



# The Kiwanis Club of Des Moines, IA newsletter

Weeks of July 13 & July 20

Report from Hawaii

## Steve installed as Int'l President

By Jan Burch, Pubicity Chair

Aloha to each of you from sunny Hawaii! We've had a wonderful Kiwanis experience in Honolulu...attending forums, conducting business in the delegate sessions, meeting Kiwanians from all over the world, and, of course, exploring the delights of this tropical paradise. Many played hooky a time or two to take in some of the island tours, e.g., Diamond Head, snorkeling and scuba diving, pineapple plantations, or Pearl Harbor/Arizona Memorial. And who didn't try to walk or spend some time soaking up the sun on one of the many sandy beaches?

But, as you may have guessed, the highlight of the trip was President-elect Steve Siemens' acceptance speech on Monday night. He gave the talk of his lifetime, spending little time behind the podium, leaving the stage frequently to spread his message. His theme, "Together We CAN", focuses on:

- Climb higher: in strengthening Kiwanis membership;
- Achieve success: in changing the face of Kiwanis International;
- Nurture excellence: in everything we do.

He spent a bit of time talking about growth in clubs and overall membership; in fact, our goal is to be ONE MILLION members strong by 2015 (a long way to go from our 300,000 current members). And he spent a bit of time talking about excellence. But the bulk of his talk was spent on Achieving success in order to make us the premier service organization in the world. Change needs to happen; practices need to change. How does one get rid of practices and behaviors that need to change? By developing new goals and by burying the old, of course! And where does one bury things? Well, sometimes in a hole...and sometimes in



Steve accepts position of President of KI from 2004-05 President Case Van Kleef.

a casket. And would you believe that six young men, clothed in black, slowly brought a white casket up on stage? To help make his points, three of his grandchildren "helped" him on stage! We "buried" jealousy, small thinking, old traditional club rituals, ineffective district structures, and poor vision, to name but a few.

And First Lady Barb's address to those gathered made us all proud. For someone who repeatedly says, "I don't like to do that kind of thing", she does it well. She will represent us well as she and Steve travel throughout the world spreading the good news about Kiwanis.

Thanks for allowing Bob and me to be your 90th Kiwanis Convention delegates. Next issue: The Governor's Trip to Maui! Aloha.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 13

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**PROGRAM:** Today's program will be Tina Rhoades of Wetherell, Ericsson, Leusink Architects, who will speak about the "Architecture at Hand" tours that are conducted throughout the summer. Program Presenter Al Knudsen will introduce our program.

**ASSIGNMENTS:** Music will be led by Greg Wilson. Invocation will be given by John Mechem. Guest Introductions will be made by Jan Burch. Greeters will be Jerald Brantley & Charlie Taylor. Our Bulletin Reporter is Dave Strief.

July 20

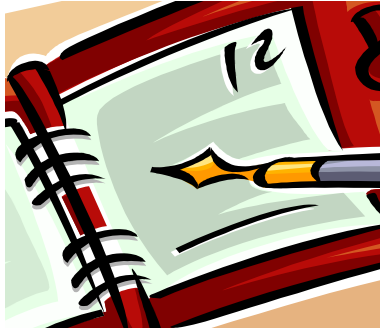
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Downtown Club  
coordinates annual  
Ne-Ia District  
Convention,  
Sheraton Hotel  
(formerly University  
Park Holiday Inn),  
West Des Moines**

- Friday: 9:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Partners' Program, East Village
- Friday: 10:30 a.m., golf outing at Blank Golf Course
- Friday: 12 noon. – 3:45 p.m., Club Leadership Education training (make-up session)
- Friday evening: Dinner / Reception for our own International President
- Saturday: all day Convention including keynoters, educational sessions, partners' activities, silent auction, Kiwanis store
- Saturday evening: installation banquet
- Sunday morning: memorial breakfast

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- July 13 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Tina Rhoades, Wetherell, Ericsson, Leusink Architects. She will speak about the "Architecture at Hand" tours that are conducted in the evenings throughout the summer. These are walking tours of Des Moines' architectural history and facts about our downtown skyline. Program arranged by Al Knudsen.
- July 18 Division 16 & 13 Council meeting, West Des Moines Public Library, 7–8 p.m.
- July 20 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speakers are Rita Ullestad, Director of Fund Development, Broadlawns Medical Center, and Dr. Richard Sidwell. They will give us an update on what is going on at Broadlawns Hospital. Program arranged by Al Knudsen.
- July 22 "Christmas in July" bell ringing for Salvation Army at Dahl's on 35th, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., both doors. Volunteers needed in two-hour shifts. Contact Wes Greve for further details.
- July 23 Ne-Ia District Convention Planning Meeting, Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- July 27 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Tony Timm is from "The Heart Connection" about their children's cancer programs. Program arranged by Al Knudsen.
- August 3 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speakers are Bob Mitchell and Jan Burch, our delegates presenting on the 2005 Kiwanis International Convention. Program arranged by Irene Hegedus-Tarcsynski.
- August 5 Monthly Board Meeting, Iowa Lutheran Hospital Private Dining Room, 11:45 a.m.
- August 8 Kiwanis Night at Principal Park; watch the Iowa Cubs vs. Las Vegas, 7:05 pm
- August 10 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD. Program arranged by Irene Hegedus-Tarcsynski.
- August 12 Monthly Basketball Jamboree Committee Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Iowa Lutheran Hospital private dining room
- August 17 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD. Program arranged by Irene Hegedus-Tarcsynski.
- August 24 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD. Program arranged by Irene Hegedus-Tarcsynski.
- September 9 Jim Jordan Memorial Golf Classic sponsored by Merle Hay Urbandale and Knights of Columbus, Jester Park Golf Course. \$65 (golf, cart, BBQ & Prizes). Proceeds go for Special Olympics Iowa
- September 19 Division 16 & 13 Council meeting, West Des Moines Public Library, 7-8 p.m.

# Field trip to Blank Hospital is big success

By Ken Hayes, Chief of Reporters

Our meeting for June 29, 2005 was held at Blank Hospital. We had lunch in the Snow White Conference Room and then had a tour of Dr. Rizswan Shah's Regional Child Protection Center. This Center was the recipient this year of the proceeds (\$16,000) from the Basketball Jamboree.

Dr. Shah has spoken at our club regarding her program, but it took this tour to bring home to us the tremendous service being furnished by Dr. Shah and her staff. We were told by Dr. Shah that 37,000 babies are born annually in the state of Iowa and that 10% will be afflicted with the effects of meth

There is no other clinic in Iowa similar to the one operated by Dr. Shah, and she said they are only able to take 800 a year which means there are many who will not get the type of service available through this clinic.

In addition to the work with meth children, they have a lot of involvement with child abuse cases. Many of those cases come to them through the Department of Human Services and the police. They handle 40 counties through this clinic. There is an office in Ottumwa which has a relationship through this clinic. Wapello County has a high drug usage as a percentage of population. We were told this is true of those counties in the

south central part of Iowa.

It was stressed that these babies exposed to meth should not be considered as a lost generation. While they can't change the situation prior to the contact with this clinic, they can do a great deal for the child after being referred to this clinic. In addition to helping the child, they also work with the parents, and especially the mother, as to a change in lifestyle. Parents are sometimes not receptive to the treatment, and this often involves working with the grandparents. Grandparents can sometimes be involved while the parents are involved in a treatment program.

The facilities in this clinic are quite small and very cramped for the personnel. We spent some time in an interview room which was quite stark without any furniture or pictures on the wall. It was intended to be that way so there would not be anything to distract the child while being interviewed. There was a one-way mirror in this room which would allow a police officer or Human Relations employee to observe the interview. This would be an interview involving child mistreatment and could involve a child between 3 and 17 years old. Parents are not allowed to be present for this interview. A child might refuse the interview, but that would be a rarity. Before the clinic will get involved, the child must have made a statement of some kind regarding a mistreatment incident.

## WE TRADE – KIWANIS DOING BUSINESS WITH KIWANIS

According to the Kiwanis International web site, our name "Kiwanis" is an Indian term meaning "We Trade". The Nebraska-Iowa District announces a new opportunity for Kiwanians to "trade" with each other.

If you need the services of a florist, a mechanic, a realtor, or any other of hundreds of occupations, wouldn't you rather do business, or trade, with another Kiwanian? For you Kiwanians who are actively involved in business, wouldn't you like to have your name in front of thousands of life-minded people? Isn't that perhaps a small part of the reason you joined your club, even though helping kids and our communities is hopefully the number one reason?

Our district is developing a page on our web site that will be a directory of Kiwanians, indexed by occupation. You will be able to go to the site and find a florist, a mechanic, or a realtor—and someone you can feel confident in doing business with or perhaps an avenue to expand your contacts.

The cost for a listing is \$25 a year and will include your name, company name, address, phone number, email, and occupation. Funds from this program will be used to finance district convention activities as well as various Foundation projects. The first "showing" of this new web site will most likely be at our Ne-Ia District Convention, August 19-21, Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines.

For more information, contact Mike Beckett at [mdalign@aol.com](mailto:mdalign@aol.com) or call 515-491-5731. To sign up, mail a check payable to Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis for \$25 and your business card to Mike at 933 – 9th Avenue NW, Altoona, IA 50009.

## President of Iowa Stars talks hockey

By Ken Hayes, Chief of Reporters

President Ron Heggen presided. Music was led by Bill Keck. Invocation was by Dave Turnbull. We had one visitor, Steve Cypher of Rochester, Michigan, who was introduced by Al Bjork. Our drawing was won by our speaker who donated it to our club.

Our club is participating in bell ringing for Salvation Army Christmas in July. It was emphasized that workers are needed for the bell ringing on July 22nd at Dahl's, 35th and Ingersoll.

The speaker was John Pettit who gave a good report on the Iowa Stars which is a hockey team in the American Hockey League and which will be playing in the new Wells Fargo building. This will be a Triple A team. According to Mr. Pettit, three fourths of players in the National Hockey League come from the American Hockey League. He was extremely complimentary of the Wells Fargo building. He said the blueprints for the building were examined by the American Hockey League prior to construction and that they did not have a single suggestion for change. He said that hockey is a sport which "catches on." Women are big fans of hockey. Tickets are being priced so that they will be considered quite reasonable. He continued to emphasize what a fine building Wells Fargo is and that there is not one bad seat in it. The first home game is October 18.

We can expect a lot of promotion of the hockey coming to Des Moines and that we can anticipate a good team. It will be a fast, hard-hitting team which Des Moines will like. As a part of the promotion, players will be available for community contacts. In professional hockey the players have free days available in which they can participate in community activities.

# REGISTRATION FORM

## 86<sup>th</sup> NEBRASKA-IOWA KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION

August 19-21, 2005

Sheraton West Des Moines, 1800 50<sup>th</sup> Street, West Des Moines, Iowa

Kiwanian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Name (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Kiwanis Club \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Club Delegate  Yes  No

Club Office \_\_\_\_\_

District Office \_\_\_\_\_

Past Lt. Governor  First Convention Attendee

Past Dist. Governor  New Member (since 10/1/04)

Legion of Honor

### Registration Notes

- One Kiwanian per registration form.
- Make check payable to and mail to:  
**NE-IA Kiwanis District**  
**602 Cyclone Ave**  
**Harlan IA 51537**
- Check must accompany reg. form.
- No refunds after 8/10/05.
- Sheraton West Des Moines is the convention hotel. For reservations, please call 515-223-1800. Identify yourself as part of the NE-IA Kiwanis group. Room rate is \$84 (includes tax) if reservation is made by 7/28/05. Space avail. after that.

Cost if Received  
By July 28

Cost After  
July 28

No.

Total

### **FULL REGISTRATION:**

\$114.

\$145.

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Kiwanian or Partner

(Includes all functions except Golf Event, Partners Program, and Web Site Workshop)

### **REGISTRATION AND MEALS PURCHASED SEPARATELY:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost if Received</u> <u>By July 28</u>	<u>Cost after</u> <u>July 28</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aug. 19 (Friday)	<b>Siemens Recognition Dinner</b>	<u>\$29.</u>	<u>\$35.</u>	_____	\$ _____
Aug. 20 (Saturday)	<b>Conference Registration</b>	<u>\$29.</u>	<u>\$35.</u>	_____	\$ _____
	<b>Lunch</b>	<u>\$15.</u>	<u>\$20.</u>	_____	\$ _____
	<b>Installation Banquet</b>	<u>\$27.</u>	<u>\$35.</u>	_____	\$ _____
Aug. 21 (Sunday)	<b>Memorial Brunch</b>	<u>\$14.</u>	<u>\$20.</u>	_____	\$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Clubs registering four attendees can register a fifth person at no charge (registration only, no meals)

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### 2004-2005 Directors

#### One Year

Clair Fisher

Marty Kenworthy

Mike Lacey

Michelle Wall

#### Two Years

Jan Burch

Lu Dooley

Irene Tarczynski

Charlie Taylor

## Did you know that...

- Member **Dave Turnball** needs our help! The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is sponsoring summer baseball at the Grubb Y and lots of kids are showing up! Help is needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 – 7 pm, through July 14. Give Dave a call or just show up.
- The Annual Kiwanis “KIDS’ FEST”, scheduled for June 25th at the Kiwanis Riverview Nature Island, had to be postponed because of rain. A new date has not yet been determined.
- Congratulations to **Don & Doris Wiebold** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 25th! They got extra special attention at the spectacular luau in Honolulu at the International Convention.
- Your help is needed! We’ll be ringing the Salvation Army Bells for “Christmas in July” on Friday, July 22. Volunteer for a two-hour shift at the Dahl’s store on 35th & Ingersoll Avenue. Contact **Wes Greve** before he contacts you!
- President-elect **Chris Williams** is in Africa previewing the eventual setup of a hospital for his employer, Mercy Medical Centers. More details will follow...
- All members (and partners) should mark their calendars for the upcoming Nebraska-Iowa District Convention, August 19-21, Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines. Friday night’s dinner/reception will be President-elect Steve’s first un-official event! Let’s have a GREAT showing from his home club!
- Don’t forget, it only takes two new members and a couple other requirements to be a **DISTINGUISHED MEMBER** for 2004-05. Make it happen!



## Kiwanis of Des Moines, IA

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