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# Clubs for Fun, Clubs for Service

Have you ever joined a club? Maybe you joined a group to play sports? Maybe you and friends get together to play games or make craft projects.

Look at each of the kids below. Draw a line to the kind of club you think might interest them.

- Sports Club
- Chess Club
- Bird Watchers Club
- Art Club



## Clubs That Help

Did you know that nearly every community has clubs made up of people who want to help other people? Helping others is sometimes called "being of service."

These clubs do a lot for their own communities. Some raise money and then donate the money to help improve their towns. They also do work projects such as cleaning up dirty streets, caring for gardens, serving food and helping kids and education. And some raise money to fight poverty and disease around the world!

Use the code to find out what these kinds of clubs are called.

- ▣ = B   ▤ = E   ▥ = L   ▦ = S   ▧ = U
- ▨ = C   ▩ = I   ▪ = R   ▫ = T   ▬ = V



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## Clubs Known Around the World

Here are just a few of the many service clubs that can be found. There are many, many more. Your local Chamber of Commerce can tell you if there are any in your town that are not on this list. And you can often spot these emblems posted on a big sign welcoming visitors to your city or town. Have you seen any of these? Circle the ones you recognize.



How many clubs are named after animals?

Which club name has the most syllables?

**Extra! Extra!**

**Service Clubs in the News**

Look through the newspaper to find the names of service clubs. Why are they in the paper?

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Discover the Secret Code

The Backyard Treehouse Math Club is having a meeting. To get in, you have to know the Secret Code Word.

Fill in the missing letters in this math crossword puzzle. Then, unscramble the letters in gray boxes to discover the Secret Code Word. Write it here:

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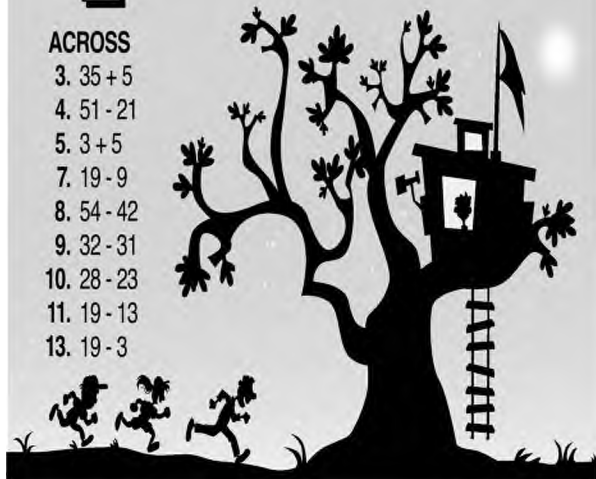
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**DOWN**

- 1. 21 - 7
- 2. 36 - 18
- 4. 12 + 10
- 5. 6 + 5
- 6. 36 - 16
- 12. 3 + 3

**ACROSS**

- 3. 35 + 5
- 4. 51 - 21
- 5. 3 + 5
- 7. 19 - 9
- 8. 54 - 42
- 9. 32 - 31
- 10. 28 - 23
- 11. 19 - 13
- 13. 19 - 3





## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### TODAY

• **Support Omaha: Black Businesses Fair** — 4 to 6 p.m., UNO Milo Bail Student Center, 6001 Dodge St., Omaha. This event, hosted by the UNO National Council of Negro Women, will showcase local businesses, organizations and entrepreneurs.

• **Friends of Underwood** — Organization seeking more engagement from community members in pursuit of brainstorming and implementing ways to make the Underwood community a better place to live and work. 7:30 p.m., Underwood City Hall.

• **Salvation Army Tree Lighting Ceremony featuring the Browns** — 6:30 p.m., Corps Community Center, 715 N. 16th St.

• **Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays** — 6:45 p.m., Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific St., Omaha, held in the church's memorial hall.

• **"Good Grief" Support Group** — 1 p.m., New Horizon Presbyterian Church, 30 Valley View Drive. Anyone grieving who wants to deal with the grieving process in a confidential setting. Call 712-323-7129.

• **Optimist Club of Council Bluffs** — 7 a.m., Madison Avenue Hy-Vee.

• **AI-Anon Family Group** — 10 a.m., The 500 Club, 410 S. 16th St.

• **Council Bluffs Rotary** — Noon, The Center, 714 S. Main St.

• **Tops Iowa 1263** — 5 to 6 p.m., Harmony Court. Use east door. Call Shirley at 712-642-3530 or Donna at 712-325-1783.

• **Council Bluffs MAD DADS** — 7 p.m., 133 W. Broadway. Call 712-328-0302.

• **Gamblers 12-Step Program** — 7 p.m., Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, 90th and Pacific Streets, Omaha. For 24-hour hotline, call 402-978-7899.

• **All Acoustic Music Jam** — 1 to 4 p.m., Western Historic Trails Center.

• **White Elephant Bingo** — 12:30 p.m., The Center.

• **Teen Gaming** — 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., Council Bluffs Public Library's Teen Central. Mix of board and video games for students in sixth through 12th grade. Call 712-323-7553.

• **Elks Lodge TGIF Dinner** — 6 to 8 p.m. Call 712-323-2589 for weekly menu.

• **Roller Skating** — UMBA Hall, Underwood. 7 to 8:30 p.m., open skating for fourth grade and below (parents may skate with children); 8:30 to 10 p.m., open skating for fifth grade and above. Cost \$4, skates included. No outside skates allowed. Cancelled if Underwood schools closed for weather or a holiday weekend. Call 712-566-2222 or 712-310-0935. Email lindajeanst07@gmail.com.

• **Southwest Iowa Narcotics Anonymous** — Noon, Let It Be, New Litehouse, 200 16th Ave.; 6:30 p.m., Just for Today, Faith Community Church, 2701 N. Eighth St., Red Oak; 7 p.m., Clean & Free Group, first floor McDermott building, 800 Mercy Drive; 8 p.m., Straight and Grateful, 309 Elm St., Atlantic; 8:30 p.m., Discovery Group Church of Christ, 714 Benson St., Omaha; 8:30 p.m., Rebellions, New Litehouse, 200 16th Ave.

• **Bingo** — 12:15 p.m., The Center, 714 S. Main St. Two to four cards for 25 cents each, plus white elephant gift.

• **Freedom Seekers AI-Anon** — 7:30 p.m., Broadway Christian Church, 2658 Ave. A.

• **Pickin' and Grinnin' Country Music Jam** — 6:30 to 9 p.m., Corn Crib restaurant, 12 East St., Shelby. Musicians and music lovers invited to a weekly jam session. Call the Corn Crib at 712-207-2676.

• **Pottawattamie County Relay for Life Craft/Vendor Fair** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Treynor Middle School, 102 E. Main St., Treynor. General admission is \$2; kids ages 2 and younger are admitted free. For more, contact amy.graber.rfl@gmail.com.

### FRIDAY

• **Chili Cook-off** — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., various venues on the 100 Block, with registration until 2 p.m. at the Rodeo Saloon. Donations of \$10 allow attendees to taste chili and vote. For more, find Council Bluffs 100 Block on Facebook.

• **A Holiday at Hogwarts** — Noon to 3 p.m., Fontenelle Forest, 1111 Bellevue Blvd North, Bellevue, Nebraska. All ages. \$5 per person for members, \$15 per person for non-members.

• **A Night at the Forbidden Forest** — 6 to 9 p.m., Fontenelle Forest, 1111 Bellevue Blvd North, Bellevue, Nebraska. Attendees must be 21 and older. Tickets, which include a drink ticket, are \$20 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. For more, find Fontenelle Forest on Facebook.

• **Southwest Iowa Adoption Support Group** — Call Tammie at 712-527-1932.

• **Living Well with Diabetes Support Group** — 10 a.m., Dundee Presbyterian Church, Underwood Avenue and Happy Hollow Boulevard, Omaha. Call 402-558-8060.

• **Treynor Optimist Club** — 8 a.m., Treynor Community Center.

• **Underwood Optimist Club** — 7:30 a.m., UMBA Hall.

• **Overeaters Anonymous** — 8:30 a.m., Douglas County Hospital, town hall meeting room, first floor, 42nd and Woolworth Streets, Omaha. Call Tracy at 402-551-9711. 10:30 a.m., Unity Church, 3424 N. 90th St., Omaha. Wheelchair accessible and child care provided. Call Dala at 402-210-3755.

• **Southwest Iowa Narcotics Anonymous** — 5 p.m., Saturday Serenity, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 812 Farnum St., Harlan; 6 p.m., On the Right Track, 515 E. Broadway; 8 p.m., Living Clean, 303 Walnut St., Shenandoah; 8:30 p.m., Rebellions, New Litehouse, 200 16th Ave.

• **Gamblers 12-Step Program** — 7 p.m., 354 N. 76th St., Omaha. For 24-hour hotline, call 402-978-7899.

• **Electric Music Jam** — Noon to 4 p.m., Western Historic Trails Center.

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# Shissler talks about museum plans at Rotary

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Dean Shissler, the new coordinator of the Nebraska City Museum Alliance, spoke to the Rotary Club on Nov. 1 about objectives and goals that the organization will be working on in the coming months.

Shissler described the new operational paradigm taking shape in museums across the country as “digital citizenship.” The term broadly signifies two primary aspects of a museum’s mission, namely, to forge an identity as a place, and to participate interactively in the life of the community.

The idea of giving museums a unique “personality” is not exactly new, Shissler said, but dates to 1969 with the founding of the Museum Computer Network. MCN developed the notion that a museum visit should be an experience in itself, something more than a series of history lectures.

The museum succeeds best when it is a participant in an open “conversation” with the public, rather than simply a “one-way funnel of information to a passive audience, where you take a big building, fill it with a collection, and package the story,” said Shissler. “That is not the formula anymore. There is no passive audience anymore. It’s an interactive experience.”

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## MUSEUM

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Shissler explained that this back-and-forth “transparency” between the public and the museum hinges on constructing a personal rather than an institutional interpretation of exhibits. The question museums should be asking its visitors is not, “Did you learn anything?” but

rather, “What experience did you have?”

“All of our museums here in town—museums anywhere—we exist to serve the public. If they’re not getting anything out of it, we’re not doing our job,” he said.

One way to make the museum experience more interactive is to tie the museum collection to current events, Shissler said, for example, asking questions about Civil War history using Facebook. “It’s one of the easiest ones to do [for certain kinds of museums] because it’s a bit of a contentious topic...you can ask questions about that history pertaining to current social events, things that are happening in the news, and get a response back.” Whether positive or negative, it’s an interaction people will remember.

Interactive displays, online resources, and digital collections with searchable databases are some of the ways museums can facilitate the conversational approach. Shissler described an idea in the works for the Firefighters Museum in Nebraska City to install a touch-screen exhibit showing video of interviews with firefighters who were actually at the EnTire fire when it exploded, right next to the charred gear

from the fire, such as a helmet embedded with shrapnel from the explosion.

There are other important ways of creating interactivity, said Shissler, like distance learning, which is “increasingly important and increasingly easy, and all museums should do it.” Personalization of computer voices and a sense of levity are also small but valuable components of creating a genuine sense of interactivity or conversation.

Shissler closed by reviewing some of what’s coming up in Nebraska City museums, including Christmas décor at the Wildwood Historical Center, a fall speaker series at the Kregel Windmill Factory Museum, taxidermy of nearly every animal species native to Nebraska at The Nature Center, and an interactive keelboat video game at the Lewis and Clark Visitors Center.

Shissler earned a B.A. in History and Political Science from Peru State College in 2016, and was president of the Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society. He is currently working on a masters degree in Arts and History at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, majoring in 19th-century American history.