



The Kiwanis Club of Des Moines, IA newsletter

Weeks of Sept. 21 and Sept. 28

September 14 meeting report

Installation of Officers for 2005–06

By Al Bjork, Reporter

Chris Williams, our upcoming President, gave a very informative presentation demonstrating all the hard work he has already done in assigning committee chairpersons. Through Chris's presentation, it was obvious that we have a lot of very worthwhile activities and it takes a lot of manpower to make the club run smoothly and efficiently. Chris emphasized that, in his opinion, the most important committee was membership and that to continue to provide the benefits to the community that we have in the past, we need to continually increase our membership.

Bob Mitchell, our Lieutenant Governor, undertook the installation of new officers. Bob thanked outgoing Board Members Marty Kenworthy, Mike Lacey and Dave Turnball for all of their hard work. He then installed newly elected Board Members Allen Green, Ed Linebach, Pat Stockton and Michelle Wall. Ron Heggen was installed as Immediate Past President, Jill Dannenbring as Secretary, Clair Fisher as Vice President, Steve Scott as President Elect and Chris Williams as President.

Chris Williams also presented Ron Heggen with a plaque for his outstanding service during the past Kiwanis year as President of our club. Ron thanked the club and expressed his appreciation for being able to serve as our President. He also went through several thank you's we had received for campships and a college scholarship that we provide. In addition, Ron unfurled our



Incoming President Chris Williams presents Outgoing President Ron Heggen a plaque for his service.

permanent banner which shows that Steve Siemens, International President for the coming Kiwanis year, is from our club.

Guests included Kevin Kuhlman, General Manager with Siemens Building Technology; Ben Kocourek with Kiwanis International who is in town to assist us in helping to form a new club in Ankeny; and Bob Dunaway from the Monroe Club who is our current District Governor.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 21

OUR MEETING WILL BE READING AT GREENWOOD SCHOOL AND ROUNDTABLE AT THE HOLIDAY INN HOTEL, DOWNTOWN

September 28

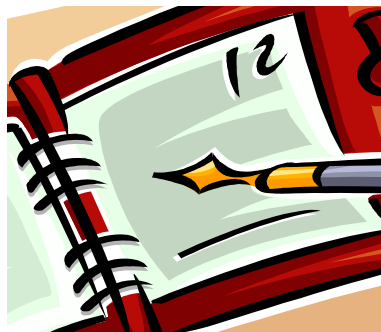
OUR MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HOTEL FORT DES MOINES

PROGRAM: Today's program will be a presentation by Todd Beveridge and Toni Hopkins of House of Mercy – Our 2005 Kiwanis Basketball Jamboree recipient. Program Presenter will be Steve Scott.

ASSIGNMENTS: Music will be led by Greg Wilson. Invocation will be given by Steve Siemens. Guest Introductions will be made by Steve Scott. Greeters will be Pat Stockton and John Mechem. Our Newsletter Reporter is Al Bjork.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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: ESL Reading Project, Greenwood Elementary School, 316 – 37th Street, Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Roundtable at Downtown Holiday Inn.
- September 28 Regular meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Leslie Garman, Director of Development, House of Mercy, and our 2005 Kiwanis Basketball Jamboree Recipient. Program arranged by John Kuhn.
- October 5 Regular Meeting: Downtown Holiday Inn (note change of location), 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Amy Stephens, Women’s Basketball Coach, Drake University. Program arranged by Charlie Taylor.
- 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.
- October 14 Monthly Basketball Jamboree Committee Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Iowa Lutheran Hospital private dining room.
- October 15 Area Kiwanis Clubs’ Annual Pancake Day, Iowa Tourism Building, State Fairgrounds, 7 a.m. – noon.
- October 18 Special Meeting: ESL Reading Project, Greenwood Elementary School, 316 – 37th Street, Des Moines, 11:45 a.m.
- October 19 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD. Program arranged by Charlie Taylor.
- October 26 Regular Meeting: Downtown Holiday Inn (note change of location), 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD. Program arranged by Charlie Taylor.
- November 4 Monthly Board Meeting, Iowa Lutheran Hospital Private Dining Rm, 11:45 a.m.
- 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 11 Monthly Basketball Jamboree Committee Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Iowa Lutheran Hospital private dining room.
- November 15 Special Meeting: ESL Reading Project, Greenwood Elementary School, 316 – 37th Street, Des Moines, 11:45 a.m.
- November 19 58th Annual Kiwanis Basketball Jamboree, Drake Knapp Center
- March 25 Ne-Ia Mid-Winter Conference, Council Bluffs

SPECIAL NOTE

We’ll be returning to Greenwood Elementary School for our monthly reading sessions with ESL Kindergartners on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Watch for the sign-up sheet at upcoming meetings or call Sharon at the Kiwanis office. In October and November, we will have a special meeting there on the third Tuesday (so that we continue reading to the kids and yet stay focused on Jamboree happenings at our regular Wednesday meetings.) Watch for special signup sheets as October 18 gets closer.

September 7 Meeting Report

58th Annual Basketball Jamboree kicks-off

By Al Bjork, Reporter

Steve Scott, Jamboree Chairperson for 2005, went through the packet of information that was provided to each member regarding our ticket and ad sale campaign for the Jamboree. Steve told everyone that our major project was the building of a children's playground at the House of Mercy. This will be funded through Ronald McDonald House's Charities and will be matched two for one. Half of the net proceeds from the Jamboree will go towards this playground and with leverage provided by the McDonald's match, this will enable us to fund the cost of this major project in the amount of approximately \$20,000.00. Steve went through the targets for fundraising and emphasized that we need 100% participation from club members in order to hit our target. Sam Gelb and Tom Cooper will be sales campaign leaders. Steve also introduced Leslie Garman from the House of Mercy. Leslie talked briefly about the children's playground. The House of Mercy offers young mothers a chance to reunite with their children and learn how to be a mom. The playground will be for younger children,

\$15,000
Advertising Goal Set

ages 18 months to 3 years. It will allow children to have fun and it will also allow mothers to interact with their children. Leslie will be back on September 28 to provide a more complete program.

In addition to Leslie Garman, other guests included Mike Ginther and John Streets from the West Side Kiwanis Club. The West Side Club is a partner in the Jamboree effort. Mike, of course, was a former president of the downtown club and it was good to see him again.

In a related action, the membership voted to give the administrative portion of funds raised in our weekly lottery drawing to the Salvation Army for Katrina hurricane relief.

Our Kiwanis Magazine

If you happen to have an old copy of the Kiwanis "Hornet" or the Kiwanis "Torch" magazine(s) you have a real collectors item! The official publication of Kiwanis International has been published every year since 1917. Originally known as "The Kiwanis Club", the periodical tried a couple of other titles during the 1918-20 period. One was called "The Hornet" and another was "The Torch." Neither caught the imagination of members and the titles were quickly abandoned. A more descriptive name "The Kiwanis Magazine" was adopted and used for 56 years until the name was simplified even further to just "Kiwanis" in 1976. Every Kiwanian receives a copy of the magazine that is published in English six times a year. International editions are printed three times a year, in six languages. U.S. subscription fees are \$8 annually. The magazine is self-funding from subscription fees and advertising.

If you are NOT receiving a copy of "Kiwanis", you should be! Please contact Sharon Ewell, administrative secretary, to make sure your address is correct on Kiwanis International's subscription records.

IT'S SHOW TIME FOR KIWANIANIANS

By Jan Burch, Publicity Chair

Kiwanians, don't miss your chance to save on tickets to upcoming shows at The Des Moines Playhouse.

Playhouse Mainstage: "Chicago," Sept. 9-Oct. 2, 2005: \$25 adults/seniors, \$16 students

Kate Goldman Children's Theatre: "Pippi Longstocking," Oct. 7-23, 2005, \$14 adults, \$13 seniors, \$11 students

Temple Theatre/Playhouse: "Shear Madness," Sept. 16-Dec. 4, 2005, \$33 all ages

Ordering Information

1. NO PHONE ORDERS.

2. Orders must be received at least 48 hours prior to performance.

3. This offer will not be honored on purchases the day of performance.

4. To order online, go to http://www.dmplayhouse.com/buy_tickets.html. Choose Corporate Discount Ticket Program from the Buy Tickets page and fill in all fields completely, including payment by credit card. In the Password box, write KIWANIS, indicating any special seating needs (e.g., wheelchair access). Usage of a different online order form or failure to include our KIWANIS name will result in being charged full price for the tickets with no refund. Payment, by credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express), must accompany Internet orders.

5. To order by fax, 515-277-8019, provide your name, address, daytime phone, show name, preferred performance date and number of tickets. Please clearly write our KIWANIS name on the fax. Payment, by credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express), must accompany fax orders.

6. To pay by check, mail your name, address, daytime phone, show name, preferred performance date and number of tickets, along with a check made payable to The Des Moines Playhouse to The Des Moines Playhouse, 831 42nd St., Des Moines, IA 50312.

7. All orders will be charged a \$3.00/order handling fee.

8. All orders will be given best seats available.

9. This offer cannot be combined with other discounts.

10. No refunds.

11. Tickets will be held at the box office under your name and may be picked up one half-hour prior to the performance. No order confirmation is sent, however you may call the box office at 515-277-6261 to confirm receipt of your reservation.

A Snapshot of August 2005

Meeting Dates	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Guests & Hosts	Frederick Lerouge, guest of Chris Williams, & Janet Tingewald, guest of Jan Burch	Jeanne Von Arb, guest of Jan Burch. Also Ben Koucerek, Kiwanis International, guest of Bob Mitchell		Glenda Durst, guest of Pat Stockton	
Attended Ne-Ia District Convention			11		
Attendance Today	28	20	26	27	26
Member Concerns	Sue Twit & son, Matt;	Sue Twit & son, Matt; Phil Wells (knee)	Sue Twit & son, Matt; Phil Wells (knee)	Sue Twit & son, Matt Phil Wells (knee)	Sue Twit & son, Matt Phil Wells (knee)
New Members & Sponsors					
Member Resignations		Donna Elbrecht, Debra Moyer, Bill Joseph, Wes Greve			
Total Active, Privileged & Senior Members	63	59	59	59	59

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 Sept. 30th. Make it happen!
- 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. This is an effort to promote business among Kiwanians and a great new fundraising idea for the district.
- Mark your calendars! November 4th is the "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.
- Jamboree program ad and ticket sales are officially started. Steve, Sam & Tom have divided us into sales teams. Most packets were handed out last week. If you didn't get your sales packet and list of team members, contact Sharon. The Committee is looking for 100% participation from ALL club members—and an overall increase in total ad and ticket sales. The kids at the House of Mercy and all of our campship recipients are counting on YOU!
- We're making GREAT progress in opening a new Kiwanis Club in Ankeny. Several recruiting teams have hit the streets over the last few days inviting various community leaders to be in on this exciting endeavor. As of this writing, over TWENTY have signed applications! Tentative plans call for an organizational meeting at the Ankeny Golf & Country Club, Thursday, September 29, noon. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Our club is sponsoring this new club—and all members will be needed to support various activities at various times. Led by Lt. Gov. Bob Mitchell and KI new club manager Ben Kocourek, special thanks go to Mike Lacey, Al Bjork, Steve Siemens, District Governor Bob Dunaway, Clair Fisher, John Kuhn, WDM member Mary Langdon, and yours truly in making numerous personal calls. These are exciting times for Kiwanis in central Iowa!
- Reinhold Carlson, long-time former member of our club and now an Honorary Member, is celebrating his 100th birthday on September 20. Let's shower him with cards! Please send him a birthday card at 2909 Woodland Avenue, #126, Des Moines, IA 50312.

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