Editor asks you to send money to learn the Pop Quiz Question: It's a scam!

## **KIWANIAN ON THE HOT SEAT**

Tom McGee apologized for missing meetings recently. His wife, Dotty, has needed him close by as she recovers from a hospitalization. Tom thanked the club for many wonderful experiences over the past 55 years!

## **GUESTS**

This past week, we welcomed two guests:

- Jean Watson, hosted by husband Bob Watson.
- Sharon Wade, hosted by husband Gary Wade.

## **ONLINE SIGN UP FOR PANCAKE DAYS**

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

- Put [amesnoonkiwanis.org](http://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.