

GLYNN'S GAZETTE

Available in color on our Iowa Awana web page.

*CALLING ALL COMMANDERS, OR BETTER YET, YOU ARE ASKED TO
CALL RON AT
515-432-9658*

Hello to ALL COMMANDERS.

One of Ron's GOALS for this year is to TALK to a Commander from every church in Iowa that has Awana as part of its ministry.

SO WE ARE INVITING YOU TO CALL HIM.

When you call, you might reach his answering machine. If you do, please leave a message telling him who you are, what church you are with, and your phone number. HE WILL CALL YOU BACK when he gets a minute.

Why would you call him? Well, he has a lot to share with you, and he desires to know all the Commanders in Iowa **better**.

Also, to make it fun for you, Ron will be offering prizes to some Commanders who do call.

This could also be a great time to invite him to come re-train your leaders.

Congratulations Iowa Citation Award Earners 2010

Susan Duke--Campus Baptist Church-Ames, Tiffany A. Holt--Faith Bible-Robins

Andrew Miller--Calvary Baptist-Forest City, Madelaine Elliott--Bethel Church-Boone

Kayla Hartgers--First Baptist-Colfax, Cassie Ellsbury--Evangelical Covenant Church-Des Moines

Macey Goodwin--Evangelical Covenant Church-Des Moines, Stephanie Elisabeth Brooks--Parkview E. Free-Iowa City

Judah Jared Walker--Parkview E. Free-Iowa City, David Richard Derfield--Burton Ave. Baptist-Waterloo

Diana Christine Derifield--Burton Ave. Baptist-Waterloo, Abigail Haynes--Faith Baptist-Hampton

Check out the Awana national web page for a list of Christian schools that offer scholarships for Timothy Award earners and above!

WHERE ARE THE WEB WATCHERS?

We have sent out countless newsletters and made requests from pulpits asking EVERY AWANA CLUB to e-mail our Iowa Awana web master with the name of one person who has access

to the web. This is the fastest, most economical way for us to let the churches know what is happening with the Awana ministry in Iowa. As I type this, we only have approximately 70% of the

churches who have done this. If you have not, **you are missing out.** Please, sign up NOW by sending Ron an email telling him who you are and what church you are from.

Please visit our NEW PARTNER WEB PAGE and Join our Support Team!

You can find our web page at
<http://awanainternational.org/goto/Awanalowa>
(edited from our new Partner Web page)

Partner with Ron and Claudine Glynn



Reaching the NEXT generation with the Gospel.

OUR MINISTRY

The Glynn's presently minister (with the help of a large volunteer team..... called the Ministry Team AND DONORS LIKE YOU) to over 205 churches in Iowa that are registered to use the Awana ministry.

Ron was the most decorated department head in the history of Hy-Vee Food Stores when presented with the opportunity to become an Awana missionary. He asked himself this question, "Do I want to devote the rest of my life to selling one more head of lettuce or reaching one more boy or girl for Christ?"

The answer was obvious. He and his wife Claudine have been the Awana faith-supported missionary couple for Iowa since December 1994.

Our Need and Challenge to You

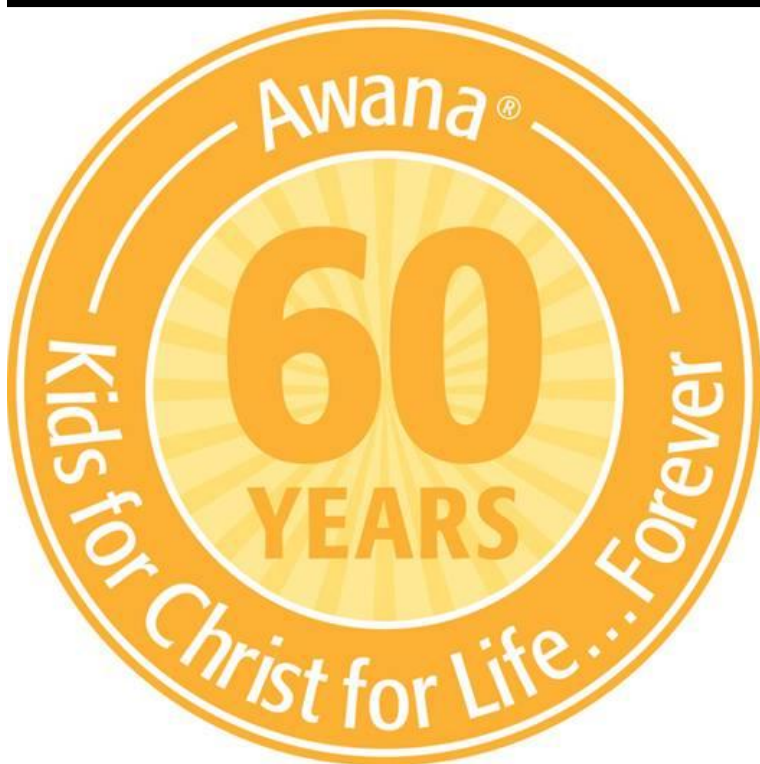
As you can see, we cannot do this ministry alone. Along with Ministry Team Members, we need Ministry Partners to be prayer and financial supporters. You can change lives and make a difference for children, youth, and families in Iowa and around the world. The impact you can have is immeasurable . . . eternal. Through Awana, you can bless others with the knowledge and power of Christ, so that they may come to have a personal relationship with Him. It is an investment that will last forever.

To meet our budget, we need to raise about an additional \$10,000 in the next 4 months. The coming summer is an exceptionally difficult time for us. Many people wonder what we do during the summer since they don't have Awana during those months. Summer is actually one of our busiest times; many churches want to start Awana for the first time, others need refresher training, we have conferences and leader support meetings to prepare for, etc. Giving is down during these months, but travel and other expenses increase. Any dollar amount is appreciated. We are looking for some to accept the challenge to invest \$100 a month in our ministry (after supporting their local church's ministry first).

Our Challenge to You

Click "Make a Donation" when you visit our web page for real.

You can also help us in two big ways, by taking a few minutes to spread the word. First of all, when you visit the web page, please click on **TELL A FRIEND ABOUT** and send your family and friends an email to help us spread the word! This great tool will allow you to introduce us to people you know. Would you also take a few minutes to write a short story of how you know us, and email it to the people you know that we don't (a link to this page will automatically be included when you visit the web page), and watch your faith pledge multiply! Secondly, at the top of this web page, you can click on **SHARE**, and post this page on Facebook or Twitter!



Events 2011

All the information you need to know to be involved in AwanaGames and/or Bible quiz are now on our internet page.

Because of legal changes this year you will be required to watch a webinar (that is on the web page) in order to get a registration forms.

So check it out today don't miss out.

Did you know Ron even has a sermon he gave on the Iowa Web page so you can hear it? Check it out!

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(68 churches have used Awana as part of their ministry for more than 25 years.)**

We also are offering for your story about your churches many years of Awana ministry to featured in the next Glynn's Gazette. In fact, as few of these we are printing anymore (because of cost and the E-news network) we probably would be better saying, "Please send of stories about what the Awana ministry has meant to your church and we will send a few of the best ones out over the e-news network to encourage others". So all you writers here is your chance to be published.

Why Hasn't Ron Visited Our Church in a While?

Ron goes where he is invited.

With 200+ churches in Iowa, he cannot visit every active Awana club every year. HOWEVER, there is SKYPE, cell phone calls, and Webinars. So, if Ron has not been to your church, feel free to invite him to come or setup a call or a Skype visit.

He does budget 51 cents a mile for club visits so he can visit clubs throughout the year.

If Ron did visit your club last year, you must wait until after January 1, 2011, to invite him back. This allows new churches a chance to invite him before his schedule gets filled up. Ron also does trainings throughout the year. Wednesdays fill up fast, but if your club could use a booster shot of training and motivation, we can always do it on a Tuesday or Thursday.

CLAUDINE'S CORNER

Ministry. . . It takes all of us!



This is my space where I can share from my heart to yours. I'll tell family secrets, special stories, and family news.

First, I want to say thank you to each and every one for your prayers, your support, the gas cards, and personal gifts we have received. I wish I could give you all a hug. Thank you for clicking onto the Awana web site and clicking on Grandma Claudine's corner, to see pictures of ALL our **adorable** grandbabies.

Our 5 grandbabies at Christmas waiting for number 6. He came December 29th...see below.

Brendan, Joseph, Leslie
Born to Dan & Emily
on
December 29th, 2010
Weight:7lbs. 12oz
20 inches long



We were blessed to witness his arrival into the world. The gift of a child is a treasure! We are so grateful and thankful for a safe delivery. We continue to keep the new family in our prayers, the adjustment of one more, their health, rest and spiritual growth in the Lord.

BIG SISTER TAYLOR almost 4 years old.

Not to forget Gavin at age 20 months. Who can't say Grandma, so it is ME..ME. Taylor loves being in Cubbies. T is pretty protective (concerning Brendan) just can't understand where his teeth are and why can't he walk yet? She said, "I can teach him don't worry, mommy".



PROUD GRANDPARENTS

We were all able to celebrate a family Christmas together. Everyone was able to come and it was GREAT! Maybe a little bit loud, we made a joyful noise to the Lord, and we did! Pa Pa read the Christmas story . We had five little ones all under the age of 4yr. That only says Jesus Loves Me This I Know, something like that.. Ron and I came home and took a nap. Zack just turned 4 and Taylor will turn 4 at the end of the month, wow how time has flown by. We are so thankful we can be an active part of their lives.

My mom and Ron's folks are in Texas for the winter. My mom is recovering from a blood clot in her leg. We were thankful it didn't travel anywhere and is getting her strength back. I will go see her and help her celebrate her 81st birthday in Feb. Ron's parents were able to see Sight and Sound in Branson the Christmas Story and Loved it and on their way home want to stop again at Sight and Sound and see Noah, what a fabulous story.

Again, we say "Thank-you " to you our extended family , your prayers, support, and love. God bless each and everyone.

January 1, 2011

From: Dan Schopf, Gold Certified Commander (Graduate CC 301)

Dear PASTORS AND COMMANDERS!

Consider this your personal invitation to attend Commander College 101 (CC 101) AND COMMANDERS COLLEGE 201 (CC201) at Hidden Acres, Dayton Iowa on Aug 4-7th, 2011.

SAVE THE DATE.....Make plans NOW to attend.

It is important at times to step back, so that we can be refreshed, refined and reminded as we minister for Jesus Christ. Commander College is an opportunity to get ready for the new club year. Commanders, both experienced and new, young and old have found it an invaluable event. Speaking from my experience, it has changed the way I lead my club and has given me new tools and a network of men and women of like mind in the work of the Lord. Commander College will refresh you through real life contact with other commanders who face the same challenges, thrills and heartaches you do. Imagine being in a room with thirty to fifty men and women of God, spending time in prayer, fellowship and sharing as you hear the heart and passion of national Awana leaders. Larry Fowler the inventor of Commanders College is scheduled to be one of our featured teachers. Commander College will refine your skills as a Commander. Did you know there are six roles a commander has in club? We will look at each one, not based on what somebody thinks, but based on what God's Word teaches. We will look at Shepherding while we study John 10 and Leading as we examine Nehemiah, but those are just two of the roles we will refine. Commander College will remind you of the importance and priority of evangelism (Know), discipleship (Love) and service (Serve). Do you ever ask, "Is it worth it?" These four days are like going to Bible camp, or to an evangelistic crusade, and you will be changed as you allow the Holy Spirit to apply what you will learn.

We will be posting more info shortly on the Iowa Awana web page at <http://iowaawanahomepage.homestead.com/>. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Glynn at (515) 432-9658 or by email at rong@awana.org. You can also contact Dan and Kari Schopf at (515) 965-5406 or by email at schopfdm@msn.com.

In Calvary's Shadow,
Dan Schopf

Co-Director Commander College 101 (AND 201) and a Gold certified Iowa Awana Commander

COMMANDER COLLEGE 101 AND 201 ~ AUGUST 4-7TH 2011
Hidden Acres Christian Center • August 4-7th, 2011 • Registration Info will be found shortly on
the Iowa Awana web page

HI, I'M, **CAPPY**. I'M WAITING TO HELP YOUR CLUB ON THE AWANA "ART" WEB SIGHT. FIND ME THERE!



Check out the NEW Awana online short videos that are now on the "ART" link on the Awana.org web page. The videos will be changing approximately once a month. These videos are just one of the ways Awana can help your club. These videos are provided FREE as part of the services Awana provides with your registration fees.

If I were a Commander, I would be showing these

videos at all my leader meetings.

Cappy says, "Why come to Club Clinic?"

Does your club need a boost? A fresh infusion of energy? A new way of thinking?

Club Clinic is designed to strengthen the health of your Awana club. And we all know that every club can grow in its health and effectiveness!

At Club Clinic you will find short, interactive training

to address common club challenges – all online! Whether you are a pastor, commander, director, leader, secretary or game director, visit often and explore new topics as they are added to Club Clinic every several weeks! A regular dose of VitaPaks will reinforce great principles and provide fresh ideas for your club!

SPARKS CAMP-A-RAMA



SPARKS CAMP 6 / 5 / 2010

2010 marked the 12th year of Iowa Sparks Camp-A-Rama.

Check our web page for more info on the 2011 camp!

Wow, we had another GREAT Sparks Camp-A-Rama. We had 103 campers and their ALP (adult leader or parents) who all had a great day. The weather was raining before we started but it stopped just in time, and started again as we were leaving camp. We had campers from all over Iowa. We also were honored to have the Awana Missionaries that live in North Dakota, the Nies's. The Nies's were encouraged and inquisitive about the camp. (Only about four Awana Missionaries hold a Sparks camp.) In fact, our Ministry Team offered to help them get a camp off the ground and going in their area. They are praying about it.

Plan now to let your second-grade clubbers know about camp this winter, so they will have another reason to finish their books this club year.

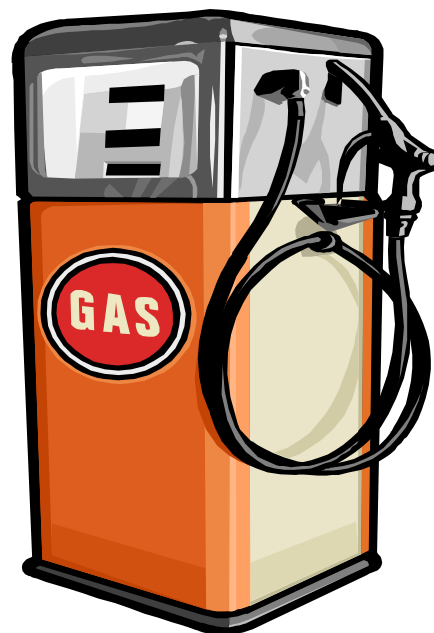
Adopt-A-Club

There are sixty-five Awana Clubs overseas supported by churches and families in Iowa through the Adopt-A-Club ministry.

One church supports six clubs.

Approximately eight years ago there were only 38!

CHANGE PROJECT 2009-2010 GAS FOR GLYNN'S



Some of you have asked how the annual **Change Project** went for this year.

Well, we have gotten approval to keep it as part of our ministry every year: "Gas Cards for Glynn's."

We know some of you again this year collected change, holding competitions, promoting our ministry to your clubbers.

We would like to give a heart-felt thanks to everyone who invested in our ministry this way.

At the time of printing, you raised over 1000 gallons of gas.

THANK YOU!

**Yes, we are doing it again
this club year!**

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Welcome to The National Bible Bee

The vision of The National Bible Bee is to encourage parents as they disciple their children through in-depth study of the Word of God, Scripture memorization, and prayer.

The Shelby Kennedy Foundation (Sponsor of the Bible Bee) wants as many clubbers as possible to participate and be encouraged, recognized, and rewarded for delving into God's Word, Scripture memorization, and prayer. The only limitation is the number of local Hosts who will, with the help of a comprehensive "Host Tool Kit," organize and conduct local Bible Bees throughout the nation. It's not too late to become a Host, but Contestant enrollment has already opened, so please don't wait! Get complete details, volunteer, and/or enroll your children at www.BibleBee.org today!

Jack Eggar (Awana's President and CEO) fully endorses the Bible Bee and, in fact, is a member of the Shelby Kennedy Board of Advisors. He was personally involved in last year's National Bible Bee Contest. This year's National Bee, with prizes again totaling \$260,000, will be held in Schaumburg, Illinois, practically next door to Awana Headquarters, and will include the second annual Bible Bee family discipleship convention! You won't want to miss it, whether your child qualifies to advance from your local Bee to the National Bee or not!

Contestants' kits with memory verse cards, age-specific Bible study material, two Parent's Guides, and many other items can be found on their web page, so please check the map at www.BibleBee.org to find the local Bee near you. If there isn't one, don't let the families in your area miss this opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and hide God's powerful word in their hearts...join with a few of your Awana parent friends and host a Bee! You will be blessed!

DATES TO REMEMBER

January Events

Bible Quiz

January 21, 2011
Campus Baptist, Ames

Bible Quiz

January 22, 2011
Federated Church, Bondurant

Bible Quiz

January 28, 2011
Mulford E. Free Church, Muscatine

Bible Quiz

January 29, 2011
Burton Avenue Baptist Church,
Waterloo

February Events

Bible Quiz

February 5, 2011
Northgate Alliance Church,
Ottumwa

Bible Quiz

February 19, 2011
Calvary Baptist Church, Forest City

Bible Quiz

February 25, 2011
Morningside Bible Church,
Sioux City

Bible Quiz

February 26, 2011
Midlands E. Free Church,
Council Bluffs

March Events

Awana Games

March 5, 2011
Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny

Awana Games

March 12, 2011
Northwestern College, Orange City

Awana Games

Possible Eastern Iowa if we have interest.

In Chicago

March 5-8, 2011
Summit 2011 (the Ultimate High
School Awana Experience)
and the 60th Anniversary of Awana
Celebration.

To find out more, visit the link
below:

<http://www.24-7ministries.net/limits/summit/>

April Events

May Events

Awana Cubs game: date to be
posted on our web sight.

June Events

Will be posted on our web sight
soon.

July Events

August Events

Commander College 101 and 201
August 4-7, 2011
Featured Teacher:
Commander College Creator,
Larry Fowler
Hidden Acres Christian Center,
Dayton, Iowa

Please check out our web page
for further dates.

You can also find out what is
happening in Iowa, Minnesota,
Nebraska, and the Dakota's by
visiting our central district web
page at
[http://
www.northcentralawana.org/](http://www.northcentralawana.org/)

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT ALL THE NEW TOOLS AWANA HAS ADDED TO THE AWANA TOOL BOX LATELY?

Recently Ron was talking to a pastor in an Awana church and he had to admit he had not kept up on all the new tools Awana had come out with to help the local church in the last two years or so.

Ron assured the pastor it was very understandable. It 's hard for Ron to keep up...and he does Awana 24/7.

Here are just a few of the **NEW** tools in the Awana tool box. If you want to

know more about any of these new tools, just go to the Awana web page at www.awana.org .

The NEW Basic training ..and the new re-tooled role books.

The Gospel Wheel has a verse added.

The online classes being offered on the ART web sight.

Awana at Home.

The new re-tooled T&T books

and awards.

Commander College 101 and 201 being offered in Iowa at the same location at the same time, August 2011.

Re-tooled T&T books FOR ADULTS.

The Master Threads program that can be taught to parents or as a Sunday School program.

WATCH YOUR SUPPLIES!
(Let the warehouse be the warehouse).

Awana is always changing ministry supplies in an effort to stay relevant. The message does not change, but the methods have to. If you think Awana changes things too often, just think how many times you change cell phones. Anybody still carrying a "BAG cell phone" on their back? (That was my first cell phone.)

AWANA, IOWA CUBS GAME

May 22, 2010, was a day a lot of us will remember for a long time!

On that day we had over 340 Awana people attending the Iowa Cubs game.

It will also be remembered

because of the great fellowship.

We will have to let you know the date when we get it set for 2011.

Yep, Awana headquarters people from Streamwood in the Chicago area came to the game again this year.

This will make the ?? year we have done this.



A Cubbie meets a Sparky at the Iowa Cubs Game.

WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWN!



Where will the next Awana Missionary come from? Maybe he, or she, is in your club NOW.

Maybe he, or she, is **NOT in your club** because you have not invited them to come.

Maybe the next Awana Missionary is in your club, **POSSIBLY YOUR HOUSE?**

WANTED: AWANA MISSIONARIES CALLED BY HIM.
Awana needs missionaries all over the USA, **NOW!!**

VERSE HELPER

Check out this web page that an IOWA Awana church put on their web page. They have given us permission to tell you about it. It may help your VISUAL learners.

http://showcase.netins.net/web/awanapmc/Choose_A_Level.shtml



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Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for the 16 (so far) **new churches** that have registered to start using Awana in this club year.

For more people to partner with us and join our support team. We finished the 2009-2010 club year in the **RED**. Our support for the year was down 10% so we limited our travel (the largest controllable expense we have) by 10%.

Please pray for our new grandbaby that he not only grow physically in the coming years but spiritually as well.

Please pray for the 16 news Awana Clubs that started this fall.

This is Why We All Do What We Do for HIS Ministry! (edited from a church newsletter)

On the last night of Awana, three T&T clubbers accepted Christ. One of our families has two boys in T&T who invited friends this year and both of them got saved. Then one of our T&T girls brought a friend and she got saved the same night. Right after she was saved, this little girl said, "Now we need to go home and talk to your mom and grandma about getting saved." What a heart for the lost! We could all take lessons from her. We had our Awana Awards Night the following Wednesday night followed by an ice cream sundae fellowship. Two weeks later we were able to light the candle because one of our first graders had been witnessing to a little girl at the Y for the past month. On this one Tuesday night, her mom noticed them sitting knee to knee in quite a discussion and then they bowed their heads and prayed. Children seem to have a way of showing us adults how easy it is to share the Gospel and witness to others.

Awana Videos on YouTube

If you are not using the Awana videos on YouTube you are missing a GREAT tool to help your ministry. You can find them at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8dKRF2RKHY&feature=related>
There are presently 11 on YouTube. Search "Awana1950" to find "official" Awana ones.

Here is another tool that will help your club stay organized.

It is to go to our State of Iowa web page at www.awanaia.org and sign up on the Awana E-news link. You will get information sent directly to you pertaining to Awana, such as approaching deadlines, etc. E-news bulletins are sent out as needed. We sent out over 50 last year.

DATED MATERIAL PLEASE OPEN NOW!!!!!!