

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

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AUGUST 18TH PROGRAM

The NE-IA District Convention.

Our delegates will report on activities of the 2017 NE-IA District Convention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome!** President Bill Bossenberger inducted new member Nancy Core and presented a handcrafted mug to her sponsor, John Core, her brother-in-law.
- **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. Please bring books to our weekly meetings.
- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to attend all clubs in Division 11.
- **Aluminum.** Bud Everett reminds us to pull the tabs off our cans at the meetings and he will collect them for Ronald McDonald House.
- **Yard Signs.** Yard Sign committee met recently and are working on the order for steel frame yard signs to promote Kiwanis projects and perhaps some of our grant recipients. Let Jim Converse know if you have a home or business that would be a good location.
- **Senior Variety Show.** Mark your calendars for August 18th and 20th. Ushers are needed. Contact Geri Derner.

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.
- **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. Thus far, donations to the park total \$600,000.
- **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!

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. Contact Bill Bossenberger or Kris Meinhard for details.

MAKEUP ATTENDANCE

Kiwanis International has expanded their definition of a make up for missing a regular meeting: Contact Geri Derner for details.

INVOCATION

The invocation for our meeting this past Saturday reflected on the theme of our Annual Picnic (with apologies to Kenny Rogers):

You've got to know when to hold 'em; know when to fold 'em;
Know when to walk away, and know when to run.

You never count your money when you're sittin' at the table,
There'll be time enough for countin' when the dealin's done.

As Kiwanians, we have *our* own interpretation of this song:

We know when to hold – on to our cans and bottles 'til it's time to turn them into nickles for kids.

Know when to fold – the edge of the paper when doing Gift Wrap at the Mall.

Know when to walk away – with a group of kids through the rooms at Teen Maze *and* we

Know when to run – behind a child on the course in the Bike Rodeo.

As for counting money, we don't need to wait for the dealer. We just count it up and give it away so we can improve our world one child and one community at a time!

THANK YOU!

Geri Derner prepared notes for this bulletin. Great job, Geri!

AUGUST 12TH PROGRAM

Roll the Dice and Bet on Having Some Fun!

Maeann Unser chaired this annual event with the assistance of Cathy Krebs and Geri Derner. Mike Miller served as auctioneer. Many thanks to those who came early to set up, decorate, and serve as greeters. Special thanks those who stayed after and helped clean up. Big thanks to Jim Converse and John Core for being our Lodge connection for such a great location. Once again, a good time was had by all who attended! Let's do it again next year.

- We had 39 people attend - 22 members and 17 guests, including Lt. Gov. Andy Webb and his lovely wife Margie, from the Roland Club.
- Pre-dinner activities included a magnetic dart poker game to see who could make the best hand and earn 100 Grand - candy bars, of course, no real gambling allowed.
- We had an autograph hunt to find 10 different people to fit each category. You can't imagine how many of our members and guests play an instrument, were or were not born in Iowa, have camped in a tent, have been on a cruise or have a pet. It was a fun way to get acquainted with each other.
- Traditional picnic dinner featured delicious Pizza Ranch chicken and lots of trimmings - potato salad, mashed potatoes, broccoli salad, baked beans, cole slaw and fresh melon. There was hardly room for dessert, so we had a business meeting and played a little dice game to let dinner settle a bit.
- Cathy Krebs led us in a rousing game of 10,000 Dice - kind of like Yahtzee meets Bunco. There was a whole lotta shakin' going on all around the room. Eventually one table won a Pot o' Gold.
- The highlight of the evening - the dessert auction with all funds going toward our MNT Eliminate pledge.
 - Marla Miller's tres leche cake brought \$160
 - John Core's pyramid of chocolate filled cookies and Stam chocolate coins brought \$120
 - Ruth MacDonald's chocolate strawberry layer cake brought \$110
 - Jean Watson's strawberry-rhubarb pie brought \$90
 - Sue Converse's peach pie brought \$65
 - Marla Miller's German chocolate layer cake brought \$25
 - Leftover chicken dinner and random side dishes brought the auction total to **\$785**

COMMITTEES

- **AKtion Club.** The next meeting of CCAC will be at 3:30pm, Tuesday, September 5th at First United Methodist Church.
- **Circle K Club.** Circle K will be meeting soon. Stay tuned.

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.

NEW FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Cathy Krebs announced that our club was selected to be one of 2 organizations to be sponsored by Greater Iowa Credit Union for the month of AUGUST. GICU will donate \$500 to our club in addition to ANY online donations. This is a popular crowd funding activity and a great way for us to increase funds available for projects. Visit www.giveiowa.org during August to make a donation to our club. Share this site with others so they can contribute as well. Time is limited, so act now!

NEW FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Center Grove Orchard Fundraiser - we are going to sign up as a group of 3 to 5 people on Saturdays October 7 and 21. These are non-ISU home game days. Sign up to help with admissions, food service, tractor driving, train driving or parking. We will be paid \$9 per hour. Shifts are 3 or 4 hours long. Cynthia Gaunt is lining up volunteers.

KIWANIANS IN ACTION



Noon Kiwanis Donates to Edwards School Park Project

Ames Noon Kiwanis recently presented a \$1000 check to the Edwards School neighborhood park project. Ken Platt, Ames, accepted the Kiwanis donation. Platt said that the project will help stabilize the area and create a safe park to serve as a meeting and recreation site for children and families. He added that the park will also serve as an open-air space for use by residents of the nearby Johanns House, part of the Ames-based Friendship Ark Homes organization. Platt said that \$150,000 has been raised toward the effort; total cost estimated at \$250,000. Left to right are Kiwanian Maeann Unser, Kris Meinhard (club treasurer), and Ken Platt.

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