

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

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APRIL 21ST PROGRAM

First Lego League: Sue and Jim Converse

Tomorrow's innovators practice imaginative thinking and teamwork. Guided by adult Coaches, *FIRST* LEGO League teams research a real-world problem such as food safety, recycling, energy, etc., and are challenged to develop a solution. Along their discovery journey, they develop critical thinking and team-building skills, basic STEM applications, and even presentation skills, as they must present their solutions with a dash of creativity to judges. They practice the Program's signature Core Values.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Membership.** Wine and Cheese Membership Event. **May 9th**
 - 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, 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.
- **Visibility.** Our Board of Directors is considering purchasing yard signs that can be used to promote our fundraising and volunteer events. More later.
- **Special Presentation.** At our meeting this past week, we made a special presentation of a Zeller Award to the family of our former member, Sam Carstens. Kim and Andy Jordon were on hand representing Sam's family. Kim noted that, "Sam would have been honored" to receive this award.
- **Little Free Library.** The Little Free Library for west Ames, which we will sponsor, will be completed on April 22nd. More later.
- **Amazon.Smile.** When you purchase through Amazon, login through smile.amazon.com , 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

- **Community Food Drive.** Saturday, April 29th, Lincoln Center Hy-Vee.
 - Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/LuXxav>
 - Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
 - Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.
 - Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Bud Everett and I can sign you up manually: email your signup preferences to ameswebmaster@gmail.com.
- **Project Eliminate.** Kiwanis International has joined with USAID and UNICEF to Eliminate Maternal-Neonatal Tetanus. The Board of Directors is offering a \$250 incentive for those persons wishing to become a Zeller Award Winner.
- **Bike Rodeo.** The Bike Rodeo is scheduled for 9:00am to 11:00am, Saturday, May 6th at Ames High School parking lot. Sign up now to volunteer. We need help on Friday afternoon to set up the course. See John Core for details.
- **Kiwanis Scholarships.** We received 19 applications for our scholarships, about evenly divided between students attending Gilbert and Ames high schools. More later.
- **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.

APRIL 14TH PROGRAM

The Walter Zeller Award: Project Eliminate

Past-President Ted MacDonald updated us on our progress in becoming a Model Club for Project Eliminate. Project Eliminate follows another successful collaboration between Kiwanis and UNICEF to address a world health problem (previously, we helped eliminate iodine deficiency disorder, a leading killer of children). The goal of Project Eliminate is to raise at least \$110 million to end maternal neonatal tetanus in 39 countries. The criteria to select such a project for Kiwanis involvement are that it affect children, is preventable, is possible to end, and it shows a record of success. The MN-T project fits all those criteria. As of February 23, 2017 Kiwanis reached its goal of \$110 million in receipts and pledges! Now, we need to finish collecting on these pledges. That's where we come in. We have pledged to become a "model club," meaning that we have committed to send \$750/member to KI. Of the \$46,500 we pledged, thus far we have raised \$39,653. If just 35 of our members gave \$100 per year for the next two years, we could reach our goal (see addendum to your quarterly bill for details).

We presented a Zeller Award to Past-President Mike Miller. Do you want to contribute to Project Eliminate? If you donate \$1,000 then our Board of Directors will donate the remaining \$250. Give it some serious thought. Do what you can.

GUESTS

Kim and Andy Jordon, daughter in-law and grandson of Sam Carstens

INVOCATION

Jerry Chase is asking for volunteers to give invocations at our weekly meetings. See Jerry.

COMMITTEES

- **AKtion Club.** The next meeting of CCAC will be Tuesday, April 18th 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 is adjourned until fall semester.

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.

KIWANIANS IN ACTION

C5K

Thank all of you who helped to make C5K, the 5K run/walk sponsored by the ISU Circle K Club, a big success. Over 50 runners participated in the event. We had an Interclub: Geri Derner, Ted MacDonald, Steve Sapp, and Gary Wade.

