

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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SEPTEMBER 8TH PROGRAM

Shannon Bardole: Homemade Soap and Brooms

Shannon Bardole, of Ames, first found her interest in homemade soap and broom making when she worked at Living History Farms in Urbandale. Since then, she started selling both products under the name Little White Lye Soap and Franklin Broom Works.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Back Packs.** This week, we will pack back packs for school children. If you can arrive early to our meeting please do so to help pack bags.
- **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.
- **Congratulations!** We received \$350 in donations to our club sponsorship by the Greater Iowa Credit Union. Very good of GICU to help us out.
- **Apple Sales.** Stay tuned. We will begin this project soon.

TWO MINUTES IN THE HOTSEAT

Jason Haglund, along with his brother-in-law, farms 500 acres near Boone. They focus especially on growing hops. Harvesing hops is tricky business. Timing must be perfect, so as to avoid too strong a flavor or not enough of it. The result of a good harvest is good tasting beer!

GUESTS

Ali Sauer, guest of Sarah Mowery.

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.

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.
 - Thus far, 12 members have signed up to help on October 7th and 21st.

INVOCATIONS

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

SEPTEMBER 1ST PROGRAM

The NE-IA District Convention: August 5-6, Coralville, Iowa

Our delegates to the convention reported that the event was highly successful in attracting attendees and in providing excellent quality programs. Thank you to Geri Derner, Cynthia Gaunt, Cathy Krebs, Marla Miller, Mike Miller, and Gary Wade for attending the conference.

- The five elements of a successful club: 1) provide service that addresses community needs; 2) focus on increasing the visibility of the club; 3) focus on leadership development; 4) focus on service learning program participation; and 5) have fun!
- Updates from Circle K Club was a positive outlook on the future.
- Our club is doing a very good job of supporting Project Eliminate.
- To have fun and attract new members we might think about: 1) having randomized assigned seating at weekly meetings; 2) telling about ourselves (such as “Two Minutes in the Hot Seat,” “Two Truths and a Lie,” etc.); 3) designating a mystery greeter; 4) requiring members to carry a stuffed animal with them at all times until they bring in a new member; 5) holding multiple new membership events each year; and 6) organizing “theme” events for weekly meetings.
- Kiwanis International provides funding for grants that aim to improve the world, one child and one community at a time. Grants in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 range can help a club provide needed services.
- We do an excellent job with our social media. Our web site and Facebook pages are of very high quality.
- School gardening has become popular. We might volunteer to help with a school garden.
- Kiwanis International will continue to strongly support youth protection guidelines.
- The Kiwanis colors are: blue, light blue, black, and gray.
- We must report our club activities via Portalbuzz (we already have been doing that).
- Overall, membership in Kiwanis clubs is declining. We need to think seriously and creatively about how to increase membership.

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!