



Des Moines (Downtown) Kiwanis Newsletter

Nebraska-Iowa District Newsletter
Sweepstakes Winner, 2004-05

Home Club of
International President
Stephen Siemens

Weeks of August 23 & 30, 2006
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A surprised Steve Scott accepts our Club's First Runner-Up certificate for the District's 2004-05 TOP PROGRESS Award from District Governor Ray Way at the Saturday afternoon Recognition session. This award represents Ron Heggen's year as president.



District Governor Ray Ward conducts official business at the Saturday afternoon Delegate Session.



Convention attendees were treated to a free trip through the famous Kearney "ARCH" Museum and a scrumptious outdoor dinner on Friday evening.

District Convention Scores a Big Hit with Club Attendees

Carol Stone, Steve Scott, Don Wiebold (and Doris), Lois Smith Underwood, Jim Underwood, Jan Burch, and Bob Mitchell ably represented our Club at the recent District Convention in Kearney, Nebraska.

Along with nearly 400 Kiwanians and guests, they heard and participated in various educational sessions, enjoyed much camaraderie with newfound friends, and conducted the official business of the Convention. David Okerlund, Clear Lake, provided one of the best keynote addresses in recent memory. Jennefer Pursifull, Kiwanis International Marketing representative, spoke on efforts to further brand Kiwanis as the premiere service organization in the world. Following International President Steve Siemens words from his speech in Montreal, she stressed that all Kiwanians have a story that needs to be shared. It's the sharing of

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UPCOMING MEETINGS at the Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

August 23 —Speaker is Dr. Steven Stephenson, Blank Children's Hospital

Podium: Jan Burch

Guest Introductions: Craig Wierson

Set-up: Michelle Wall

Greeters: Tina Potthoff & Scott Griese

Invocation: Ober Anderson

Song Leader: Greg Wilson

Program: Irene Hegedus-Tarczynski

August 30— Speakers are Downtown Members talking about the KI Convention in Montreal

Podium: Steve Scott

Guest Introductions: Mike Lacey

Set-up: Ober Anderson

Greeters: Ken Hayes & Karen Knape

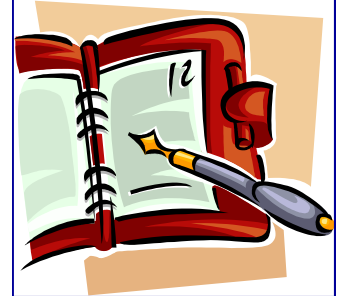
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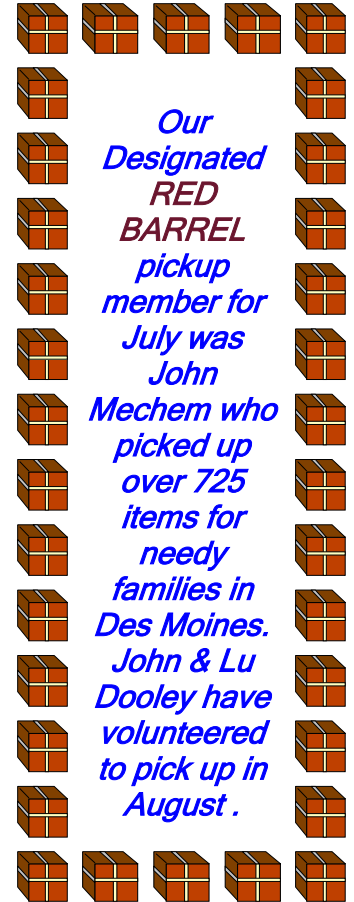


OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Updated August 19, 2006



- August 23 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Dr. Steve Stephenson, Blank Children's Hospital. Program arranged by Irene Hegedus-Tarczynski and Sam Gelb.
- August 30 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Program is "Highlights of 2006 Montreal Convention", Bob Mitchell, Jan Burch, Steve Scott, Lois Smith Underwood, Jim Underwood, and Don Wiebold.
- Sept. 1 Regular monthly board meeting rescheduled to September 8.
- Sept. 4 Have a safe and happy Labor Day!**
- Sept. 6 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Kick-Off luncheon for 59th Annual Basketball Jamboree, Dave Turnball, chair. Installation of Officers by Lt. Governor-elect Margaret Ludington.
- Sept. 8 Joint Board Meeting for Outgoing and Incoming Board Members, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, 11:30 a.m. President-elect Steve Scott presiding.
- Sept. 15 Monthly Basketball Jamboree Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m., Iowa Lutheran Hospital, private dining room. Dave Turnball, chair.
- Sept. 13 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD. Program arranged by Pat Stockton.
- Sept. 20 Regular Meeting: Greenwood Elementary School, 316—37th Street, Des Moines, ELL Reading Project, 11:45 a.m.; Roundtable—Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m.
- Sept. 25 Charter Night, Ankeny Kiwanis Club. Ankeny Country Club, 314 SW Irvinedale Drive, Ankeny. Social Hour 6:00 p.m.; dinner 7:00 p.m. Featured speaker is Kiwanis International President Steve Siemens. See page 5 for further details and registration form.**
- Sept. 27 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD. Program arranged by Pat Stockton.
- Oct. 4 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD. Program arranged by Carol Stone.
- Oct. 6 Monthly Board Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Iowa Lutheran Hospital private dining room, Steve Scott, president, presiding.
- Oct. 11 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Annual Basketball Jamboree Kick-Off. Featured speaker is Bill Fennelly, Women's Basketball coach, Iowa State University. Program arranged by Dave Turnball, Basketball Jamboree Chair.
- Oct. 18 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Terry Hernandez, Executive Director, Chrysalis Foundation, who will present information about the work of the foundation established by Louise Noun in 1989 to assist girls and young women in the central Iowa community. Terry is a past member of Downtown Kiwanis, as was her father, Bill Henderson. Program arranged by Carol Stone.
- Oct. 25 Regular Meeting: Hotel, Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Gretchen Tegler, American Cancer Society. Program arranged by Al Knudsen.
- Nov. 18 **59th Annual Des Moines (Downtown) Kiwanis Basketball Jamboree, Drake Knapp Center. Dave Turnball, Chair.**



No August Birthdays





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these “Kiwanis Moments” that will cause our friends and neighbors to want to join this great organization. Much discussion centered on membership growth and our strategic goal of becoming a ONE MILLION MEMBER organization by 2015.

Dave Hessman, Spencer Day Breakers, was elected District Governor for 2006-07, Mark Holmer, Algona, District Governor-elect, and Don Glenn, Bellevue-Offutt, Treasurer. Delegates approved changes to the District by-laws that will become effective once Kiwanis International receives approval from the IRS to become a 501(c)3 tax

exempt organization. Delegates also approved a \$5.00 per year increase in District dues. (It should be noted that District dues have not been increased in four or five years.)

Several foursomes braved the hot Nebraska sun for a full morning of golf at the Prairie Hills Golf Club. We probably shouldn't share those scores—just know that all had a good time!

While it was a long ride to Kearney, each said the trip was worth the time and effort.



Jim Underwood has fun with one of the Arch Museum guides.



Imagine having to push a wagon out of the river on the way west...Lois, Jan and Bob made the attempt while listening to the taped story.



Club members Lois Smith Underwood, Steve Scott, Gretchen Wilson (Highland Park), Bob Mitchell, Jan Burch, and Carol Stone wait patiently in line for dinner under the big top.



International Foundation Treasurer, Jane Erickson (Bellevue, NE) talks about the Foundation and how our \$5 per member is spent helping kids around the world.



DOWNTOWN MEMBERS RECEIVE A PRIMER ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

By Al Bjork, Reporter

Steve Scott, President, presided over our August 9th meeting with Dave Turnball leading us in song and giving the invocation. Mike Sturm introduced our guests, Anne McKibben and Ashley Forsythe, Bankers Trust, who were both invited to our meeting by Steve Scott. Carol Burt was the winner of the jackpot—a whopping \$21.00.

Steve also noted the FORTIETH anniversary of members John and Bill Keck, and presented a special 40-year pin to John. Unfortunately, Bill was not in attendance, but will receive his pin at some future meeting.

Irene Tarczynski introduced our guest speaker, Phil Delafield, who is a building deputy for the Community Development Department of the City of Des Moines. He presented an overview of the many things that the Community Development Department does. The department has tried to streamline the process for developing property in Des Moines. For example, the Des Moines Permit Center was created in 1987 and serves as a one-stop shop for development permits and related services (annexation, platting, subdivisions, inspections, etc.). The main thrust behind the permit process is public safety. Therefore, structures are reviewed and inspected to ensure that they are safe and that minimum standards are being met. He pointed out that the earliest safety codes date back to Hammurabi in 2000 B.C. He also pointed out that urban renewal is not a new concept, citing the burning of Rome in 64 A.D.

There were 10,000 major permits granted and 24,000 inspections of structures performed last year. The department tries to coordinate various codes between Des Moines and its suburbs. The zoning code is now being rewritten for the first time since the 1950's and updating these codes is a continuous process.

Over \$350,000,000 of new value was added to Des Moines last year. In this regard, many feel that tax abatement has contributed greatly to this added value. Tax abatement is currently scheduled to expire in 2008 unless extended by the Des Moines City Council. Public hearings have demonstrated that there is support for continuation of tax abatement.

Mr. Delafield concluded with a description of some of the projects currently ongoing such as the Downtown plan and the Highway 5 corridor. Downtown building and improvements in the last five years and projected for the next five years have resulted in over \$2 billion being invested. As he pointed out, services tend to lead to development and development leads to improved housing and quality of life.



Above: President Steve Scott congratulates long-time member, John Keck, on 40 years as a member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club.

Shown below: Phil Delafield, City of Des Moines Building Deputy, is all smiles after his speech to the Downtown Club on August 9th. President Steve is also pleased after having presided at his second meeting since Chris Williams left for California at the end of July.





NEBRASKA-IOWA CHARTER NIGHT DINNER KIWANIS CLUB of ANKENY



Featuring

Kiwanis International President Stephen K. Siemens, CSP

- When: Monday, September 25, 2006
- Where: Ankeny Golf & Country Club
314 SW Irvinedale Dr, Ankeny, IA 50021 (515-964-3721)
- Time: 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 September 11th
\$26.00 per person - reservations after September 11th
Note: Our menu is a prime rib buffet.
- Parking: Free
- Dress: Business Professional—Kiwanis shirts welcome! (No jeans, please)

Questions? Contact Brian Herbel, Ankeny President, 515-964-1010 or herbelb@att.net; Mike Lacey, Ankeny Secretary, 515-367-3083 or mflacey@hughes.net; or Bob Mitchell, LG—Division 16, 515-457-7691 or bmitchellhr@aol.com,

Don't miss this one! Ankeny is OUR club—so let's have a good showing from Downtown!

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Name: _____ Club: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____ Division: 16

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

Before 9/11/06 \$21.00 X ___# of Reservations = Total amount enclosed \$ _____

After 9/11/06 \$26.00 x ___# of Reservations = Total amount enclosed \$ _____

No cash, please. Make checks out to Ankeny Kiwanis Club and mail to Mike Sharp, Ankeny Treasurer, 821 SE Rio Circle, Ankeny, IA 50021. (Count must be in by September 20—please register by this date!)



Will the Vision of "Earthpark" Become a Reality? David Oman Says "Yes"

By Paul Strayer, Reporter

Steve Scott, president, opened our August 16th meeting with music directed by a surprised Dave Turnball with Jan Burch at the piano. Paul Strayer gave the invocation. We had two guests, Tim Rabenberg, Baker Group (guest of Darcy Otis), and Shannon Montgomery, Earthpark, who were introduced by Marty Kenworthy and then greeted with the club's signature "Hello" song.

There were a number of announcements: Steve indicated the September 6th meeting would be the kickoff day for this year's Basketball Jamboree; it is also the day the new officers of the club will be installed for their 2006-07 terms. We have received a significant BBJ sponsorship of \$2,500 from the Whalen Group ("The Machine Shed Restaurant"), and that work is underway to retain the Des Moines Register's sponsorship that had previously been secured through the efforts of Tom Cooper.

Steve advised the club that on September 20th we would be reading to the Greenwood ESL students. All members were encouraged to join in this club project as it provides a wonderful service to the five and six year old ESL students at Greenwood. Many of these students have no one in their home that can read to them in English; our program provides one of the few chances for them to read a book in English in a one on one situation.

Our club is sponsoring the new Kiwanis club in Ankeny. Mike Lacey has been an active member of this club and has been ably assisted by Jan Burch and Bob Mitchell in the club building process. After much work, the club is ready to receive its Kiwanis Charter. September 25th has been set as "Charter Night", the principal speaker will be Steve Siemens, Kiwanis International President. All members are invited to participate in this celebration. (See page 5 for registration form.)

Steve presented a District Award to Ron Heggen for being First Runner-up for having the best club progress during his term as President. Steve had accepted the award on behalf of Ron while attending the recent District Convention.

Sam Gelb, filling in for Irene Hegedus-Tarczynski, introduced our speaker for the day, David Oman. Irene is an architect with the RDG architectural firm that has been consulting with Mr. Oman on the "Earthpark" project.

Mr. Oman recalled speaking to the club when he was running for Governor of the State of Iowa and expressed surprise that several of the members had remembered his visit as candidates are seldom remembered, only winners! He recognized John Keck as an old friend, or maybe a long time friend, either way is correct. He also expressed his appreciation of Marty Kenworthy's work as a coach for his son's little league team.

He showed a video clip of a KCCI/Channel 8 story on "Earthpark" to give background information. Earthpark is modeled after the Eden project located in Cornwall, England. The cost of the new project is estimated to be around \$155,000,000. The Iowa project will have one large bio dome and will contain a rain forest and an aquarium.

Mr. Oman believes the project will provide a big financial benefit to the state. It will be only the second facility of its kind in the world and that it will become a national treasure when completed. Great care is being taken during the planning stages to stress the need for conservation of resources, that is, a "Green Project" and also to provide a truly unique building. The building will be approximated one half the height of the Ruan Building and will cover four acres of land. The project is truly international in its use of design, consulting, and construction services including KUD International, a subsidiary of a Japanese company, the Grimshaw firm from London, England, who was involved with the "Eden" project, and the Siemens Company from Germany on energy issues.

Site selection has been narrowed to two locations--Riverside, south of Iowa City, and Lake Red Rock, near Pella. The final selection will take into consideration the space available around the site, the view from the site and the plans for the development of the areas near the site. He said the estimated economic effect from the project would be around \$137,000,000 per year. This projection takes into consideration that 37 million people live within an 8-hour drive of Iowa.



Above: David Oman Downtown Kiwanians on August 16th about the proposed Earthpark project.



Above: Steve Scott, president, congratulates immediate past president Ron Heggen for the District's First Runner-up Progress Award.



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MY KIWANIS MOMENT...

By Bob Mitchell, 2003-04 Downtown president & Lt. Governor

I have been fortunate to experience several "Kiwanis moments," but one of my favorites happened when we were reading to the ELL kindergarten and first graders at Greenwood Elementary last December. The Downtown club had all pitched in enough for us to buy a \$5 book for each child so we could present them with a gift for the Holiday season.

After an abbreviated reading session, their teacher, Mrs. Peterson, called all the children to the front. With her help, we began handing out books, one at a time. The looks on their faces ranged from astonishment and surprise, to total glee.

Nearly every child had received his or her book when one little boy received his. He hugged it to his chest, and with a big grin said, "Oh boy! Now I have three books!"

All of us, who heard him, got a lump in our throats and a tear in our eyes. That 's what Kiwanis is all about.

Making a difference, one child at a time.

One Can Make a Difference...