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SEPTEMBER 1ST PROGRAM

The NE-IA District Convention

We will hear about what our delegates learned at the recent convention for the NE-IA District.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Birthdays!

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| 3: | Sarah Mowery | 9: | Matt Converse | 18: | Paul Domoto |
| 6: | Ralph Yoder | 11: | Lauris Olson | 21: | John Core |
| 7: | Bob Watson | 14: | Cynthia Gaunt | 28: | Denny Jones |
| 8: | Gary Osweiler | | | | |

- **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.

TWO MINUTES IN THE HOTSEAT

Jerry Chase joined our club in 1986. He enjoys working on projects, such as Pancake Days, Stash the Trash, and the Orchard Project. He especially enjoys the friendships he has developed at Kiwanis. Jerry is switching his membership to the Golden K Club. Nevertheless, if there is a project to be completed, Jerry will be there!

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.

INVOCATIONS

Contact Ronnie Lindeman if you can give an invocation to start our business meeting.

AUGUST 25TH PROGRAM

Eric Garrett and Amy Barrett: The People Place

We learned about four services offered by Lutheran Services in Iowa, People Place.

Crisis Child Care

LSI provides up to 72 hours of crisis child care in Story and Boone Counties. People are eligible for this free program if they are facing a crisis, such as medical emergency, homelessness or critical stress, and have no other available child care options or support system. This program is open to any family, regardless of income. LSI will help transport the child to a licensed child care provider to allow one to address a family emergency. This past year, People Place served 25 families, with 50 children, with this service.

Nurturing Group

Parents of children age 0-5 participate in discussions about topics such as nutrition, play, social skills, stress management and child development.

In-Home Visits (Parents as Teachers)

Sometimes the best conversations happen in a living room or at a kitchen table, and LSI has many parent programs in Iowa where they can visit persons in their home. The LSI worker answers questions, provides support and encouragement, shares information, and helps with parenting skills. Visits can begin before the child is even born and last until age 3 or 4. People Place can help parents build on their strengths and learn strategies for parenting in areas of positive discipline, parent-child interaction, healthy development, and much more. Many of the home visitation programs provide support groups and community events such as picnics. In limited cases, LSI can help transport clients to a medical appointment or for other critical needs.

Parent Education and Development

People Place is an LSI family resource center in Ames offering classes and support. Classes include topics such as positive discipline, listening, childhood literacy, special needs parenting, sibling rivalry and more. Child care is provided. LSI offers a pregnancy prevention group and class to help teenagers make healthy choices. These classes discuss character, teen health, sexually transmitted diseases, self-esteem and other issues. LSI's Mobile Parenting program meets with parents who are living in homeless shelters or are incarcerated. The program teaches classes on over 30 topics such as anger management, stress relief, trust building, empathy and positive discipline.

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!