

Festivities

A Monthly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Festival City, Stratford

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"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time."

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Golden Oldies
Festival of Performing Arts
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The ELIMINATE Project



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May Birthdays

Gord Spandler 09/29
Brian Taylor 12/40
Denny Mason 17/32

May Wedding Anniversary

Chuck and Dorothy Ryde 24/51

No May Club Anniversaries

Golden Oldies Dates

May 11 Hillside 2:00 P.M.
May 25 Brunner 2:00 P.M.

Future Programs

May 01 The Eliminate Project
PLG Shelley Des Coates
May 08 Shakespeare Festival
Pat Quigley
May 15 "Glenwood" 175 John St.,N.
Bill Magill
May 22 Annual General Meeting
Followed by Round Table
Evening Annual Banquet
Community of Christ
Meet: 5:00 P.M.
Dinner: 5:30 P.M.
May 29 TBA June 5 TBA

Aktion Club Notes

Thanks to all in the Festival City Club who volunteered their time, and contributed and/or purchased items at the April 14th Garage Sale at Central United Church. \$1500 was raised with \$300 going to The Eliminate Project. Treasurer Gerald Adair will present the cheque to PLG Shelley Des Coates at the May 1 meeting.

Apr. 14 Division 5 Caucus Meeting

-9 of the 12 Clubs attended.

-LG John Patterson 2nd quarter award went to the Brantford Club, followed up by Elmira and Paris. Brantford was commended for membership growth.

-a power point presentation by Special Hockey International encouraged Kiwanis participation in March 12-14 tournament in Kitchener. They expect 50+ teams from U.S., U.K. and Canada to participate with a \$200,000 budget.

-Jim Schwindt of the Elmira Club was elected Lieutenant Governor Designate for Division 5. Jim was born in 1949, received engineering degree from U of W, and recently retired from his construction business. Followed father's footsteps into Kiwanis. Also involved in scouting soccer and hockey.

-PLG JoAnne Murray spoke of the four District Committees – Finance,; Membership, Growth & Retention; Visibility & Awareness and Education.

-There was a concern about whether or not Clubs receive communications from Kiwanis International and the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District.

-Officers of Clubs were encouraged to go into the KI and EC&C websites weekly for up-to-date information.

-The Elmira Club is spending \$500 to investigate the feasibility of purchasing an inflatable float for the Division.

-Nomination Forms for various awards to be presented at the New Orleans Convention were distributed.

-PLG Shelley Des Coates is collecting Clothing, School Supplies and Books for presentation to the children at Nightingale House on May 16th during her attendance at the District Convention in Barbados.

-Clubs are expected to hold their Annual Meeting and send their election results to KI by the middle of May.

As of April 24, donations for The Eliminate Project to the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada are \$1 165.

Thought of the Day

"No one could make a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little." -

Edmund Burke

Kiwanis One Day

The Kiwanis Golden Oldies broke the mold of usually performing on Fridays to visit Ritz Villa in Mitchell on Saturday, April 21. It was good to see Gavin and Emily there to be involved with the meeting and greeting of the residents.

April 24 Board Meeting Notes

-Nine members were present including all of the Directors. Due to the convalescence of President Dennis Savage and the holidaying of President Elect Tom Hodgins, Vice President Ron Fischer chaired the meeting.

-In the last month, 193 volunteer hours were recorded by 21 members of the Club.

-Treasurer Hollie Archer reported a net loss on our Prayer Breakfast. It was approved that next year the fee for attendance will be \$4.00.

-It was approved that the cost per plate at the Annual Dinner on May 22 will be \$25. Ken Moorehead will extend an invitation to the Kiwins. John Lekx will confirm the attendance of the Festival Youth

Singers. Ron Fischer will extend an invitation to LG John and Nancy Patterson.

-It was determined to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation on May 22 followed by the Round Table to discuss the health of the Club and suggest programming for next year.

-In the absence of President Elect Tom Hodgins, Vice President Ron Fischer will chair a meeting of the Nominating Committee (past presidents of the Club).to determine a slate of Officers and Directors in preparation for the AGM.

-It was agreed to let LG Tom Patterson know that we are willing to host the July 7 Division 5 Caucus Meeting at Central United Church. The Board appointed an Arrangements Committee of John Lekx, Glen Muma, Hollie Archer, Ron Fischer chaired by Richard Ferguson. The participants each provide \$10. The Committee provides accommodation, refreshments on arrival and during a morning break as well as lunch.

-John Lekx will poll the Club members to see if there is interest to attend a comedy matinee at the Drayton Playhouse on August. 15

-The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche, commented

"Some time ago I visited Slovenia, the little country in the former Yugoslavia with a population of about two million. Their government had welcomed tens of thousands of refugees from Bosnia and I was able to visit one of the refugee camps. The camp was a fenced-off area for a few hundred people, most of them Muslim. They had nothing to do all day but sit around and talk. They had sunk into complete apathy.

I was struck by the indifference of the local population towards these refugees. There were no physical walls between the camp and them but the psychological wall was enormous. If we try to help just a little bit, we find ourselves completely overwhelmed by the needs of people, so it seems necessary to leave them in their misery. In every country, there are situations similar to the one I saw in that refugee camp in Slovenia."

We see some of this when we visit nursing homes.