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BULLETIN

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DECEMBER 15TH PROGRAM

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: MARION KRESSE

GUESTS: No Guests

PROJECT REPORTS

- **Gift Wrap.** Gift Wrap has started! Lots of openings so please sign up now. The booth is in a new location in the JC Penney courtyard and the Mall has put out signage at the Younkers entrance to direct people to visit the gift wrap booth.
- Please start saving (if you have not already) boxes that are suitable for wrapping. Remember no boxes that contained food or greasy items that were not seal in a plastic wrap so the box is clean and grease free. You may begin to bring boxes to the mall when the gift wrap booth is open.
- Contact Deb Russell about placing a Kiwanis Gift Wrap yard sign in your yard or place of business.
- **Pancake Days.** Ted MacDonald and John Core are Co-Chairs of Pancake Days. The first meeting of the pancake days committee was held last week and they are making progress. We have pancake tickets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Message from Cathy Krebs

◆ Hello Fellow Kiwanians

On behalf of Deb Russell, "Senior Elf" and her team for 2017 Ames Noon Kiwanis Gift Wrap Project at the North Grand Mall, I'm quickly working to gather the helper elves for this year's holiday season.

The Project opened on the weekend of December 2, 2017 and we were able to fill the shifts in time. . . which says we are off to a good start! HOWEVER, I am running the scheduling coordination from my recliner at home in Nevada this year after a complete right knee replacement in early November, so I really need your help.

That's why I am inviting all elf wrappers to join us at our new location by JCPenney and the Children's Play Area at the North Grand Mall by way of online sign-up!! It's as easy as putting that pretty bow on the package!! Just go to amesnoonkiwanis.org and click on Gift Wrapping. Follow the online sign-up directions for times available to wrap. Some two hour shifts will require two wrappers and some will require three. Each shift requires at least one Kiwanian be present, however, you may recruit Non-Kiwanians (spouse/friend/family member) to join you as well. Directions for gift wrapping are included in a binder available at the gift wrap station.

When you complete the online sign up, be sure to include the club you are representing for the hour log. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your shift start to sign in and hang your coat.

Note: Our sign up provider, SignUp.com, does not share your email address with anyone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT:

- ◆ If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact our webmaster at, ameswebmaster@gmail.com, by email and he will sign you up manually. Please help me stay on the "Nice List" by helping support the "Clause". Sign up to work a gift wrap shift or two today!! Thank You. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and yours!

A Message from Ted MacDonald

- ◆ Hi everyone - The Ames Jaycees pack holiday food baskets every year for distribution at MICA. A Jaycees member wrote to me to see if any Kiwanians wanted to help with this project this year. She said, "The truck from SHARE is arriving with food at 7 am on December 16 to Heartland Senior Center. Volunteers will have 2 hours to put the meal in a bag and families identified by MICA arrive from 9 am – noon to pick up. MICA takes the leftover items back to their office where they have freezers and continues to hand out to families." Just to note, SHARE is a food buying group. I know that our gift-wrapping needs is top priority, but please consider this service opportunity if it works out for you. Also, Jaycees age out at forty and will be looking for a new service club to join.

Thanks,
Ted MacDonald

If you want to assist please tell Ted.

A Message from Jim Converse

- ◆ Thanks Ames Kiwanis Club, for the beautiful poinsettia plant I received Friday afternoon while recovering from recent surgery. I hope to be back on the groove next week and look forward to seeing all of you next Friday.
- ◆ Ronnie Lindeman reports that Tom McGee's wife Dottie is now in Hospice Care.
- ◆ Heartland Needs Helpers on Wednesday December 20 for their Holiday Luncheon 10-11 Setup, 11-12 Setup and Cleanup, Please tell Cynthia if you are interested in volunteering.
- ◆ Board meeting this past Tuesday
Approved a Project Budget of approximately \$15,000 covering 23 projects.
Approved as a new member: Fred Johnson and his contact information is:
1834 Waterbury Circle, Ames, IA 50010 515-232-6803, f.johnson0125@gmail.com and his wife's name is Sandra Sandfort. When you see him welcome him to the Club.

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TEMPORARY RELOCATION FROM AGCC.** Beginning in January we will probably relocate to across the street to the E-free Church for two months so if you miss the relocation notice you will not have far to go to the meeting.
- **MIRACLE FIELD PLAYGROUND.** We have taken up the challenge to assist our Kiwanis District 11 in raising \$50,000 toward the new Miracle Field Playground and President Cynthia Gaunt has set the bar at \$3,000 this year toward that goal.
- **Circle K Club.** They will have their 3rd Chile and Cornbread Caroling at Northcrest Today, December 3rd, please join them if you wish at 3pm. This will be their only event before winter break.

- **Invocations Committee.** Ronnie Lindemann, chair of the Invocations Committee, is looking for a person to line up the next two month of invocations. See her if you are interested or would even like to do it later in the year.
- **Teen Maze.** Plans for the 2018 event are underway. As usual, Teen Maze will be held during the first week of April. The Town & Country Kiwanis Club has challenged us to raise \$2,000 to match their contribution to this worthwhile and popular project.
- **Free Little Library.** Our Little Free Library is 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.
- **Aluminum.** Bud Everett reminds us to pull the tabs off our cans at the meetings and he will collect them for Ronald McDonald House.
- **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 President Cynthia or Club Treasurer 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.** On December 5th Golden K Singers entertained with a great selection of Holiday songs and on December 19 at FUMC they will have their Holiday Party and they will need volunteers to assist. The fun begins at 3:30 so come on over if you can and have a fun time with Aktion Club.
- **Circle K.** The caroling at Northcrest went well with 6 members attending, Teds Chile was a big hit as was Steve's Texas chocolate sheetcake. They are now on break and will return in January.
- **Social.** Some fun is planned for our December 22 meeting so bring a guest and celebrate the Holidays with us.

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.
- To all you cell phone aficionados, I have redesigned our Kiwanis Club website to be cell phone friendly. At least it works great on my Samsung Galaxy F7; you just have to get used to how to move around and find everything.

CONTACT INFORMATION CONT:

- To you computer heads like me, it works exactly how it did before, it just has a different look.
- Hope you all like the new look - it had to change to accommodate cell phones, tablets, etc. (Ah! Always trying to catch up with new technology).
- **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 if you have trouble signing in as I have had this past week contact our Webmaster Bud Everett and he can get you straightened out.
- **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/>

PROGRAM REVIEW:

- Campustown review with Executive Director of the Campustown Action Association Karin Chitty.
They are affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce.
They are a member based , volunteer organization with just one paid staff member.
Not all the businesses in the organization are located in Campustown.
Their mission is to serve as a catalyst for partnerships in Campustown.
There is a 14 person Board of Directors working on
 - Business improvement
 - Community Outreach
 - Promoting the Campustown areaTheir Goals are:
 - Social destination for all ages
 - Broaden the diversity of businesses
 - Improve the visual appearance of Campustown
 - Improve transportation to and through Campustown

Karin reported that the new mixed use buildings are a challenge to fill with businesses as rent is a bit higher but the apartment rentals are doing well. The City of Ames has a façade grant program to help renew Campustown buildings. There is a volunteer effort to clean up the Campustown area once a month (except during the coldest winter months) called “Make Campustown Shine”.

Upcoming Events are:

- Summerfest on June 2, 2018
- Crafts and Draughts in October of 2018
- New Student event in the fall of 2018

KIWANIS CLUB COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2017-2018

Standing Committees

Please contact President Cynthia or the committee chair and volunteer for at least one Committee. The more on a committee the better we can serve so serving on two or three would be great.

Membership – Stephen Sapp

Flowers and Remembrance – Lynell Dougherty, Jack Cleasby, Co-Chairs

Grants – Marla Miller

History – Gary Wade, Chair

Interclub – Larry Zwagerman, Chair

Invocations – Ronnie Lindeman, Chair

Music – Carl Anderson, Don Wishart, Co-Chairs

Bulletin – Mike Miller

Programs – Sarah Mowery, Chair

Publicity – Chair?

Reception and House – Ted McDonald, Jack Cleasby

Social – Cathy Krebs, Chair

Election – Immediate Past President Bill Bossenburger

Website – Bud Everett, Chair

Food Shelf – Bernie White, Chair

Service Projects

Major Emphasis and Worldwide Service Project – Ted McDonald, Chair

Food at First – Bernie White

Scholarship – Tim Tryon, Chair

Teen Maze – Ronnie Lindemann, Bob Currie, Co-Chairs

Bike Rodeo – Jim Converse, John Core

Fundraising Projects

Apples – Paul Domoto/Carl Anderson, co-chairs

Gift Wrap – Deb Russell

Pancakes – John Core and Ted MacDonald, Co-Chairs

Knuckles for Kids – Gary Osweller

Sponsored Programs

Aktion Club – Ed Gillott, Chair

ISU Circle K Club – Ted MacDonald, Steve Sapp