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

November 15—Vince Nelson, U of Iowa Alumni Association

Assignments include:

Podium: Steve Scott
Program: Jan Burch
Set-up & Take-down: Bill Keck
Guest Introductions: Carol Stone
Greeters: Darcy Otis & John Mechem
Invocation: Ober Anderson
Song Leader: Bill Keck
Reporter: Ken Hayes

November 22—Don Young, "Outdoors Dan"

Assignments include:

Podium: Steve Scott
Program: Jan Burch/Allen Green
Guest Introductions: Al Bjork
Set-up & Take-down: Ober Anderson
Greeters: Tina Potthoff & Scott Griese
Invocation: Steve Siemens
Song Leader: Greg Wilson
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**OUR
59th
ANNUAL
BASKETBALL
JAMBOREE IS
ON TARGET
FOR
NOVEMBER
18th AT
DRAKE'S
KNAPP
CENTER.
Watch your
favorite CIML
boys & girls
teams from
8 a.m. - 10 p.m.**



**Contributions are still
very much welcome!**

**And Volunteers Are
Needed.**

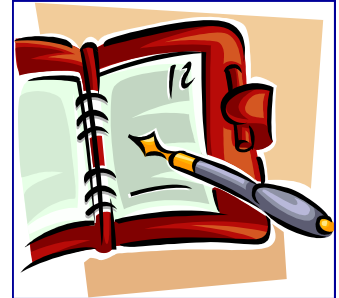
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OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Updated November 12, 2006



- Nov. 15 Regular Meeting: Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is **Vincent Nelson**, Executive Director, University of Iowa Alumni Association. Program arranged by Jan Burch.
- Nov. 18 59th Annual Des Moines (Downtown) Kiwanis Basketball Jamboree, Drake Knapp Center. Dave Turnball, Chair.**
- Nov. 22 Regular Meeting: Hotel, Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is **Dan Young**, better known as "**Outdoors Dan**", local radio talk show host and outdoors expert. Program arranged by Allen Green.
- Nov. 23 **Happy Thanksgiving!**
Volunteers are also needed to help at Jolly Holiday Lights, Waterworks Park. Contact Al Knudsen for details.
- Nov. 29 Regular Meeting: Hotel, Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is **Stephen King**, Executive Director, Downtown Events Group/Greater Des Moines Partnership. Program arranged by Jan Burch.
- Dec. 1 Monthly Board Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Iowa Lutheran Hospital private dining room, Steve Scott, president, presiding.
- Dec. 3 **Downtown Kiwanis Holiday Get-Together. Watch for further details.**
- Dec. 6 Regular Meeting: Hotel, Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is **Adrienne Windley**, Executive Director, Young Women's Resource Center. Program arranged by Bob Mitchell.
- Dec. 7 Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Food Court at Sears/Merle Hay Mall, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. See Al Bjork for details.
- Dec. 7 Charter Night Dinner, Marshalltown Golden K Club. Watch for further details.
- Dec. 8 Monthly Basketball Jamboree Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m., Iowa Lutheran Hospital, private dining room. Sam Gelb, chair.
- Dec. 9 K University, Kansas City, Kansas, Savior Pastoral Center, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 13 Regular Meeting: Hotel, Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker is **John Viars**, Executive Director, The Des Moines Playhouse. Program arranged by Bob Mitchell.
- Dec. 13 Volunteer Opportunity at Jolly Holiday Lights, 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Waterworks Park. See Al Knudsen for further details.
- Dec. 18 Charter Event for our newest K Kids Club at Windsor Elementary School. See Tina Potthoff for details.
Division 13 & 16 Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Dahl's 156th & Hickman Road, Waukee.
- Dec. 20 Regular Meeting: 11:45 a.m., Greenwood Elementary School Reading Project, 316-37th St, Des Moines. Additionally, Roundtable at Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m.
- Dec. 27 Regular Meeting: Hotel, Ft. Des Moines, 11:45 a.m. Speaker TBD. Program arranged by Bob Mitchell.
- March 17
Nebraska-Iowa District Mid-Year Conference, Scheman Center, Ames.
- July 3-7
2007 Kiwanis International Convention, San Antonio.

Thanks to Lu Dooley for picking up food items at our RED BARREL at Dahl's in October. Ken Hayes is our pickup person in November.

November Birthdays

- 2—Mary Lou Garcia
- 3—Lois Underwood
- 8—Mike Sturm
- 11—Jim Egger
- 12—John Mechem
- 13—Bill Keck
- 30—Allan Knudsen





KIWANIANS GET A LAUGH FROM GAVIN JEROME

BY KEN HAYES, CHIEF OF REPORTERS

President Steve Scott led our meeting on November 8th. Marty Kenworthy introduced our two guests. Bill Keck led singing, and Leland Long gave the invocation. Sam Gelb gave a report on the Basketball Jamboree. Arrangements have been made with the printers for us to take some last-minute ads and get them included. We have been successful in getting another corporate sponsor, LaJames Cosmetology School, which brings us to \$13,500 on income from corporate sponsors. Sam reported that Tom Pflanz is in charge of getting workers for the Jamboree and that Tom has reported he is “doing well” in getting workers. However, volunteers are still needed and you can sign up on our club’s web site at www.downtowndesmoineskiwanis.org. Jim Underwood asked that everyone keep the date of Sunday, December 3 available for our annual holiday party. Al Knudsen said that the Jolly Holiday Lights displays are being delivered soon and that some help could be used in unloading the trucks. The Kiwanis night to help is Wednesday December 13th; we will be partnering with the Lincoln Key Clubbers. Al said that it is always difficult to get help for holidays and that they would appreciate if some of our members could help on Thanksgiving Day as well. Al Bjork asked for volunteers to sign up for the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 7th at Merle Hay. There will be two locations – food court and Sears.

Russ Bitterman introduced our speaker, Gavin Jerome. Gavin Jerome is a member of the Ankeny Kiwanis club and is a professional speaker with his message one of humor. The audience was laughing from the time he started speaking until he finished. As he indicated, he speaks all over the United States and tells how to use humor effectively. He spoke on how to overcome work place stress through laughter. If you can laugh at it, you can live with it. One way to address stress is to “Go with the flow” and to add one laugh to life every day. He has published a book “Comedy College How-To Handbook.” There was a long line after the meeting to purchase his book. To sum up the meeting, it was definitely one with lots of humor.



Left: Our speaker, Gavin Jerome, The Morale Mechanic, yucks it up with Downtown Members on November 8th.

Right: Do you see “Opportunity Is Nowhere?” Or do you see “Opportunity Is Now Here?” Gavin showed how humor can help overcome stress.





MEMBERS FIND WILDWOOD HILLS RANCH A VERY SPECIAL PLACE

A dozen Downtown members and guests helped satisfy their curiosity when they took advantage of an opportunity to visit the Wildwood Hills Ranch on October 27th. Just west of St. Charles, the Ranch is tucked away on 400 acres of rolling farm and timberland. Several ponds dot the property and show off the beauty of Iowa's pristine countryside. Hosted by director and Downtown member, Mary Lou Garcia, we toured the conference center (which can serve 250), cabins, horse grounds, arts & crafts center, etc. Following our tour, we got to sample some of the home cooking—much like what campers experience—as the rest of the staff prepared for a wedding rehearsal dinner that evening. Joining us was Matt Moeckl, the Ranch's program director. Both were generous with their information—and we learned so much from the experience. All of us left feeling very good about where our Basketball Jamboree proceeds would be going this year. The Ranch is really helping kids.



Above: Members get to see some of the campers' art projects.

Below: The fishing (catch and release) is reported to be some of the best around—and in such a beautiful place.



Above: Here is a partial view of the equestrian show ring—slated to be the recipient of our Basketball Jamboree funds. The dirt (mud) will be pulled away; the area tiled for drainage; and then several layers of specially made products will be put down. This will allow for proper drainage so that the ring can be used all season—regardless of the rain.

Right: Club members and guests included Don & Doris Wiebold, Ron Heggen, Michelle Wall and her guest, Ober & Iolene Anderson, Mary Lou Garcia, Jan Burch, Bob Mitchell, Matt Moeckl, Jim Underwood, and Lois Smith Underwood.





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Entertainment Books. Only \$20 each. Buy from our Club—and
the Club earns almost \$5 on each book sold.

See Don Wiebold to get yours!

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SHERRY HALLIBURTON, our newest member, was inducted on October 25th. She works in private banking at the downtown offices of US Bank. She has been in her current position approximately one month, but she had worked several years previously for US Bank as Branch Manager at the Westtown branch. Prior to re-joining US Bank, she had been employed at Rochester, Minnesota in private banking for Wells Fargo. Sherry's hometown is Omaha, Nebraska. She enjoys golfing, bicycling, bowling and aerobics. Sherry has two children, a daughter who lives in Earlham, Iowa and works for Wells Fargo; and a son who lives at Slater, Iowa and works for Ball Manufacturing in Ames, Iowa. She has three grandchildren. Sherry was a very active member of Kiwanis at Rochester, having served as President in 2005. Her sponsors are Jan Burch and Carol Burt.

By Ken Hayes





President Steve Scott led our meeting on November 1st. Allen Green gave the invocation and Carol Burt led the music. Craig Wierson introduced our one guest, Todd Pugh, of Parking, Inc. Todd has attended previously as a guest of Bill Keck and is interested in becoming a member of our club. Birthdays for November were recognized and celebrated. Dave Turnball, this year's Basketball Jamboree chair, gave several updates about the upcoming event. He indicated that sellers of ads for the program can report their sales by E-mail, but they also need to send the paper forms to our Kiwanis office that go with the sale. E-mails typically do not contain all the information necessary to process the ads. Tom Pflanz, coordinator of volunteers, indicated that things are going quite well in getting volunteers, but they can use additional people between 8:00 P.M. and 10 P.M. It's easy to sign up on our web site at www.downtowndesmoineskiwanis.org. An award was presented to Ed Linebach on behalf of the Kiwanis club at Ankeny. Ed drove one of the golf carts in transporting people for the Ankeny Summer Fest, and he did such a good job the Ankeny Club wanted to see that Ed was properly recognized. There was \$63 in the fun raiser drawing, and guess who won? None other than Ed Linebach!

Jan Burch introduced our speaker, **Luke Garnaas**. Luke is a member of our club, and it was quite interesting to have him tell us about this fine community building project that is being developed by LADCO, his employer. This development is taking place on what was formerly the Ponderosa golf course. With the golf course land and 35 additional purchased acres, they are developing a planned community on an area of over 95 acres. According to Luke's presentation, this is bringing something new to the community. The project is in the City of West Des Moines, and he was quite complimentary of the City's cooperation in the project.

In developing this construction project, they had meetings with the neighbors near the land that they are developing. There was not a single complaint from the neighborhood. They are working closely with West Glen to be certain there are no conflicts with that commercial development. They are also developing bike routes that will connect with existing routes, as well as a gathering area for people to come together—coffee shops, outdoor plazas for concerts, etc. They will have 13 different housing options in order to have something for almost everyone with a residential price range is \$130,000 to \$750,000. They expect to start foundation work for some commercial buildings in approximately 20 days and will also be selling lots in the very near future.

Bob Mitchell reported on the recent visit of club members to Wildwood Hills Ranch. Bob said he was "completely blown away" by the camp. Both Bob and Ron Heggen reported that our decision to make the Ranch the major recipient of our funds is an excellent choice. As they reported, Wildwood is doing exactly what we want to do-- working with and helping kids.

By Ken Hayes, Reporter

GARNAAS PRESENTS EXCITING PICTURE OF PROPOSED VILLAGE OF PONDEROSA



Above: President Steve presents Ed Linebach with a special recognition from the Ankeny Kiwanis Club for his outstanding service to the Club's first large-scale project at SummerFest.



Above: Member Luke Garnaas shows an attentive audience some of the plans for the Villages of Ponderosa.



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**NEW K KIDS
CLUB AT
WINDSOR
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

Thanks to the hard work of Lois Smith Underwood and Tina Potthoff, we have a new K Kids Club at Windsor Elementary School in Des Moines.

K Kids is the youngest and fastest growing service organization for elementary students worldwide, ideally suited for students grades 1 through 5 (ages 6 to 12). It is a student led community-service organization and operates under school regulations and draws its membership from the student body.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the official Charter Meeting on Monday, December 18, 3:00-4:30 p.m., at the school. Further details will follow.

One Can Make a Difference...