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Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being.

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

fundraiser a success

You can't go wrong with Ortega's cheesy goodness-in-a-bag!

In spite of Mother Nature trying to rain on our concession stand parade, we exceeded last year's profits. After all expenses are paid, we will have cleared \$3,000 — all of it to help support the club's service projects!

A huge thank you goes to Robert Baker for coordinating the fundraiser at Normal West. Additional thanks are extended to all of those who donated the beverages (Budweiser may be the King of Beers, but Powerade is the King of Concession Stands). Running a multi-day concession stand is a huge task, especially when it falls during the holiday break. A majority of the club's members volunteered, often working multiple shifts, and we would not have had this success without your willingness to serve.

A special thank you is extended to the Builders Club and all of the spouses, children and other non-club members who gave of their time as well. We are very grateful for your help!



Just a few of the people who took time out of their holiday schedule to volunteer: Mary Jo Johnson, Dee Wilson, Chad Kemp, Joe Davie and Barb Wells



Ortega Cheese Dispenser... the machine, the legend



kiwanis international foundation recognition

At the January 8 regular meeting, President Matt Giordano made a special presentation to President-Elect Josh Barnett on behalf of the Kiwanis International Foundation. Barnett was named a "Sustaining Donor" to the Kiwanis Children's Fund of the Kiwanis International Foundation for the 2008-09 year. Since being chartered in 1939, the Kiwanis International Foundation has grown to a multimillion-dollar foundation providing grants to thousands of organizations worldwide aimed at making better the lives of children.

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greeter schedule

Jan. 22 Mac McElroy

Jan. 29 Barb Quick

Feb. 5 Merle Murray

Don't forget: Each greeter is responsible for providing the fun prize and questions for their scheduled day. If you cannot serve on your selected day, please arrange for your replacement.

service anniversaries

Feb. 1 Ben Clawson (9)

Feb. 7 Barb Wells (1)

Feb. 9 Anne Bliss (21)

upcoming speakers

Jan. 22 Gene Cleary
from B/N Assn. of Realtors

Jan. 29 Open

Feb. 5 Open

Contact Randy Clark if you have a speaker you would like to schedule (randy.clark@busey.com).

super trivia

Many say they watch the Super Bowl "for the game," but we know better. Here are a few trivia tidbits about what we REALLY watch it for: the entertainment!

- 1. Who was the very first famous entertainer to grace the Super Bowl halftime?**
- 2. The first famous Super Bowl commercial was advertising which product?**
 - a) Coca-Cola
 - b) IBM
 - c) Noxema
 - d) Old Spice
- 3. Who sang the national anthem at the first Super Bowl?**

president's address

Matt Giordano, 2008-2009 Club President

Okay, so Christmas is over and the new year is here — now what? I tend to find this time of year challenging to get myself back on track after all of the buildup of the holidays. This year seems to be a little different — I'm very excited about the New Year, and I hope you are too!

2009 should be a great year for our club. With the current economic climate, Kiwanis service is needed now more than ever in our community and I'm confident we'll build upon the immense opportunities that await us in the months ahead.

As I go down my list of New Year's Resolutions, there's the customary... get some exercise, cut out junk food, finish the unfinished, forget the past and focus on the future... This year, I hope you'll join me as I add a new resolution to the list — to seize opportunities to help improve the lives of others for the betterment of our community.

This can be done in many different ways from the little things like holding a door open at the grocery store, or offering a smile as you pass through the checkout lane, or maybe it's taking on a project for a cause that's important to us personally. Whatever it may be, Kiwanis service gives us this opportunity to make a difference day in and day out — it's up to us whether or not we choose to seize it!

thank you

Dear Friends of the Kiwanis Club of Normal,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of time, special talents, and huge spirit again this year to The Baby Fold's 2008 Festival of Trees. As you know, this event was a huge success this year, raising a net of \$191,518 and exceeding our goals by over \$21,518! We were overwhelmingly blessed by the generosity of our community who continues to show us how much they care about children and their families. We appreciate your commitment to the arduous process of organizing our beautiful trees, packaging them up and seeing to it that they are delivered to their new homes. Again, thank you so much — you own a special place in our hearts at The Baby Fold. I am so pleased to be a new member of such a quality act!

Di Shepherd

pencil it in

Jan. 23: K-Fest (see pg. 3)

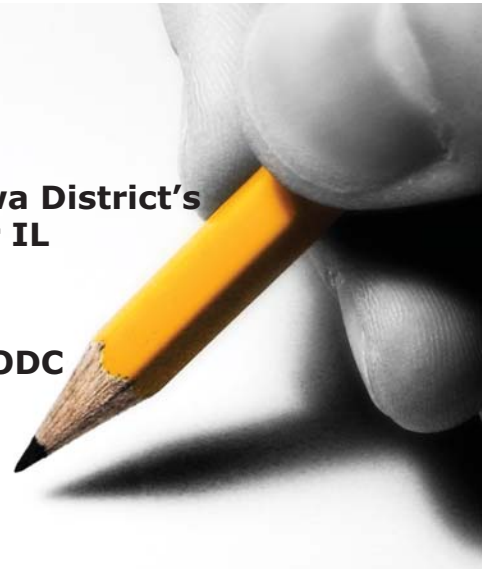
The annual winter social event affectionately referred to as "Stack-Fest"

Feb. 13-15: Illinois-Eastern Iowa District's Mid-winter Convention, Decatur IL (see pg. 3)

Contact Josh for more information

Feb. 21: Service Project at the ODC

Details coming soon!



hey, it's my party and i'll cry if i want to

**But the rest of us will be having fun,
so you might look a little ridiculous**

It's time once again for K-Fest!
(or Stack-Fest as it's become lovingly known)

When: Friday, January 23, 2009

Hosts: Kathy and Ron Stack,
309.663.1976 (home), 309.664.9233 (work)

Time: 6:00 – 10:30pm

Place: Breckenridge Clubhouse- corner of White Eagle Road
and Streid Drive (west of the airport); limited parking in the
parking lot; those under age 55 asked to park across the street
in the overflow lot at Christ Lutheran Redeemer Church

Dress: Casual

Who's Invited: K member and guest

Smoking: This is a non-smoking facility

Appetizers: 6 - 6:30pm

Dinner: 6:30pm (menu dependent upon attendance)

Games: Commence at 7pm

Drinks: Tap water, coffee and ice will be available –
otherwise you will need to furnish your own drinks,
whatever they may be...

Evening events will include two tables of horse racing –
suggestion is to bring \$5 worth of pennies per couple

Table service will be provided

Deadline to sign up: Tuesday, January 20 at 4pm

mid-winter convention in february Decatur IL – February 13-15

The Illinois-Eastern Iowa District's Midwinter Convention will be held in Decatur February 13-15 at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel. Friday night will feature a southern BBQ buffet dinner and a roast of current I-I District Governor Gary Heath. Saturday morning will bring forums and education opportunities to learn more about making a difference in the lives of children and our communities. Saturday lunch will be a special time of recognition for accomplishments of our clubs during the last year. For more information contact Josh Barnett (309.287.0790 or joshwbarnett@comcast.net). Although this falls over Valentine's Day weekend, please consider attending a few of the daytime sessions.

2008-2009 club leadership

President
Matt Giordano

President-Elect
Josh Barnett

Vice President
Barb Quick

Immediate Past President
Dave Axtell

Secretary
Diane Kerr

Treasurer
Matt Lauritzen

Board of Directors
2007-2009: Krista Sheppard,
Brent Douglas, Julie Smith

2008-2010: Ron Stack,
Robert Baker, Barb Wells

Governor-Elect
Kevin McConnell

President's Counselor
Geoffrey Maier

Bulletin Editor
Dena McDonald

board meeting schedule (2008-2009)

Meetings held on the first Tuesday
of the month at 7pm at Jamani Java
unless notified otherwise:

Feb. 3	Mar. 3	Apr. 7
May 5	Jun. 2	Jul. 7
Aug. 4	Sep. 1	Oct. 6

trivia answers (from page 2)

1. Frighteningly enough, it was Carol Channing during Super Bowl IV (and we can all be eternally grateful that no wardrobe malfunctions occurred...)
2. Noxema (this ad featured Farrah Fawcett and the legendary Joe Namath)
3. No one—but it was **played** by the Universities of Arizona and Michigan marching bands

club christmas exchange

The Kiwanis Club held its annual Christmas gift exchange on December 18. Between the abundance of adult beverages, Blago-palooza, and gifts of seriously questionable taste, many went home with a gift that would be consumed in short order

or will probably make a repeat appearance next year...



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1. Geoffrey Maier and Josh Barnett discover a new way to rid themselves of the pesky women in their lives



2. Barb Wells finds that there can be a legitimate, albeit highly bizarre, correlation between gifts relating to Michael Jackson and Rod Blagojevich



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3. Krista Sheppard may not buy a used Senate seat from Blago, but she'd be thrilled (??) to advertise such on a t-shirt



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4. Matt Giordano and The Clapper: the gift that keeps on giving — and will probably be given again next year...

by the numbers

Figures are as of December 31, 2008

Concession stand profits are not included.

	2008-09 Budgeted	Current Month	Year-To- Date	YTD Budget Percentage
INCOME				
Dues (33 @ \$60 * 4 Quarters)	\$8,180.00	\$0.00	\$1,993.00	24.36%
Regular Rate (27 @ \$60 * 4 Quarters)	\$6,480.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Employer Rate (5 @ \$85 * 4 Quarters)	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Club 50/50	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$59.50	23.80%
Liability Insurance Transfer from Service @ \$11.75 ¹	\$387.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Income Total	\$8,817.75	\$0.00	\$2,052.50	23.28%
EXPENSES				
Finance & Administration Committee				
District/International Dues (33 @ \$86.90)	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Liability Insurance (33 @ \$12) ¹	\$396.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
New Member Fees (5 @ \$60)	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	20.00%
Secretary of State Filing	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Lt. Governor Expenses	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<i>Finance & Administration Sub-Total</i>	<i>\$3,676.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>	<i>1.63%</i>
Public Relations & Marketing Committee				
Club Website Domain & Hosting ²	\$93.40	\$95.40	\$95.40	102.14%
Printing	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<i>Public Relations & Marketing Sub-Total</i>	<i>\$143.40</i>	<i>\$95.40</i>	<i>\$95.40</i>	<i>66.53%</i>
Membership Growth & Development Committee				
New Member Orientation	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Club Socials	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
International Delegate Fees (2 @ \$200)	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
District Delegate Fees (2 @ \$100)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Mid-Winter Delegate Fees (2 @ \$50)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<i>Membership Growth & Development Sub-Total</i>	<i>\$825.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>0.00%</i>
Club Meetings & Programs Committee				
Signature Inn Rental (50 @ \$75)	\$3,750.00	\$225.00	\$750.00	20.00%
Awards and Recognition	\$98.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Meeting Pastries	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Speaker Gifts	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<i>Club Meetings & Programs Sub-Total</i>	<i>\$4,173.35</i>	<i>\$225.00</i>	<i>\$750.00</i>	<i>17.97%</i>
Administrative Expenses Total	\$8,817.75	\$320.40	\$905.40	10.27%

¹ \$11.75 per member is transferred to the Administration Budget from the Service Budget.

² Website domain and hosting fees will be disbursed equally over the 2008-09 and the 2009-10 budgets (\$93.40 per year)

got news?

With only the occasional exception (or when the Bulletin Editor is lazy), *The Normal Kiwanian* will be available the first Monday of each month. February happens to be one of those exceptions — it will be available on February 9.

The deadline for the February newsletter is February 2 (you will receive an email reminder). Anything received after that date will not be included or will be held over to March.

If you need a copy of the 2009 deadline schedule, email Dena McDonald at djmcdonald70@yahoo.com.