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ANKENY CLUB TO BE CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 25



Last Call for Reservations! Plan To Attend. Support our newest Club in Division 16—the Ankeny Kiwanis Club. Featured speaker is our own Steve Siemens, Kiwanis International President. See registration form on page five.

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

September 20 —First ELL Reading at Greenwood Elementary School, 316—37th Street, Des Moines. Or Roundtable at Hotel Ft. Des Moines. Both 11:45 a.m.

Set-up at Roundtable: Don Wiebold
Set-up at Greenwood: Paul Strayer
Reporter: Al Knudsen

September 27— Speaker is **Dr. Bob Russell, DDS, Iowa Dept. of Dental Health**

Podium: Steve Scott

Guest Introductions: Darcy Otis

Set-up: Allen Green

Greeters: Keith Petrie & Paul Strayer

Invocation: John Mechem

Song Leader: Greg Wilson

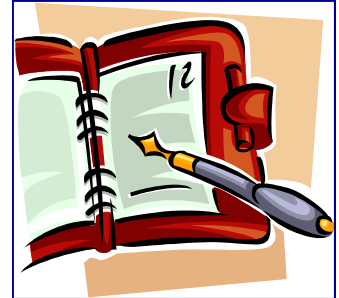
Program: Pat Stockton

Reporter: Al Bjork



OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Updated September 16, 2006



Sept. 20 Regular Meeting. Greenwood Elementary School, 316 – 37th Street, Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. ELL Reading Project or Roundtable, 11:45 a.m., Hotel Ft. Des Moines.

Sept. 25 Charter Night Celebration, Ankeny Kiwanis Club. Ankeny Country Club, 314 SW Irvinedale Drive, Ankeny. Social Hour, 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner, 7:00 p.m. Featured speaker is Kiwanis International President Stephen Siemens. See page 5 for further details and registration form.

Sept. 27 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is Dr. Bob Russell, Iowa Dept. of Public Health, "Oral Health Access for Children in Iowa". Program arranged by Pat Stockton.

Oct. 4 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. NOTE: PROGRAM WILL BE FROM 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Speaker is Ben Cohen, owner of BEN & JERRY'S ICE CREAM. Ben has founded a national organization of business leaders - Sensible Priorities - nonprofit and bipartisan - hoping to get the business and community leaders behind influencing our congressional leaders to re-prioritize the federal budget - to use our money more effectively for the things that matter most. 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 Tip-Off. Featured speaker is Bill Fennelly, Women's Basketball coach, Iowa State University. Program arranged by Dave Turnball, Basketball Jamboree Chair.

Oct. 13 Monthly Basketball Jamboree Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m., Iowa Lutheran Hospital, private dining room. Dave Turnball, chair.

Oct. 16 Division 13 & 16 Council Meeting, Dahl's on Hickman, Waukee, 7:00 p.m.

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 area. 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 Tegner, American Cancer Society. Program arranged by Al Knudsen.

Nov. 1 Regular Meeting: Hotel, Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD.

Nov. 18 59th Annual Des Moines (Downtown) Kiwanis Basketball Jamboree, Drake Knapp Center. Dave Turnball, Chair.



September Birthdays

5th— Paul Strayer

12th— Paul Ahlers

29th— Jill Olson





NEW LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CHALLENGES CLUB

By Al Bjork

Steve Scott, President Elect, presided over our September 6th meeting with Dave Turnball leading us in song and Leland Long giving the invocation. Jan Burch introduced as our guests, an interclub from the Westside Club consisting of Dave Hubler, Jill Bassman, Randy Yountz and John Streets. Al Knudsen was the lucky winner of the jackpot in the amount of \$24.00.

Al also reported that he and Tina Potthoff had gone to the first meeting of the Lincoln Key Club and there were approximately 30 student members. Their first major project is decoration for homecoming at the Lincoln High Football Field on September 29th and Kiwanis members were invited to help with the decorations on that day. In other club business, Steve Scott reported that Pat Stockton was resigning from the club.

Lieutenant Governor Margaret Ludington from the Altoona Club was in charge of installation of our new Officers. First of all, she made a special presentation to Bob Mitchell who was granted life member status in Kiwanis International. She also recognized outgoing Board Members, Lu Dooley and Ron Heggen, for their services.

Before installing new Officers and Board Members, she charged them and the rest of our members by stating, "Don't let this be the year when you could have made your Kiwanis Club better, make it the year that you did make it better." Margaret then installed Del Shepard, Sam Gelb, Jill Olson and Melinda Berte as Directors; Allen Green as Treasurer; Carol Stone as Secretary; Michelle Wall as Vice President; Jan Burch as President Elect; and Steve Scott as President.

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Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools earn over \$175 million in ten years. According to member David Bear, we can and should be helping our K Kids schools (Greenwood and Pleasant Hill Elementary) with this most worthwhile effort. Would you believe two U. S. schools each earned more than \$21,000 in one year through their collection efforts?

How? By collecting these logos from many of the brands that you typically purchase at the grocery store—General Mills, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Progresso, Totino's, Old El Paso, Green Giant, and Gold Medal (to name just a few). You can even shop on-line with such favorites as JC Penney or Lands End and collect Box Tops.

Greenwood has been participating in this effort and has received nearly \$3,000 for its efforts.

So let's help. Begin collecting Box Tops for Education. And turn them in to member **David Bear**. Let's turn Box Tops into money for our sponsored schools.

Learn more at www.boxtops4education.com.

AMANDA THE PANDA

September 26, 2006

JoAnn Zimmerman, founder of the Amanda the Panda organization 25 years ago, will be the featured speaker at the Kiwanis Club of West Des Moines. Her work has been featured in numerous magazines and on Good Morning America.

Hamilton's Butterfly Room

3601 Westown Parkway

West Des Moines

7:00—8:00 am

RSVP to 222-0402

Can we get an Inter-Club put together for this special meeting?



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT IS WORKING IN IOWA

By Al Bjork, Reporter

Vice President Jan Burch conducted our September 13th meeting in Steve Scott's absence. Greg Wilson led us in singing, Ken Hayes gave the invocation, and Marty Kenworthy introduced Dave Keck, a guest of Bill Keck, and Christopher Osore, a guest of Pat Stockton.

Sam Gelb presented a budget for the Basketball Jamboree and urged all members to make an extra effort this year and to try and obtain an additional corporate sponsor to meet our goals. The major beneficiary of this year's jamboree will be Wildwood Ranch. Jan made a special presentation to **John Mechem** upon reaching 40 years of membership.

Jan read several thank you notes from campers whom we sponsor with our Jamboree proceeds and reported that the Board of Directors had decided to fill a Board vacancy created by the resignation of Pat Stockton by nominating Carol Burt. Also, the Board decided to discontinue for next year our Kiwanian of the Month Program for several reasons, including difficulty in finding someone to oversee it from our club, inconsistent attendance by the students and difficulty in dealing with the administrators at the various high schools. Finally, Ron Heggen was the lucky jackpot winner of \$27.00.

Carol Stone introduced our speaker for the day, Shanell Wagler, Empowerment Facilitator with the Iowa Department of Management. Ms. Wagler serves as the head of staff for the State Empowerment Board, a state supported initiative whose goal is getting communities and state government to work together to improve the well being of families with young children.. This Board is composed of 16 citizen members, six legislators and directors of five state departments (economic development, education, human rights, human services and public health). The Board works with communities and organizations to achieve positive results in raising healthy children, having children ready to succeed in school, providing safe and supportive communities and securing and nurturing families and childcare environments. State funding for community empowerment has continually increased allowing for expansion of services. School ready grants provide services for children from birth through five years including preschool and childcare, parent support, family home visitation and parent education. Early childhood grants enhance the quality and capacity of childcare, including recruitment of providers. Ms. Wagler provided the following website as a new resource for parents: www.parents.earlychildhoodiowa.org.



Above left: Speaker Shanell Wagler addresses club members on latest activities of the State Empowerment Board while vice president Jan Burch looks on.

Above right: Member John Mechem was presented with his past president's 40-year anniversary pin. Congratulations, John!



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: \$26.00 per person
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.)

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!)



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After installation of Officers was complete, Dave Turnball focused on the kickoff for our basketball jamboree. Program Ad Sales envelopes were handed out at the meeting and if you weren't in attendance, make sure you pick yours up. Dave said that Sam Gelb had put teams together for purposes of ad and ticket sales so let's all see if we can make sure that everyone contributes to the success of our individual teams and the Kiwanis team as a whole. All the teams participated in a free throw contest using a hoop rigged up by Dave and in a hard fought battle, the Westside Club won and received the prize, a basketball autographed by the University of Iowa's Women's Basketball Team. Steve Scott closed by explaining how the ad form worked and gave the following address for those who wish to e-mail their ads directly to the printer: gwarren@countylineprinting.com.



Above Left: Allen Green accepts the treasurer's pin from Lt. Governor Ludington.

Above Right: Current Lt. Governor Bob Mitchell accepts Kiwanis International Life Member Award from incoming Lt. Governor Ludington.

Left: Carol Stone is congratulated by Lt. Governor Ludington on being elected secretary of the club.



ROSTER ALERT

We are now preparing to print our 2006-07 CLUB ROSTERS. If your address, phone number, email, or any other printable pieces of information have changed, please contact Jan Burch at 457-7691 or BurchHR@aol.com.

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KIWANIS RESTRUCTURING UPDATE . . .

In the fall of 2004, Kiwanis International began a project studying the structure of its organization and how it could better support clubs and the service they perform. The program's goal is to make Kiwanis International a rewarding experience for volunteers throughout the world by providing the best service to our members through the most efficient means possible. With that end in mind, a Special Committee on Structure was appointed. It met several times over the past year to deliberate on the various issues surrounding Kiwanis International's structure. That committee submitted its final report this past June 28 to the International Board.

Kiwanis International is now ready for the next step in this project.

"We need your help," says International President Steve Siemens. "The committee's report and exhibits are posted on www.kiwanis.org. Please take the time to read this material thoroughly. The International Board is not recommending any changes at this point. We simply want to begin a dialogue with you, the member, and receive as much thoughtful input as possible before going any further. Toward that end, the International Board has organized four committees to further study the topics contained in the Special Committee's report. Soon, your International Board Counselors will be attending all of the district conventions taking place over the next few months. Please use this opportunity to voice your opinion, ask questions, and let us know your thoughts on these issues. At our International Convention this year, our House of Delegates adopted a formal resolution that will shape our future and the future of the children and communities we serve for years to come. We are committed to growing one million members strong by our 100th anniversary. You are invited to share your thoughts via email.

All members are urged to study the Restructuring Report and submit comments.