



Serving the Children of the World

November 2021 Newsletter

Kiwanis One Day at GlobalMedic

On October 23, **Samantha, Lincoln, Andre, Gillian** (in the morning) and **Stuart** (in the afternoon) proudly packed over **1050 Emergency Food Kits**, destined for Syria, at **GlobalMedic**!

Please click to see the video link here or via Dropbox



This was our first in-person group event since the pandemic began, and it felt amazing to get together with others who are determined to change the world!



Our team of 15 per shift gathered as part of <u>Kiwanis One Day</u>, and over 3 hours we prepared and packed the kits with 3 bags of rice, 3 bags of chickpeas, 2 bags of red lentils, and 2 bags of green lentils.The Club also donated \$400 to GlobalMedic.

GlobalMedic is a charity that provides disaster relief and life-saving humanitarian aid. GlobalMedic's goal has always been to get the right aid to the right people at the right time.



Thank you **GlobalMedic** for being incredible hosts and for giving us this opportunity to help the hungry in Syria! And thank you to **Stuart, Andre, Gillian, Lincoln, and Samantha**, who always volunteer in our Club on events ranging from making sandwiches to packing backpacks to creating food kits on Kiwanis Day One, and who represent the true meaning of what it is to be a Kiwanian!









50 Lunches for Hungry Kids

On October 18th, Stuart, Samantha and Lincoln, and Andre and Gillian shopped for, prepared, and delivered 50 lunches for hungry kids! Jessica of the Rexdale Hub expressed how grateful the youth programs were to receive our donations. These lunches, made up of chicken and cheese sandwich, a piece of fruit, and a sweet treat, will be shared between the youngsters who are identified in need of extra food support in the Albion Neighbourhood Youth Programs and the Boys and Girls Club. Arrangements were already in place for counsellors to collect our lunches within the hour of our drop off and distribute them.



Thanksgiving Meals for Good Shepherd

Kiwanis Kingsway Humber has been very proactive in partnership with the youth chefs at Thistletown Collegiate Institute to provide meals to Good Shepherd Ministry, and Elisa House Women' Shelter, in time for Thanksgiving. Our club provided funding, and Gill and Andre helped with the deliveries.

Thistletown C.I., under the guidance of Chef Keith Hoare, is teaching their culinary students skills in cooking, budget, time management, presentation, safety and health regulations, and well-deserved pride, that a small team can use their skills, dedication and experience to make a difference to those living with food insecurity.



Kiwanians Together!

Kiwanians from Kingsway Humber! It was a chance for the Dugas Family to enjoy lunch with Rosemary and Bev Best before they spend winter months in Arizona.

When Gillian and Andre Dugas moved to Etobicoke it was the Best Family that reached out to welcome them to Kiwanis Kingsway Humber (and Bev took Lincoln's first school photo back in Pre-Kindergarten!). Thanks for the many stays at the Best cottage, holidays together in Florida and Arizona, and all the lunches, dinners and boat rides, and the many hours fundraising for Kiwanis projects.



This photo was a taken a few weeks ago at a wonderful lunch together. Since that time, Bev had a fall and is currently in the hospital with a brain bleed and broken hip. He is scheduled for surgery at St. Mike's this Friday.

We send our sincere wishes for a speedy recover to Bev.

Guest Speaker, Wendy Rading, of Arts Etobicoke

Our November speaker was Wendy Rading, Executive Director of Arts Etobicoke.

Arts Etobicoke strives to build a healthy and vibrant community, engage community members, and support artists. Its goal is to ignite artistic imagination, and to encourage the creation, participation, and exploration of arts. Arts Etobicoke was founded in 1973 as a united voice for the Arts community. Over the years, it has adapted to changing needs, to provide accessible art, hold Park Parties, community led Arts programs, and offer accessible arts programs to those in low income communities.



EDGE: Youth Art Show is Arts Etobicoke's annual art show for high school students. Each year around 200 exhibits of students' art is on display over 2 weeks. In recent years, EDGE has been held in ArtScape YoungPlace for an elevated experience for youth to have their art exhibited. Each work of art is labelled with the artist's name, their teacher and school. Wendy describes the quality of work as 'outstanding and inspiring'.

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EDGE is a non-juried event, and teachers can register up to 8 students' works. Each artist has the opportunity to receive professional critiques of their piece and talk with other artists about their work. There are two awards given out during the event: People's Choice Award and Artists Award. In 2021, the People's Choice Award was voted through online curated galleries that visitors could create from a selection of 300 pieces. This 'curate your own exhibition' was a fun way to highlight your favouite works of arts across a theme. Works that were chosen more than once in different online visitors' galleries became eligible for the People's Choice Award. You can visit the 2021 online gallery <u>here</u>.



Introspection Ink,

by Zach Daneman • School: Northern Secondary School

A study of the divide between reality and self perception.

People's Choice Award Winner 2021

This year will be the 25th anniversary of EDGE: Youth Art Show! It is hoped that the event will be spread across 3 weeks (to better comply with pandemic rules), will have online workshops and professional development opportunities, and that it can be a combination of online and in person exhibitions.

Bo has been a passionate supporter of Arts EDGE and has faithfully attended every event over the past 25 years – never missing a single exhibition, even when it went online last year! Bo is looking forward to opening night 2022!

There have been operational cuts from the City of Toronto, and Arts EDGE is relying on donor support to help make this year's show possible. Our Club made a \$2,000 donation in support of EDGE, and Wendy thanked us for our Club's support which is 'incredibly appreciated, this year more than ever".

Upcoming Events

*Friday, November 26th: help prepare 80 Peanut butter & jam sandwiches for the hungry at Vea'ahvta.

*Saturday, November 20th: come cheer on the Kingsway Kings when the Toronto Power Wheelchair Hockey League resumes play. More information to come.

*Food Hampers for Women's Habitat: Please consider creating hampers filled with essentials for women-led families in need. Contact Gillian for more details.





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