

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

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APRIL 28TH PROGRAM

Circle K at Iowa State University

Members of the ISU Circle K Club will update us on their activities during this past academic year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Knicks for Kids.** Bring your redeemable bottles and cans. Gary Osweiler will deposit them.
- **Membership.** Wine and Cheese Membership Event. **May 9th**
 - Meet at 5:30 at the Ames Golf and Country Club.
 - Printed invitations are available from Cynthia Gaunt and Ronnie Lindeman.
 - FREE for prospective members. \$15 (or less) for members and non-prospective guests.
 - Members are encouraged to participate even if they do not bring a guest, but we want to make sure there are plenty of guests to learn about our club.
- **Officers and Board Members Needed!** Our Nomination Committee expresses serious concern that no candidates have been identified for VP and President Elect and elections are scheduled for **May 5**. If you are interested and willing to serve, please talk to Mike Miller, Ted MacDonald or Geri Derner. We have plenty of people willing so serve on the board, but no one has been willing to take the next step to serve as an officer in the coming years. Our club NEEDS two people to make the commitment to coordinate weekly programs (VP) and membership activity (Pres Elect). Please consider this leadership opportunity. There is no perfect time to assume this kind of responsibility, there will always be other opportunities. Practice this message, "If not me, then who? If not now, then when?"
- **All Club Food Drive.** Saturday, April 29th at all HyVee and Fareway stores. Still spots to sign up to help. See our website for details.
- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to attend all clubs in Division 11.
 - Nevada 45th Anniversary on April 18 - Lynell Dougherty, Shirley and Bill Bossenberger, Cathy Krebs, Gary Wade and Geri Derner.
 - C5K on April 15 - Steve Sapp, Ted MacDonald, Gary Wade, Geri Derner, Mariah and Maeann Unser.
- **Roger Lawrence.** Funeral service - Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 at Collegiate United Methodist Church.

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.
- **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!
- **Little Free Library.** The Little Free Library for west Ames, which we will sponsor, will be completed soon.

APRIL 21ST PROGRAM

First Lego League

Coaches - Ben Kellen, Jeremy Kellen and Jeff Margrett

Team El3phant - Henry Kellen, Alex Read, Andy Converse, Qwinn Margrett, Josiah Teske, Peter Stahr, Sam Kellen Alanna Schroeder and Pat Stahr.

FIRST Lego League - (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is guided by adult coaches to research and develop a solution to a real-world problem such as food safety, recycling, energy, etc. Teams must design, build, and program a robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS® technology, then compete on a table-top playing field. It all adds up to tons of fun while they learn to apply science, technology, engineering, and math concepts (STEM), plus a big dose of imagination, to solve a problem. 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. There are over 500 FIRST Lego League teams in Iowa. This team competed in regional and state competitions to earn an invitation to national event in Carlsbad, CA next month. Team El3phant is comprised of 9 6th and 7th grade students from Ames and Gilbert. All are St. Cecelia alums. Their real-world problem was to create better enclosures for elephants by creating an enrichment tree and modifying the surface of their enclosure.

The three elements of FIRST Lego League are: Teamwork, Project, and Robot. Core values are at the center of all elements. Teamwork - judged on how well they perform their task as a team. Project - related to the 2017 theme, Animals Allies. The team consulted with several elephant "experts" for their project to learn what was needed so they could propose a solution. Robot - all teams have the same list of missions. Using one robot base, they design multiple attachments to complete each mission - delivering a widget, lifting a tire, moving a pile, etc. the robot is judged on mechanical design, programming to complete individual mission, strategy and innovation to master the missions on the 4' x 8' board in the 2.5 minutes allowed. The students demonstrated excellent teamwork as they shared the different aspects of their project with our group. They mastered the microphone and delighted us with video clips of the robot in action. The team shared with us that they placed 2nd at the state event and were not aware of the national invitation until AFTER they had dismantled their robot and attachments, but they were happy to rebuild it for the next level of competition. We wish them much luck!

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.

GUESTS

- Randy Griffith, Ames Town and Country. Randy brought a vintage banner from when Aunt Jemima visited in person at the pancake days. He found it in his father's belongings and it will be donated to the Historical Society.

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

These are the hours we volunteered at Teen Maze (does not yet account for the time volunteering on the Planning Committee).

| Ames Noon Kiwanis | Total Hrs. 156 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Anne Schmitt | 16.25 |
| Bernie White | 6.25 |
| Bill Boon | 3 |
| Bob Currie | 5.75 |
| Cynthia Gaunt | 5.5 |
| Doug Meinhard | 3 |
| Ed Gillott | 10.75 |
| Gary Wade | 28.25 |
| Geri Derner | 12.5 |
| Kim Meinhard | 2 |
| Kris Meinhard | 3.25 |
| Lynell Dougherty | 7 |
| Paul Domoto | 32.25 |
| Ronnie Lindeman | 14.25 |
| Wall Beseleyen | 2.5 |
| William H. Bossenberger | 3.5 |