

January 23, 2012 Meeting Highlights

Announcements

☛ **Mary Margaret MacInnes** gave an update on this year's Kiwanis Music Festival assignments. Please see Community Service for more details. There are fewer festival entries this year and there will be no classes at John English School.

☛ **Bruce Burns** reported that he sold hams from Rotary and raised \$85 for our Kiwanis club.

☛ **Debbie Hardy** thanked Jim Paradine, Frank Sgarlata and Bill Stuart for helping with the January Bloor Donor Clinic.

MEMBERS NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bob Chapman, February 20
Gwen Brison, February 21
Shirley Hall, February 26
Margaret Rutledge, February 27

OUR CONDOLENCES

Dan Gallo's brother, Carmen, passed away. We offer our sincere condolences to Dan and his family.

Special Presentation

Frank Sgarlata introduced **Patty Atchison**, Manager of Foster Care Services with Bridgeway Family Homes. Patty gave an overview of foster care in Ontario and the work of Bridgeway.

In Ontario 17,000 children are involved with 53 Children's Aid organizations. There are 8,000 children, ages 0 to 18 in foster homes as crown wards. Private foster care such as Bridgeway specializes in the care of hard to place children. Since 1988 Bridgeway has cared for 2,000 children.

The number one reason that children are apprehended is due to parental drug addiction. Other reasons are mental health issues and lack of resources. It is everyone's responsibility to report cases of suspected child abuse and neglect.

The first priority after a child is apprehended is to work with the family to try to help the situation. Most discharges are back to the parents or family. New legislation means that even though the biological parent has access rights the child can be adopted. The courts determine the visitation access.

Frank thanked Patty for her presentation and for all her good work with children.

\$ HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS \$

- Don MacInnes is happy that Alberta Craft is back after her recovery.
- Alberta is happy to have celebrated her birthday.

Community Service

One Can Make a Difference

KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2012

Brockton High School
Please arrive 30 minutes before the start time.

Tuesday, February 21st • 10:00 – 3:00

Peter Clarkson, Bev Best, John Bedell

Wednesday, February 22nd • 10:00 – 3:00

Jim Paradine, Don MacInnes, John Dods

Friday, February 24th • 9:30 – 3:00

Bo Fleischman, Bill Lejbjuk, Ted Scott

Monday, February 27th • 10:00 – 2:30

Mary Margaret MacInnes, Marj Paradine*, Fran Parkin* (*Friends of the Festival)

Wednesday, February 29th • 10:30 – 2:00

Margaret Rutledge, Bruce Burns, Peter Clarkson

Thursday, March 1st • 10:00 – 3:00

Frank Sgarlata, Joe Polito, Clark Mills

Friday, March 2nd • 10:00 – 3:00

Bev Best, Peter Clarkson, Mary Margaret MacInnes

In Memory of John Briers

It is with sadness that we inform club members of the passing of John Briers. John was a Kiwanis member since 1980. President 1988-89, Lt. Gov. Division 7 from 1992-1993, EC&C Market Director 1991-95 and Charter President of Credit Valley 1995-96 and an Honorary Member.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday February 6 • 12:15 p.m.
Stonegate Community Ministry
Rev. Linda Dixon

Monday February 13 • 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting
Kingsway-Lambton United Church,
85 The Kingsway

FEBRUARY 20 - FAMILY DAY
NO MEETING

Monday February 27 • 12:15 p.m.
INTERCLUB
Counterfeit Money
The Role of the Bank of Canada
Our New Plastic Money
Manuel Parreira, Senior Regional
Representative for the Bank of
Canada

Monday March 12 • 12:15 p.m.
St. Patty's Day Party
Barnaby Ross

Monday March 19 • 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting
Kingsway-Lambton United Church,
85 The Kingsway

Children are one third of our population and all of our future. ~Select Panel for the Promotion of Child Health, 1981