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BULLETIN

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JULY 7TH PROGRAM

Jeff Kopaska: Ames Girls Softball Association

AGSA is a nonprofit organization that supports fast pitch softball in the Ames area for girls ages 4 and up at various skill levels. Jeff will be joined by members of the team we sponsor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Birthdays!

7: Jim Converse

16: George Belitsos

30: Ann Kennedy

9: Jerry Chase

- **Free Little Library.** Our Little Free Library appears to be popular. Maeann reports there is a new selection of books every time she checks on it and notes quite a variety of titles. She will be collecting a few books at meetings to help keep it stocked.
- **Food at First.** July has a fifth Monday. Please sign up for shifts for July 31st.
- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to attend all clubs in Division 11.
- **Iowa Games Volunteering.** During the final three weeks of July thousands of athletes will come to Ames to compete. The Games needs volunteers. Contact Bill Bossenberger.
- **Ram-Page Sale.** The City of Ames requests our assistance with their rummage (Rampage?) sale. July 28-August 2. Contact Bill Bossenberger for more details.
- **Yard Signs.** Jim Converse reports that our project to use yard signs is well underway. He asks for 3-4 volunteers to help with this project to better promote our club. Please say "Yes" if Jim asks you for help.
- **New Pancake Griddles.** Jim Converse reports that our new pancake griddles have arrived. He asks for 3-4 volunteers to help him convert the griddles to use natural gas. Please say "Yes" if Jim asks you for help.
- **Summer Social.** Mark Saturday, August 12th on your calendar. No silent auction this year.
- **Aluminum.** Bud Everett reminds us to pull the tabs off our cans at the meetings and he will collect them for Ronald McDonald House. Did you know there is more pure aluminum in the tab than in the can? And the can is still worth a nickel for the deposit!

TWO MINUTES IN THE HOTSEAT

Ken Larson's home town is Charter Oak, IA. He graduated from high school as the valedictorian of his senior class of one! He thought he might want to play football (he lasted just one hour) and then basketball (he lasted one week), then found his calling as an agronomist. Ken served in the Air Force, where in flew B-25's. Ken received his PhD at Wisconsin and worked at ND State and Missouri before coming to ISU, where he retired in 1996. He loves to be a member of Kiwanis!

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 , 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.

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!"

JUNE 30TH PROGRAM

Lori Sulzberger and Josh Gartin: Story Theater Company

Story Theater Company is a non-profit, 501(c)3 corporation founded in November 2006. Its mission is to increase the number of theatrical opportunities for the children of Ames and surrounding communities through performances and workshops, and to expose them to positive role models from the ISU Theatre Department who teach the fundamentals of theater while encouraging self-confidence, responsibility, and teamwork.

They work with approximately 150 children annually in performances, workshops, and festivals. They have provided employment to many ISU Theatre students as teachers, directors, and designers. Nearly 30,000 audience members have seen their performances.

STC is particularly committed to reaching under served children. Thanks to generous donations from organizations such as the Kiwanis Club of Ames, they have donated hundreds of free tickets to area social service agencies, provided scholarship aid to participants, and kept tickets reasonably priced, in their on-going effort to afford everyone the opportunity to experience live theater.

STC produces three shows each year. This coming season, they will present Sleeping Beauty, 12 Angry Jurors, and Beauty and Beast, Jr. STC works with teen volunteers and ISU students. They rely in part upon professional staff to stage performances. Josh Gartin entertained us with a song from the Pirates of Penzance and a reading from Antigone.

GUESTS

Tara Gartin, mother of Josh Gartin, who helped present our weekly program.

Darla Ewalt, a prospective member sponsored by Cynthia Gaunt.

COMMITTEES

- **AKtion Club.** The next meeting of CCAC will be at 3:30pm, Tuesday, July 18th, at First United Methodist Church.
- **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.** 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.
- <https://www.facebook.com/amesnoonkiwanisclub/>
- **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.