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Weeks of February 8 and February 15

Soria shares ICIU background

By Allen Green, Reporter

We had a nice turnout to honor our January high school Kiwanians of the Month and listen to our entertaining speaker Michelle Soria. Three guests were also introduced. President Williams thanked those who have pitched in to help with administrative duties. The meeting ran smoothly thanks to the excellent work in the background by club members. We all were asked to keep our good friend Clair Fisher in our prayers as his failing health is of great concern for his family.

Our February 22 meeting will be at Mercy College, 925 Sixth Avenue. President Williams will get us detailed directions but basically all you have to do is turn off I-235 on 7th street and you are there. You can't get lost (we hope)!

Our featured speaker for the day was Michele Soria, consultant and facilitator for cultural competence and synectics. She quickly enthralled the audience with a routine that aptly demonstrated

the difficulties experienced between cultures with language barriers.

Michele has trained thousands across the country and abroad. She is recognized as one of ten "Women of Influence" in Iowa. Through her leadership as the director of the Iowa Council of International Understanding, she was directly responsible for many awards won by the organization including the Iowa Civil Rights Award, Latino Entrepreneur of 2006, Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame, and a prestigious nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize.

For those who missed the meeting, we wish you could have made it and know you missed a wonderful speaker, good food, and great camaraderie, not to mention the music of our Club singers.

Division Council Meeting Update

Thirty Kiwanians representing 12 of the 18 clubs in Divisions 13 & 16 (counting Ankeny and the AKtion Club) attended the January 16th Division Council meeting. Bob Mitchell, Jan Burch, and Don Wiebold represented our club.

Former Governor Tony Caponigro, from the Polk City Club and Member of the NE-IA Foundation, spoke about the Ne-Ia Foundation. This is the fundraising entity of the District with the goal of creating an endowment fund from which to do great things--most recently and notably the

Pediatric Trauma Kits where matching gifts from the Foundation to monies donated by clubs purchased these much needed miniature-sized emergency packs for volunteer EMS's.

LG Bob reported that membership continues to slowly decline, even with the advent of the new Ankeny Noon Club. The West-side Club is seeking a new sponsoring club for the Des Moines AKtion Club. Polk City

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 8

OUR MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HOTEL FORT DES MOINES

PROGRAM: Today's program will be a presentation by John Viars, Executive Director, Des Moines Playhouse. Program arranged by Russ Bitterman.

ASSIGNMENTS:
Meeting Set-up--Steve Scott
Guest Introductions--Craig Wierson
Song Leader--Dave Turnball
Invocation--Ober Anderson
Greeters--Mike Sturm & Melinda Berte

February 15

OUR MEETING WILL BE HELD AT GREENWOOD SCHOOL WITH A ROUND TABLE AT THE HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN

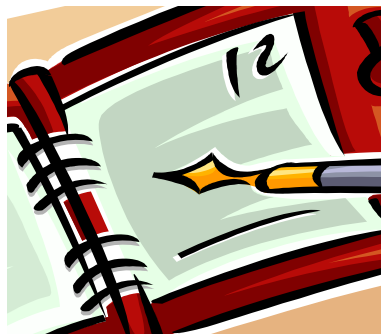
PROGRAM: Today is the Greenwood School Reading Project at Greenwood School with a Roundtable at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

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Red Barrel

February
Chris Williams



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 8 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is John Viars, Executive Director, Des Moines Playhouse. Program arranged by Russ Bitterman.
- February 10 Basketball Jamboree Committee Meeting, Lutheran Hospital Private Dining Room, 11:45 a.m.
- February 15 Regular Meeting: Greenwood Elementary School ESL Reading Project, 316 – 37th Street, Des Moines. Roundtable at Downtown Holiday Inn, 11:45 a.m.
- Feb. 13-17 Ne-Ia District Governor's Tour: Join Ray & First Lady Jolene Ward as they tour San Francisco and Napa Valley, California
- February 22 Regular Meeting: Special meeting at Mercy College, Sullivan Center, 928 Sixth Avenue. NOTE: We will NOT be at the Hotel Ft. Des Moines for this meeting! This will include a tour of these new facilities. Watch for further details. Program arranged by Russ Bitterman.
- March 1 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Jon Gaskell, CITYVIEW Editor. Program arranged by Marty Kenworthy.
- March 3 Monthly Board Mtg, Iowa Lutheran Hospital Private Dining Room, 11:45 a.m.
- March 7 Official District Governor Visit, Downtown Holiday Inn:
 5:30 p.m. Division 16 & 13 Council Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Social Hour
 7:00 p.m. Banquet & Program
- March 8 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Max Schaefer, KIOA Radio. Program arranged by Marty Kenworthy.
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- March 25 Ne-Ia District Mid-Year Conference, Council Bluffs, Mid-America Center
- March 29 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Cynthia Fodor, KCCI-TV. Program arranged by Marty Kenworthy.
- April 5 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD. Program arranged by Ober Anderson.
- April 7 Monthly Board Mtg, Iowa Lutheran Hospital Private Dining Room, 11:45 a.m.
- June 28-July 2 Kiwanis International Convention, Montreal, Quebec Canada

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DIVISION COUNCIL UPDATE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

is celebrating its 60th anniversary—a celebration is being planned for early summer.

The most discussion involved the proposed “redivisioning” of the two divisions. Currently, Division 16, which includes our Downtown Club, has 12

clubs and 530 members; Division 13 has 6 clubs and 151 members. Obviously, there is a bit of an imbalance. Instead of using an east-west dividing line (I-80), the proposal is to use a north-south dividing line of 86th Street. This would put 9 clubs in Division 13

with 296 members and 8 clubs in Division 16 with 367 members. Members attending agreed that this seems much more equitable—and the Lt. Governors will present the proposal to the Trustees at the Mid-Year meeting in March.

President's Letter

Dear Kiwanians,

We've completed the first quarter of the Williams Presidency (you poor people :-)) and the growth in membership is moving, but still slowly. We've grown the club from 59 members to 63 members and for that I want to thank all of you very much. Please keep in mind that we have a long way to go.

I remember a talk that our International President, Steve Siemens gave a few years back as a presenter to our club. He said, "Recruiting members is like shaving...if you don't do it every day you look like a bum." I thought it was a cute analogy AND it stuck with me.

We have to grow our club for the future of this organization and to continue to serve the children of Des Moines. Steve Scott, our Membership Committee Chair and President-Elect, has some great ideas of how we can do this quickly. I look forward to his committee's plan's implementation soon and the members it will create. Please keep the growth and betterment of the club in the forefront of your minds as you go through your day. Bring friends and business partners to the meetings...you like the meetings, they will too!

Being a member of Kiwanis makes me proud. Knowing all of you and what we are doing for Des Moines makes me even prouder. And seeing us reach that 100 member mark will make me proudest of all.

God bless you all and keep up the good work.

Chris

Are you ready for some...HOCKEY!

By Dave Strief, Reporter

Have you ever been to a professional hockey game? Jason Shaver, the manager of the Iowa Stars saw only four hands in the audience when he inquired. Jason and our own Phil Wells are planning a Downtown Kiwanis Club night-out to a Stars hockey match in Wells Fargo Arena. Watch for details.

The Iowa Stars play in the American Hockey League, a league with 70 consecutive years of professional competition. Attendance for home games averages 5,000. The Stars' management finds Des Moines an appealing market for fan support. Downtown Des Moines provides a safe entertaining area for pre and post hockey games. In turn, all of the team players are visible supporters of our community. For example, the team volunteered 100% to help the Woodward area tornado victims during last Thanksgiving.

Games are played from October to April. The team mascot is a raccoon named "Shooter", selected as a symbol of Des Moines' Raccoon River.

Remember, keep your stick on the ice



John Shaver, manager of the Iowa Stars, speaks to club members at the Feb. 1 meeting



PLAN TO ATTEND KIWANIS DIVISIONS 13 & 16 OFFICIAL VISIT OF GOVERNOR RAY WARD & FIRST LADY JOLENE

When: Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Where: Downtown Holiday Inn

1050 Sixth Avenue, Des Moines (phone 515-283-0151)

Time: 5:30 - 6:00 P.M. – Division 13 & 16 Council Meeting

6:00 – 7:00 P.M. – Social Hour with complimentary punch

7:00 – 8:30 P.M. – Dinner and Program

Cost: \$21.00 per person – reservations

on or before February 28

\$25.00 per person – reservations February 28 and after

Parking: Free in adjoining ramp and on the street

Dress: Business Professional (no jeans, please)

Questions? Contact Bob Mitchell, LG, 457-7691 or bmitchellhr@aol.com,

or Max Harlan, LG, 515-465-4968 or mmharland@aol.com

Don't miss this one! Let's have several Inter-Clubs!

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Name: _____ Club: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____ Division: _____

(Please indicate dietary restrictions, if any. List additional names on back.)

Before 2/28/06 \$21.00 X ____ # of Reservations = Total amount enclosed \$ _____

After 2/28/06 \$25.00 x ____ # of Reservations = Total amount enclosed \$ _____

No cash, please. Make checks out to Des Moines (Downtown) Kiwanis and mail to: Jan Burch, 1621 Greenbranch Circle, West Des Moines, IA 50265

(Count must be in by March 1—please register by this date!)



PLAN TO ATTEND! Make it your 2006 Family Vacation!
 Let's support fellow Downtown Member, KI President Steve Siemens, as he chairs this wonderful international Kiwanian get together
 Register at www.kiwanis.org

February Kiwanians of the Month



(left to right) Dowling Catholic HS: T.J. Roemmich (Parents are Tim & Maribeth Roemmich); Lincoln HS: Brendan Peterson (Parents are Lisa & Daniel Peterson); Roosevelt HS: Josey Strathe (Parent is Jayne Strathe); East HS: Carrie Hatfield (Parents are Lyle & Connie Hatfield); Valley HS: Abigail Milloy (Parents are David & Kim Rickert)

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Did you know that...

By Jan Burch, Publicity Chair

- There were FOURTEEN at the February 1 meeting of the new Ankeny Kiwanis Club's meeting! The Club has decided that it will meet twice a month—on the second and fourth Thursdays. Put this Kiwanis meeting on your calendar and plan to attend. They are meeting at the On with Life Building, 715 SW Ankeny Road, \$3-4 for lunch. Long-time Downtown member Mike Lacey and Karon Lacey are members—and are pitching in by serving as secretary and newsletter editor. Contact Bob Mitchell if you can attend one of its upcoming meetings. The new club needs our continuing support.
- Don't forget to save those pop tops from your aluminum cans. They are, apparently, made from a high grade of aluminum that is worth more than the aluminum in the total can! Anywhere, we're saving them for Ronald McDonald Charities. Those little things turn into cash for Ronald McDonald House!
- And your used printer cartridges—those, too, are worth some money. Save those for The Heart Connection (camps for kids with cancer).
- Thanks to Chris Williams who will be handling our Red Barrel food pantry pick-ups for the month of February. Our volunteers pick up food from the red barrels at the Dahl's on Ingersoll a few times a week and take it to the DMARC Food Pantry for distribution to needy families. Do you have time to help out? Please contact Lu Dooley, Red Barrel chair, at 278-5168.
- At the February 3 board meeting, the Board regretfully accepted the resignation of long-time member, Don Cordes. Don joined Downtown Kiwanis in 1988 and is resigning due to health reasons. Do drop him a note or give him a call. We will miss you, Don!
- In other board action, the Board approved the addition of two new Honorary Members—recently resigned Don Cordes and Bill Joseph. Bill has over fifty years service to Kiwanis and is currently residing at Wesley Acres.



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