

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

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MARCH 24TH PROGRAM

Threshold Learning Center in Zearing – Greta Reischauer

Threshold Learning Center (TLC) is a non-profit organization offering nature, science, and Iowa History programs to schools in Central Iowa. Their mission is to provide a place where students of all ages can experience the natural world around them and understand their connection to and responsibility for this planet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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!
 - Tuesday, April 18th. Wine and Cheese Party Membership Event. Meet at 5:30 at the Ames Golf and Country Club. We would like to have at least 10 guests present at the event to make it worth our time and effort. Members are encouraged to invite prospective members from local businesses and organizations who would be interested in community service and working with children of all ages.
- **Officers and Board Members Needed!** In preparation for our Annual Meeting, held each year in May, our Nominations Committee will be asking for volunteers. Just do it. It’s fun and rewarding.
- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to attend all clubs in Division 11.
- **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!
- **Brunnier in Bloom.** Saturday, March 25th, 11:00am to 4:00pm. Celebrate spring and the current exhibitions during *Brunnier in Bloom*, the Museum’s annual pairing of beautiful art and fabulous flowers.
- **Knicks for Kids.** This Friday, Gary Osweiler will pick up redeemable bottles and cans.

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.** Thank you for another great year of Kiwanis Pancake Days! This event is a fundraiser, yet also a wonderful opportunity to build community in Ames.
 - Thank you! Lauris Olson and Bob Currie did a great job. Let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.
 - Pay up! Turn in your money to Kris Meinhard.
 - Wait 'til Next Year! Setup and cleanup should be much easier next year with the introduction of new griddles.
- **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.
 - Pancake Days garnered \$73.04 for Project Eliminate.
- **Stash the Trash.** We will help pick up trash in downtown Ames on April 1st. Meet at 9:00am in the parking lot behind London Underground.
- **Bike Rodeo.** Sign up now for the planning committee. See John Core for details.

MARCH 17TH PROGRAM

Jess Mason: ISU Celtic Dance Society

The Celtic Dance Society (CDC) is one of the longest running clubs at ISU. Anyone is welcome to join, even if they have no dance experience. Often associated with the very popular "River Dance," Irish dancing involves much more than that form. The Irish Ceili, for example, closely resembles what we think of as "Square Dancing" in that it involves many couples dancing to commands and serves both as dance and social interaction. Indeed, the concept of interconnectedness of people, culture, and dance is an essential element of Irish Ceili. Irish dancing involves visual as well as performance art. The Book of Kells, for example, includes highly elaborate drawings depicting the interconnectedness of people and the land. Jess taught us this poem: There are good ships and wood ships, ships that sail the sea. But the best ships are friendships, may they always be.

A Celtic Thanks. Thank you to Bill Boon, who led us in a traditional Irish song!

GUESTS

- Darla Ewalt, guest of Cynthia Gaunt
- Sarah Mowery, guest of Lynell Dougherty

PROJECT REPORTS

- **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, April 4th 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.
 - Interclub: Carl Anderson, Bill Boon, Bill Bossenberger, Ed Gillott
- **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 27th.

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.