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- Jerri Underwood
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Meeting Location:

Fridays at Noon: That's Amore Day's Inn, Bellevue, Nebraska

December Calendar

- 1st - - Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army
- 5th - - Division Council
7:00 a.m. Westside CC
- 7th - - Bill Swick
Computer Security
- 12th - -Board of Directors
Confluence Bookstore
- 14th - -Club Meeting at noon
6:00 p.m. Christmas Party
- 21st - -New Member Orientation
- 28th - -Roundtable

Christmas Party

Friday, December 14th
6:00 p.m.
That's Amore

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President's Pen

At this time of Thanksgiving, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve you and the community as a fellow Kiwanian. We have a very effective and supportive Board of Directors for our club, a Board that wants to make a positive difference in the community of Bellevue specifically, and the world in general. Toward this effort, we support our Community Service Committee under the able leadership of Joe Fowler. One of our goals this year is that each member give at least 30 hours of service to the community. Two of our members,

Wayne Boepple and Jerri Underwood accomplished this in one month.

Another goal is that each member make at least two interclubs during the year. Thanks to the leadership of Ed Mutch with assistance from Cliff Stults, we are well on the way to accomplishing this goal.

My personal emphasis for this year is to work with and support Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County. They have built and turned over 21 homes to needy families in Bellevue, and are working on two or three more houses at this time. Your Board has increased our financial help for Habitat from our normal \$500 to \$1,000. I would like to make this a three-year commitment.

Membership growth is essential to keep our wonderful club alive and

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thriving. As our members grow more elderly, there seems to be less energy for community projects. We need younger members. Bill Swick is our leader on the Membership Committee that also includes such able members as Tommy Thompson, Bernie Schaben, Harold Haney and Lupe Mier. Bill has designated the month of January as our membership drive month. To make this work, we need names of prospective members. In

January we will call upon those prospects and invite them to a meeting where we will explain the purposes of Kiwanis and invite them to join us. Now is the time to gather the names.

We have fun at our meetings, but that is not the only reason for our club. We must be involved in service to our community if we are to change the world one child and one community at a time.

Roger Givens

Papillion - La Vista Key Club

Jordin Fitch is President of the Papillion-La Vista Key Club. You may see a room full of Key Clubbers if you attended a meeting today. However, when this school year began, Jordin was the only returning member. Under her leadership, this Key Club has grown to over thirty members.

"I thought it would help if we made the club more about the people making decisions rather than telling them what they are going to do. In my opinion, if you're given a choice you have more of a chance to make the right decisions," said Fitch.

The club also changed faculty advisors. Janie Botch retired from teaching, and Mary Lee, a first year math teacher at Papillion-La Vista



assumed the responsibilities.

Jordin sees Key Club as a way of expressing her leadership. "Personally, I am glad I get to express my ideas as a leader. It most definitely is a way to get involved in the community, and I love helping people of all ages."

Some of the projects of the club include creating cards for residents of Wel-Life assisted living, participating in Habitat for Humanity, organizing a canned food drive and a clothing drive. Jordin is considering sending the clothing to the victims of fire in southern California.

Jordin is a junior. When she graduates from high school she plans to attend Creighton University to prepare for a career as an OB/GYN. "Kiwanis is a great organization," she said. It gives a lot of people the chance to help, and to express ideas as a group and as an individual."

November in Review

2nd - - Carol Blood
World Fest



9th - - Helen Crunk
Alzheimer's Disease



16th - - Tracy Dunn
Midland's
Sleep Clinic



23rd - - Roundtable

Interclub with Bellevue East Key Club



Ed Mutch, Chair of Interclubs, reports a good month of November. Bellevue-Offutt completed seven interclubs, bringing our total to thirteen for the year. Nineteen members have attended at least two interclubs, leaving thirty members to fulfill the goal of at least two, and twenty three of the thirty have yet to attend one. Eight of our members have completed five or more interclubs. The goal for December includes the Division Council, Bellevue AM, Sarpy County, Dundee, Southwest Omaha, and Omaha Golden K. Ed will email members each week with the schedule.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Chuck Owens was shocked to find this Husker flag on the road side during a recent hiway clean-up. However, this was prior to the firing of Bill Callahan as the head football coach at the University of Nebraska.

The participants were: Harold Haney, Duane Larchick, Lupe Mier, Joe Fowler, Jane Hink, Ed Hink, Chuck Owens and Gus Erickson.

(Not pictured - Chip Stuart)

Joe Fowler receives some canned goods from Anne Cohoon. The Community Services Committee has organized a "Shop For Your Neighbor" effort the first club meeting of every odd month. Mark January 4th as the next meeting to bring food, which is then donated to the Bellevue Food Pantry.

