

Morningside Kiwanis Celebrates 50th Anniversary

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On November 16, 2006, 65 Kiwanis members and guests gathered at Cahill's in South Sioux City, Nebraska, to celebrate 50 years of the Morningside Kiwanis Club serving the Sioux City, Iowa, community. Two charter members were in attendance; Keith Anderson, who is still active with the club, and Bob Hegland, past NE-IA District Governor, who traveled from Arizona for the event.

The club's 25 active members were well represented, as was the sponsoring club, Onawa Kiwanis. Steve Siemens, Immediate Past President of Kiwanis International, provided the keynote address. Remarks were also provided by NE-IA District Governor Dave Hessman, Division-5 Lt. Governor Terry Virtue, and Don Croston, son of Morningside Kiwanis Charter President, Louis Croston.

Morningside Kiwanis has been active with many significant community events, including books for Head Start Programs for nearly a decade, trees for parks, pediatric trauma kits for Sioux City Fire Department units and area communities, and supporting the Boys Club. The club started and continues to support a Builder's Club (1994) and an Aktion Club (2004).

Marilyn Morin and Sharon Ocker chaired the committee that planned the anniversary event.



Sioux City Morningside Kiwanis celebrated its 50th anniversary recently. Shown here are current Charter Member Keith Anderson (far right) with another charter member and former District Governor, Bob Mesmer, next to him. Note the poster between Keith and Bob. See below...



Picture from 50 years ago showing District Governor Kermit Doolittle presenting the Charter to the first club President, Louis Croston (deceased)



Joining in the Morningside celebration are District First Lady Arlene and Governor Dave Hessman, Jeanne and Division 5 Lt. Governor Terry Virtue, and Past International President Steve Siemens