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Weeks of February 22 and March 1

Going, Going, GONE!

By Dave Strief, Reporter

One would expect a director of plays to give an entertaining speech, and our speaker, John Viars, did all of that and more. John Viars has been the Executive Director of our Des Moines Community Playhouse since 1982. He has directed 150 plays in Des Moines.

The Community Playhouse in Des Moines is the second largest and sixth oldest in the USA. The cast is all volunteer. The single largest problem, John explained, is our amateur actors forgetting their lines on stage! Costume design and stage construction are also volunteer.

“High School Reunion” is now in rehearsal. It is a play about the George Orwell High School Class of 1984. Scenes will depict homecoming, prom and graduation. It begins February 17 and sounds like a hoot.

John also teaches theater at the Pappajohn Center and hosts field trips to New York City for



There was auction fun at the February 8 meeting.

Broadway theater viewing.

Jan Burch, Bob Mitchell, and Clair Fisher donated four tickets to the current production “Of Mice and Men.” Ober Anderson was the auctioneer and Steve Scott was the winning bidder in an exhausting and exciting battle of bids among frenzied Kiwanians. Our administrative fund is most grateful for the contribution.

Join us for Iowa Stars hockey fun

Your Social Committee has made arrangements for members of our Club and their guests to attend the Iowa Stars Game on Tuesday, February 28th, if we can get a minimum of twenty people.

We will begin at 5:15 p.m. with a tour of the Wells Fargo Arena, followed by an optional dinner at the new River’s Edge Restaurant located within the arena (\$9 - \$20 order off menu) followed the game at 7:05 p.m. vs. Rochester.

The cost of the game is \$13 per ticket.



There will be a signup sheet at Wednesday’s meeting. Or contact Jim Underwood directly to make your reservation at 245-7800 or jimichs@aol.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 22

OUR MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE MERCY COLLEGE

Join us at the Sullivan Center, 928 Sixth Avenue. This will include a tour of these new facilities. Program arranged by Russ Bitterman.

ASSIGNMENTS:
reporter: Ken Hayes
greeters: Ken Hayes & Scott Griese
invocation: Keith Petrie
song leader: Greg Wilson
guest introductions: Mike Lacey
meeting set up: Chris Williams & Karen Knappe

March 1

OUR MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HOTEL FORT DES MOINES

PROGRAM: Speaker is Jon Gaskell, CITYVIEW Editor. Program arranged by Marty Kenworthy.

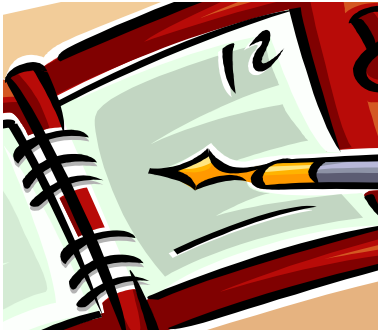
ASSIGNMENTS:
reporter: Mike Lacey
greeters: Karen Knappe & John Keck
invocation: Ken Hayes
song leader: Dave Turnball
guest introductions: Ober Anderson
meeting set up: Bill Stirlor

Red Barrel

February
Chris Williams

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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.
- February 28 Downtown Kiwanis Night at the Iowa Stars Hockey Game, Wells Fargo Arena, \$13 each. We need a minimum of 20 to make this a “go”! 5:15 Tour of new facilities & dinner at River’s Edge Restaurant (off the menu). 7:05 game vs. Rochester
- 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.
- March 10 Basketball Jamboree Committee Meeting, Lutheran Hospital Private Dining Room, 11:45 a.m.
- March 15 Regular Meeting: Greenwood Elementary School ESL Reading Project, 316 – 37th Street, Des Moines. Roundtable at Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m.
- March 22 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Brian Duffy, Des Moines REGISTER cartoonist. Program arranged by Marty Kenworthy.
- 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 is Allen Green, “Fishing & Hiking In Wyoming”. Program arranged by Ober Anderson.
- April 7 Monthly Board Mtg, Iowa Lutheran Hospital Private Dining Room, 11:45 a.m.
- April 12 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Dave Readinger, “Hiking the Appalachian Trail”. Program arranged by Ober Anderson
- April 14 Basketball Jamboree Committee Meeting, Lutheran Hospital Private Dining Room, 11:45 a.m.
- April 26 Basketball Jamboree CELEBRATION—watch for details!
- June 28-July 2 Kiwanis International Convention, Montreal, Quebec Canada

Downtown Kiwanis

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to:

JB BRANTLEY -- 17th

KAREN KNAPE -- 18th

SAM GELB -- 21st

PAT STOCKTON -- 22nd

GOOD BYE FROM TOM COOPER...

I want to say goodbye and thank you for five years of great fellowship. As you probably heard, I have accepted a new position with Gannett as president/publisher of the Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern which was an immediate appointment. It is a great opportunity and gets me back to my home state and much closer to family. I will miss being a member of the Downtown Kiwanis and all of the friendships I developed. I wish the club continued success in all it does to serve children. By the way, I have already joined the Mid-morning Kiwanis Club here in Oshkosh. All the best,

Tom

Experience the fun of reading

By Ken Hayes, Chief of Reporters

Our meeting was held at Greenwood School where our project was to read to Kindergarten children. We had only nine members at the meeting and 3 Kiwanians of the Month (Valley, Roosevelt and North.) Members at the meeting were the following: Allen Green, Ken Hayes, Marty Kenworthy, Al Bjork, Dave Turnbull, Bill Stirler, Paul Ahlers, Jan Burch and Bob Mitchell. These children are so appreciative of our reading to them. It is most unfortunate that we had more children than we had readers.

The difference was solved by assigning more than one student to each reader. Hopefully we will in the future get better participation at what really is a fun experience.



Al Bjork reads to one of the Greenwood School students.

A Snapshot of January 2006

Meeting Dates	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Active Member Attendance Today	24	26	25	23
Member Concerns	Sue Twit (son Matthew); Clair Fisher; Don Cordes	Sue Twit (son Matthew); Clair Fisher; Don Cordes	Sue Twit (son Matthew); Clair Fisher; Don Cordes	Sue Twit (son Matthew); Clair Fisher; Don Cordes
New Members & Sponsors	0	0	0	0
Guests	Kevin Cooney, Jim Cooney, Lindsey Hudson (Paul Strayer); Sally Fisher (Clair Fisher); Doris Alvarez (Phil Wells); James Bui; Kevin Bjork (Al Bjork)	Blake Carpenter (David Bear); Will Jaques	Benjamin Clark	Shawnelle Medina, Lisa Maring, Roth Pynn (Chris Williams)
Member Resignations	Bob Miethke, Gene Hiskey, Karen Jackson, Don Cordes			
	4	0	0	0
Total Active, Privileged & Senior Members	63	59	59	59



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

More pictures from the February 8 meeting



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Ober Anderson auctioned off four tickets to the Playhouse that were donated by Jan Burch, Bob Mitchell and Clair Fisher at the February 8 meeting.

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Did you know that...

By Jan Burch, Publicity Chair

- 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 Charlie Taylor from the Board. While Charlie will continue as a member of the Club, he is unable to fulfill his obligations as a board member. The Board nominated Sam Gelb to take Charlie's place, which President Chris Williams announced at our meeting on February 8. Plan to attend the February 22 meeting for the official vote.
- 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.
- Member Clair Fisher is not getting out too much these days due to health concerns. Give him a call or stop by...



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