



The Kiwanis Club of Des Moines, IA newsletter

Weeks of August 10 & August 17

The Heart Connection Children's Cancer Programs

By Ken Hayes Chief of Reporters

President Ron Heggen presided. Ken Hayes gave the invocation. Our music leader was Bill Keck. We inducted a new member, Keith Petrie. The charge was given to him by John Keck.

Our speaker was Tony Timm, Associate Director of The Heart Connection. He was introduced by Al Knudsen. The Heart Connection is an organization to enhance the quality of life for children with cancer by providing programs for recreation, education and family support. They sponsor an annual camp which is quite popular. They had this camp many years at Camp Sunnyside but now are having it at the YMCA camp. They average 140 children at the camp which are mostly from Iowa. These camps are free of charge. They also offer weekend outings for an additional 450 family members throughout the year. Their services are available to all children diagnosed and/or treated in Iowa. In addition to Iowa children, they get some from western Illinois and southeastern South Dakota.

Programs offered by The Heart Connection provide a forum for the children to talk about their feelings. It gives them an opportunity to be with other children who have cancer. It is especially interesting to learn the origin of their logo. It was painted by a young boy who lost his 5-year old brother to cancer. The name "The Heart Connection" came from the thoughts of a group of children who, after spending a week at camp, stated: "...we are all connected by the heart."



Tony Timm, Associate Director of the Heart Connection addresses club members on July 27.

Last year they had 25,000 hours of volunteer help. They would like very much to have someone sponsor a child at camp for \$250. They also would welcome a tax-deductible contribution. They are going to have a golf tournament on September 19, 2005 and would like to have people sign up for this 4 person best-shot tournament.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 10

OUR MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HOTEL FORT DES MOINES

PROGRAM: Today's program will be Dennis Lydon & Rex McClaffin with ESRG, Employer Support for the Guard & Reserves. Program Presenter Irene Hegedus-Tarczynski will introduce our program.

ASSIGNMENTS: Music will be led by Carol Burt. Invocation will be given by Ober Anderson. Guest Introductions will be made by Craig Wierson. Greeters will be Michelle Wall & Lu Dooley. Our Bulletin Reporter is Don Cordes.

August 17

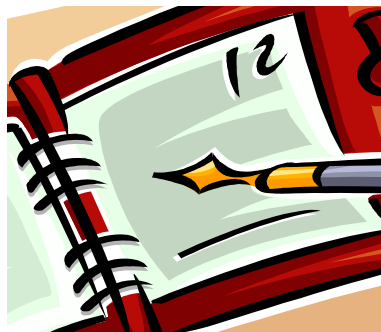
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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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- August 8 Kiwanis Night at Principal Park; watch the Iowa Cubs vs. Las Vegas, 7:05 p.m.
- August 10 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speakers are Dennis Lydon and Rex McClaffin representing the ESGR, Employer Support for the Guard & Reserves. 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 is David Dahlquist, nationally renowned artist and professor with his studio right here in Des Moines. Program arranged by Irene Hegedus-Tarcsynski.
- August 24 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speakers are Linda Plummer and Kathy Leggett, Center for Advocacy and Outreach, Blank Children's Hospital. Program arranged by Irene Hegedus-Tarcsynski.
- August 31 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Mark Elliott, Habitat for Humanity. Program arranged by Irene Hegedus-Tarcsynski.
- September 7 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Program features our annual Basketball Jamboree "Kick-off".
- 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 9 Joint meeting of 2004-05 Board Members and 2005-06 Board Members at Des Moines Golf and Country Club, 11:30 a.m. Note the change in date for September.
- September 14 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD. Program arranged by John Kuhn. Installation of 2005-06 Officers by Lt. Governor Bob Mitchell.
- September 16 Monthly Basketball Jamboree Committee Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Iowa Lutheran Hospital private dining room. Note the change in date for September.
- September 19 Division 16 & 13 Council meeting, West Des Moines Public Library, 7 – 8 p.m.
- September 21 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD. Program arranged by John Kuhn.
- September 28 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD. Program arranged by John Kuhn.
- October 7 Monthly Board Meeting, Iowa Lutheran Hospital Private Dining Rm, 11:45 a.m.
- October 12 Regular Meeting: Basketball Jamboree Tip-Off Luncheon, Grand Ballroom, Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Lisa Bluder, Coach University of Iowa Women's Basketball. Program arranged by Bob Mitchell.
- November 4 Official Nebraska-Iowa District visit of Kiwanis International President Steve and First Lady Barb Siemens, 7 Flags Events Center, Des Moines. Social hour and banquet. Details to follow. Mark your calendars!
- November 19 58th Annual Kiwanis Basketball Jamboree, Drake Knapp Center

Jan and Bob report on Int'l Convention

By Ken Hayes, Chief of Reporters

President Ron Heggen presided. Music was led by Steve Siemens. We had two guests, and they were introduced by Mike Sturm. Invocation was given by Paul Strayer

Ron reminded us of the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District Convention in West Des Moines on August 19-21. Registrations are encouraged. There will be a silent auction, and items for the auction are needed. Bob Mitchell announced that he is interested in establishing new Kiwanis clubs in Pleasant Hill and Ankeny and that help in making contacts would be appreciated.

Our program for today was presented by Jan Burch and Bob Mitchell.

They did an excellent job of reporting on the Kiwanis International convention in Honolulu in which Steve Siemens was elected as the International President. Jan and Bob were wearing identical Hawaiian shirts, and they indicated that the participants from Nebraska-Iowa wore this same shirt and were easily identified.

Bob and Jan presented their program with a video which had been taken in Honolulu of the convention. We all knew Steve would be impressive in his speech to the convention, but we got to see just how good he was by viewing the tape on the convention. Steve made it very clear in his speech that he expects new things in Kiwanis. Steve said it was time to bury many old ideas, and he outlined them for the 5,000 people at the convention. His points for ideas to let die were as follows:

1. Small thinking
2. Old thinking
3. Apathy
4. Focusing on leaders rather than members
5. Old tradition club
- 6.



Our own Jan Burch reports on the 2005 Kiwanis International Convention in which our own Steve Siemens was installed as the next International President.

Poor vision 7. Resistance to being international 8. Traditional international board roles 9. A men's organization that tolerates women 10. Holding on to the past 11. Other regions saying we are a North American organization and nobody cares 12. No goals 13. Excuses 14. Jealousy and 15. Past leaders not letting go.

Jan told us that the delegate section went from 8:00 to 2:30 with a lot of business to transact. One thing was to change the motto to "Serving the Children of the World."

Kudos to our volunteers

By Jan Burch, Publicity Chair

Downtown Kiwanians continually breathe life into our new "defining statement":

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers committed to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

On Saturday, July 16, we served the evening meal at Churches United to at least 100 hungry folks (on one of the hottest days of the year). Special thanks go to John Kuhn and Ron Heggen for planning, shopping, preparing, and serving the meal. Thanks also to Wes Greve and one of the Churches United residents to helping to serve the meal.

On Friday, July 3, we rang the bells for the Salvation Army's "Christmas in July". (They don't call it that anymore, but yours truly does!) Manning the doors of the Dahl's store on 35th & Ingersoll were:

- North: Bob Mitchell, Carol Burt, Ed Linebach, Jim Underwood, Craig Wierson, Paul Strayer, Karen Jackson, John Kuhn, and Russ Bitterman

- South: John Mechem, Lu Dooley, Paul Ahlers, Leland Long, Bill Keck, Allen Green, Ron Heggen, and Al Knudsen

While this was not a competitive thing, Keith Petrie, Salvation Army director and newest member of our club, reported that the north door collected \$371 and the south door collected \$515. Overall collections for the day were approximately \$11,000.

Thanks to all for helping out at each of these great causes.

Meet new member Keith Petrie

By Ken Hayes, Chief of Reporters

Keith Petrie is our most recent new member who was inducted on July 27, 2005. He is assuming the position of City Coordinator for the Salvation Army. This is the same assignment of our former member, Nelson De La Vergne, who was recently transferred to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Both Keith and his wife are majors, having been 21-year officers in the Salvation Army. Keith is a third generation member of the Salvation Army, and his wife beats him as a fourth generation member. She is the pastor at Salvation Army located at 1216 E. 25th Court.

Keith's hometown is Muncie, Indiana. He attended Ball University. Keith and his wife Beth have three daughters, ages 21, 18 and 14. Their oldest is a student at South-west Baptist College; the 18-year old will be attending the University of Iowa; and their youngest is a student at East High. Their oldest is also a former Kiwanian of the Month.

Keith's main hobby is model railroading. He is a member of the Central Iowa Railroad Club. He is obviously a good member of that club because he takes his vacation and spends every day of the Iowa State Fair working in their display at the fair. Keith has good interest in Ki-



Keith Petrie (left) with former club member Nelson De La Vergne who Keith replaced as City Coordinator for the Salvation Army.

wanis with his last Kiwanis membership at Clinton, Iowa. His father was an extremely active member of Kiwanis with a perfect attendance of 49 years. Ron Heggen is Keith's sponsor.

Please add the following contact information to your Downtown Roster: Keith Petrie, Salvation Army, 1100 Illinois Street, Ste A, Des Moines, IA 50309-0933, 282-3599, email: HsKerFn@aol.com

Division Council Meeting Report

By Jan Burch, Publicity Chair

Thirty-seven Kiwanians representing 11 of the 16 clubs in Divisions 13 & 16 attended the bi-monthly Division Council meeting at the West Des Moines Public Library. Lt. Governor Bob Mitchell, president Ron Heggen, Don Wiebold, Jim Underwood, and yours truly, represented our club.

There's a lot going on in the two divisions. Topics of discussion included positives and negatives surrounding the new youth Key Leader program at Camp Hantesa in May, the difficult decision to postpone the Kiwanis Riverview Nature Island Day, planning for various fundraisers, etc. Lt. Governor Bob spent a fair amount of time discussing membership growth (or the lack thereof) and the possibility of building new clubs

in Ankeny and Pleasant Hill. He announced that a new club development manager from Kiwanis International would be in town August 3-10 to assist and that as many Kiwanians as possible were urged to volunteer some time to call on prospective members in those communities. Division 16 needs to increase by 60 members before September 30th to meet its membership growth goals.

The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing pictures and discussing the recent International Convention in Honolulu, results of the delegates' business session, activities, and president-elect Steve's installation and phenomenal acceptance speech. The full minutes of the meeting can be read at <http://www.downtowndesmoineskiwanis.org/Downloads/Division-minutes/DivCouncilReport071805.pdf>

REGISTRATION FORM

86th NEBRASKA-IOWA KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION

August 19-21, 2005
Sheraton West Des Moines, 1800 50th 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.

	<u>Cost if Received By July 28</u>	<u>Cost After July 28</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total</u>
FULL REGISTRATION: Kiwanian or Partner (Includes all functions except Golf Event, Partners Program, and Web Site Workshop)	<u>\$114.</u>	<u>\$145.</u>	_____	\$ _____

REGISTRATION AND MEALS PURCHASED SEPARATELY:

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

By Jan Burch, Publicity Chair

- Member Ober Anderson reported VERY GOOD news...his cancer is in remission. Way to go, Ober!
- It's not too late to register 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. All must be completed by September 30th. Make it happen!
- Monday night is our annual Kiwanis Night at the Ball Park. Some 50 Kiwanians and guests will watch the Iowa Cubs take on Las Vegas at 7:05 p.m. Let's hope it's not as hot as it was last year.
- It's never too late to advertise your company on the Nebraska-Iowa website. Further details are available at www.nikiwanis.org. This is an effort to promote business among Kiwanians and a great new fundraising idea for the district.
- Our July 27th speaker, Tony Timm from the Heart Connection, urged us to save our empty inkjet or laser cartridges. These can be recycled and turned into the folks at Heart Connection. What an easy way to help the environment...and help a very good cause.



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