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BULLETIN

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MARCH 3RD PROGRAM

PANCAKE DAYS! Meet at the First United Methodist Church.

HOBY: HOBY's flagship program, the State Leadership Seminar, helps high school sophomores recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Birthdays!

1: Jack Cleasby	3: Gary Wade
3: Jason Haglund	12: Mike Miller

- **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.
 - A member who brings a prospective member 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.** Congratulations to Jan Burch, our Lt. Governor Elect!
- **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.
 - 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.
 - New captains are needed in the kitchen. Ask Ed Gillott.
 - **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.
 - **At the March 21 meeting CCAC will be packing "Quit Smoking Bags." If it is at all possible, it would be advantageous to have Kiwanians there to help since we have over 1000 bags to pack.**
 - 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.
- **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 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.

Over the past 10 years, attendance at children's programs has grown dramatically. Octagon serves children from toddlers to high school. Small children enjoy the "sensory table," wherein they get to touch objects of many kinds, shapes, textures, and colors. K-5 children participate in Art Camp, which is an after school "creative child care" program. Spring break features special programs, such as alcohol-ink painting, violin making, shoe-box instruments, and playing unusual instruments. Summer camp enrolls 20-30 children each week.

Large, interactive projects include Space Camp (build a cardboard spaceship!) and puppet shows, complete with puppets, staging, and scenery. This summer, Tim Reed will host a Comic Book Camp, wherein children will create their own comic book.

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.
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