

# KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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## BULLETIN

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### JUNE 2ND PROGRAM

#### Kelen Ern: Adding Value: Life Coaching

Ever wonder what your life's purpose is? Do you want more fulfillment and joy? Are you in a transitional period? Gain fresh perspectives, filled with insight to uncover your options and find balance. Through a time-tested process, experience meaningful life changes and find out who you're truly meant to be.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### June Birthdays!

9: Tom McGee

29: Don Wishart

- **Free Little Library.** The Kiwanis-sponsored little library in Patio Park is full. No more books are needed at this time. The library looks great; stop by to see it sometime (entrance is from the north end of Idaho Avenue) .
- **Like Us, Friend Us.** Maeann Unser and Doug Meinhard have redesigned our page on Facebook. The address is: Ames Noon Kiwanis. Please visit it and BOTH Like it and Friend it. Send photographs of our events to either Maeann or Doug to post.
- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to attend all clubs in Division 11. Welcome back, Larry Zwagerman!
- **For Sale.** We have Kiwanis caps for sale. \$10.00. See Geri Derner.
- **Camp OK.** Our club is sponsoring one 5th grader to attend Camp OK, a very high quality leadership training program sponsored by Kiwanis International. Thanks to generous donations from current and former club members, we sponsor two additional campers on endowments. These endowments were funded by Gene Hempstead and by Wally and Jan Schloerke.
  - Cookies needed. Bring cookies to our meeting this week.
- **Officers and Board Members Needed! Our Nomination Committee expresses serious concern that no candidates have been identified for VP and President Elect.** If you are interested and willing to serve, please talk to Mike Miller, Ted MacDonald or Geri Derner.
- **Invocation.** Jerry Chase is asking for volunteers to give invocations at our weekly meetings. See Jerry.

## TWO MINUTES IN THE HOTSEAT

George Belitsos, in a since, has been a life-long Kiwanian. His father was a Kiwanian and introduced George to community service. George was a member of Key Club. It was Key Club that helped sponsor him to stay in Denmark, where he often volunteered at a local day-care center. This experience was life changing for George, who decided he wanted to devote his career to serving children. And it was our Kiwanis club that was among the first donors to what was then called "Shelter House" and then became Youth and Shelter Services.

## 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

- **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. Also, the NE-IA District is offering a \$625/\$625 match.
- **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](https://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.

## MAY 26TH PROGRAM

### Herman Quirnbach: Observance of Memorial Day

Club member Herman Quirnbach told us about a very special observance honoring our fallen service men and women. On June 3, 1861 Warrenton, Virginia was the location of the first Civil War soldier's grave ever to be decorated, according to a Richmond *Times-Dispatch* newspaper article in 1906. In 1862 women in Savannah, Georgia decorated Confederate soldiers' graves. The 1863 cemetery dedication at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, was a ceremony of commemoration at the graves of dead soldiers. On July 4, 1864, ladies decorated soldiers' graves according to local historians in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, and Boalsburg promotes itself as the birthplace of Memorial Day. In April 1865, following President Abraham Lincoln's assassination, commemorations were ubiquitous. The more than 600,000 soldiers of both sides who died in the Civil War meant that burial and memorialization took on new cultural significance. Under the leadership of women during the war, an increasingly formal practice of decorating graves had taken shape. In 1865, the federal government began creating national military cemeteries for the Union war dead. A decoration day observance on May 1, 1865 in Charleston, South Carolina led historian David W. Blight to claim that "African Americans invented Memorial Day in Charleston, South Carolina." In 1868, General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans founded in Decatur, Illinois, established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead with flowers. By the 20th century, various Union and Confederate memorial traditions, celebrated on different days, merged, and Memorial Day eventually extended to honor all Americans who died while in the military service. On May 26, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson designated an "official" birthplace of the holiday by signing the presidential proclamation naming Waterloo, New York, as the holder of the title.

## COMMITTEES

- **AKtion Club.** The next meeting of CCAC will be at 3:30pm, Tuesday, June 6th, a picnic at Riverside Park.
- **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](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.

## THANK YOU!

When Steve Sapp cannot make it to a weekly meeting, then Geri Derner, Lauris Olson, and Gary Wade take notes for him. Please say, "Thank you!"

## KIWANIANS IN ACTION

Kiwanians planned, prepared, and served the Memorial Day meal at Food at First.

