

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

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THIS WEEK WE WILL MEET AT THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AT 6TH AND KELLOGG.

AUGUST 25TH PROGRAM

The People Place.

LSI's People Place is a Story County family and community resource center. Open to all families in Story County and the surrounding areas, People Place offers support for parents of infants, toddlers and elementary school age children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

PROJECT REPORTS

- **Gift Wrap.** Now is the time to organize ourselves for one of our important fundraising events. Please volunteer to serve as the chair of this year's activities.
- **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.

COMMITTEES

- **AKtion Club.** The next meeting of CCAC will be at 3:30pm, Tuesday, September 19th 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.

GUESTS

Brenda Hobson, Jody Melcher, and Jerome Rewerts: Nevada Kiwanis Club.

AUGUST 18TH PROGRAM

Don Kom: The Solar Energy Project in Ames.

The City of Ames has undertaken a green energy and sustainability project to ensure any Ames electric customer wanting to take advantage of solar-generated energy has the ability to do so via investment in a community solar project, SunSmart Ames.

SunSmart Ames is a community solar project designed to generate 1.5 to 2 megawatts (MW) of electricity by early 2018 for purchase by Ames Electric Services. Ames Electric Services customers are able to invest in the project by buying generation shares or "Power Packs." Each Power Pack represents a one-time investment and will entitle customers to a future bill credit based on the amount of energy generated by the solar array and the market price of electricity. It is estimated a Power Pack will cost less than \$500. Establishing a community solar project is a priority of the Ames City Council and the Ames model is similar to a program offered by the Cedar Falls Utilities. The solar generation facility will be built and operated by a private entity, and Ames Electric Services will purchase all electricity provided by the solar panels and provide a bill credit to SunSmart Ames customers.

The proposed site is a field on Airport Road, just north of the Ames Municipal Airport. This site must be evaluated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for construction due to its proximity to the airport.

Investing in SunSmart is an investment in Ames in that it supports the community's ongoing efforts to be sustainable. The solar farm will produce renewable and clean electricity which will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The utility will sign a power purchase agreement (PPA) with the installer which is a 20 year contract that will lock in a price for the electricity generated by the farm. This price cannot increase so it acts as a hedge against rising utility costs going forward. Each participant will receive a small credit on their bill. This is truly a great project for Ames! How does one participate? Purchase a Power Pack!

A Power Pack is a unit of electricity produced by the solar farm. Each Power Pack represents a portion of the total electricity produced by the solar farm. As an example, if you purchase one Power Pack it will physically produce a small percentage of the total electricity output of the solar farm. Each month you would receive a credit on your bill equal to that percentage of the total your Power Pack represents. The Power Packs are currently estimated to cost \$500 each but will more than likely cost less once all the variables for installation are known. This is our working model price right now.

The process is to have an electric customer of the City of Ames who is interested sign an "Intent to Participate" document. Signing this document does not obligate you to anything but helps us understand how many are interested in investing in the solar farm. Once we get 80% of the available power packs pre-sold we will go forward with the project. At that time those who signed an Intent to Participate will be asked to sign a contract and pay for the cost of their Power Packs.

If you purchase a power pack (or multiple power packs... there is currently no limit) each month your bill will be credited an equivalent dollar amount representing the percentage of the whole for your power packs. The amount credited will be somewhere around 6 cents per kilowatt-hour (you currently pay 12.1 cents per kilowatt-hour in the summer and 10 cents per kilowatt-hour in the winter for your electricity). Most people purchasing one power pack would see a small monthly credit, we estimate it to be around a dollar or two. Achieving a payback is possible but not likely before the term of the contract period of 20 years. People typically are not going to sign up for SunSmart to make money but they do sign up to participate in a green, renewable, sustainable energy resource.