



# The Kiwanis Club of Des Moines, IA newsletter

Weeks of August 24 & August 31

## August 17 meeting report

# Art helps defines architecture

By Dave Turnball, Reporter

President Ron Heggen presided. Music was lead by Bill Keck. Invocation was given by Ober Anderson.

Announcements:

\* Bob Mitchell gave an update on details for the District Convention to be held in Des Moines on August 19-21.

\* Ron reminded club members to update the roster information and to sign up for our 2005-2006 committees.

Today's program featured artist and professor, David Dahlquist, a partner at RDG. David has an extensive background in the field of "artistic archetectual" planning. He studied in North Carolina, Wisconsin and New York before coming to Des Moines in 1983 to be the artist in residence at the Des Moines Art Center. He has served as a ceramic instructor and on staff at ISU in the College of Design.

David took us on a visual tour featuring just a few of his over 6000 examples of how lighting and art are included in the planning and building of various buildings and settings all across Iowa and other locations. A couple of examples he focused on are on the campus of ISU (the Jacobson Plaza by Jack Trice Stadium and the Molecular



David Dahlquist, a partner at RDG, presented several examples of art incorporated into architecture.

Biology Building). It was a fascinating expose on how the planning and building process is way more than just blue prints, bricks and mortar.

David also has a history with Kiwanis as his father was a long-time member and David was a Key Club member growing up in the Chicago area.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 24

OUR MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HOTEL FORT DES MOINES

**PROGRAM:** Today's program will be Linda Plummer and Kathy Leggett, Center for advocacy and outreach at Blank Children's Hospital. Program Presenter Irene Hegedus-Tarczyński will introduce our program.

**ASSIGNMENTS:** Music will be led by Greg Wilson. Invocation will be given by Dave Turnball. Guest Introductions will be made by Leland Long. Greeters will be Gene Joerger and Tom Pflanz. Our Bulletin Reporter is Don Cordes.

August 31

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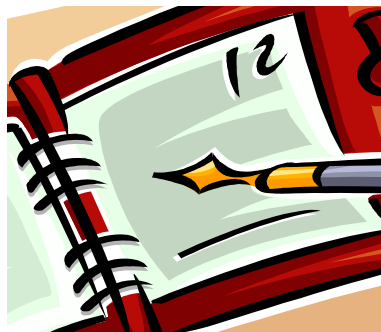
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 5 Have a pleasant Labor Day!
- September 7 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Program features our annual Basketball Jamboree "Kick-off", Steve Scott, chair.
- 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. Installation of 2005-06 Officers by Lt. Governor Bob Mitchell. Program arranged by John Kuhn.
- 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 The "Heart Connection" 4-person best ball golf tournament.
- 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

**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.**

## August 10 Meeting Report

# Rex McClaflin explains goals of ESGR

By Jan Burch, Reporter

Ron Heggen presided. Carol Burt led the singing; Leland Long gave the invocation. Dave Strief introduced our two guests, Jeanne Von Arb, CPA & chief financial officer of the Greater Des Moines Partnership and guest of Jan Burch, and Ben Koucourek, new club builder manager from Kiwanian International and guest of Bob Mitchell.

Lu Dooley, board member and Red Barrel chair, put out the call for more volunteers to pick up for the Red Barrel at the Dahl's on 35th Street. We have long supported the Food Pantry efforts and claim this Dahl's store as our own when it comes to giving food to those in need. We need volunteers to pick up the contents of the Red Barrel on a weekly basis, a month at a time, and deliver the donations to the Des Moines Area Religious Council/Kiwanis Food Pantry on the north side of Des Moines. Please call Lu at 278-5168 if you can help.

Our weekly "funraiser" collected \$65 and Dave Strief was the lucky winner!

Irene Hegedus-Tarczynski introduced our speaker was Rex McClaflin, member of Employer Support for the Guard & Reserve (ESGR). The ESGR is a volunteer organization that strives to support military members, their families, and their employers. Organized under the auspices of the U. S. Department of Defense in 1972, the goal of the ESGR is to increase public awareness of the challenges faced by our service men and women, as well as to help employers understand the laws that support our military personnel. The Iowa ESGR is organized into nine areas in the state; we are in a four county area called "area four".

There are approximately 4,000 members in the various components of the U.S. reserves in Iowa and approximately 12,000 in the Iowa National Guard.



Irene Hegedul-Tarczynski with guest speaker Rex McClaflin and President Ron after the August 10 meeting.

ESGR volunteers work not only with the various service members, but also with their families.

Another effort of the Iowa ESGR is its annual "BossLift"—a trip to a U.S. military base for Iowa executives and employer representatives to better acquaint them with life and challenges of those who serve in various capacities. Member Jan Burch went on the 2005 trip to San Antonio, as well as KCCI anchorperson, Cynthia Foder. Perhaps you saw some of the TV coverage on Channel 8 during the week of August 2nd? Member Pat Stockton participated in the 2004 BossLift to Biloxi, MS.

Rex also showed a quick video developed by ESGR that depicted several Guard members in their employment setting AND their military setting. It emphasized how important communication is when an employee is also a member of the Guard or Reserves. He asked for commitments from the various companies represented at our meeting to support their military-related efforts.

# Knudsen named Club and Division Layperson of the Year

By Jan Burch, Publicity Chair

Club members enjoyed a very special surprise presentation at our August 10th meeting. President Ron called Al Knudsen to the dais, along with Lt. Governor Bob Mitchell. President Ron presented Al with a plaque recognizing Al as our 2004-05 Club Layperson of the Year. Then Lt. Governor Bob presented Al with another plaque—recognizing him as Division 16 Layperson of the Year.

Al has a remarkable history of “giving back”—to Kiwanis serving in numerous leadership positions and participating in most of all our service and fundraising efforts and to the community, in organizations such as the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Congratulations, Al!



Lt. Gov. Bob Mitchell presents the Division 16 Layperson of the Person of the Year to Al Knudsen.

## A Snapshot of July 2005

Meeting Dates	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Guests & Hosts		Carol Stone, guest of Jan Burch	Paul Pfzifler, Club's Lincoln HS Scholarship Recipient; Sally Fisher, guest of Clair Fisher	
Attended International Convention	6			
Attendance Today	19	26	25	27
Member Concerns	Sue Twit & son, Matt; Ober Anderson	Sue Twit & son, Matt; Ober Anderson	Sue Twit & son, Matt; Ober Anderson announced he is in remission!	Sue Twit & son, Matt
New Members & Sponsors			Keith Petrie, sponsored by Ron Heggen	
Member Resignations	Nelson De La Vergne			
Total Active, Privileged & Senior Members	63	62	63	63

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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...

By Jan Burch, Publicity Chair

- 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!
- August 8th was our second annual Kiwanis Night at the Ball Park. Nearly 60 Kiwanians and guests watched the Iowa Cubs beat Las Vegas 9-3. Steve Siemens did a beautiful job singing the National Anthem—and acapella no less. And yes, it was just as hot as it was last year!
- It's never too late to advertise your company on the "We Trade" page in the Nebraska-Iowa website. Further details are available at [www.nikiwanis.org](http://www.nikiwanis.org). This is an effort to promote business among Kiwanians and a great new fundraising idea for the district.
- Isn't it amazing? There is no Kiwanis club in Ankeny! Ben Kocourek, Kiwanis International New Club Building Manager, and Bob Mitchell spent a week pounding the pavement, talking to the powers that be in Ankeny, and meeting folks who might have an interest in being on the ground floor of starting a new club! Great progress is in the making. Know anyone in Ankeny who would make a good charter member? Contact Bob Mitchell.



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