

February 6, 2017 Meeting Highlights

Announcements

☛ **Dan Gallo** introduced two organizers from the parking lot project. He presented a cheque to **Joe Polito** from the parking fee revenues.

☛ **Barnaby Ross** reported that he and **Horace Knight** will represent the club as delegates at the Ottawa Convention, May 18th to 21st.

Welcome Guests

Welcome to:

Barbara and Linda from the Parking Project; Key Clubs from Etobicoke School of the Arts, Father John Redmond and Martin Grove Schools; Faculty Advisors Susan Longo and Marylou Hurley; Dave Dryden and his granddaughter, Jennifer; Gord Glanfield from Stonegate Ministries and Jas from Staples on the Queensway.

MEMBERS NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Christina Scott, March 10
 Mabs Smith, March 22
 Jane Rucchetto, March 29
 Ted Scott, March 31
 Marjorie Paradine, April 1

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jane & Gabe Rucchetto, March 29
 Myra & Derek Jeffery, April 2

Special Presentation

Dave Dryden, CEO of Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW), reported on the work that his dad, Murray, began 47 years ago. It started in an orphanage in India with 50 bed kits. Since then 1.6 million kits have been distributed.

The kits contain clothing, bedding and school supplies. SCAW sources the items for their bed kits locally, to try and help countries be more self-sustaining. Each country gets a different kit depending on needs. In Uganda a pail is an important item so the kits are packed into a pail. Every dollar donated goes into the kits. A legacy fund set up by Dave's parents pays for the administration costs and volunteers pay their own expenses.

You never know the long term effects of the kits. SCAW volunteers followed up a year later in India and found all items well used except for a blanket, which remained folded with the labels attached. The parents were saving it for the girl's dowry!

Arthur Scauzillo introduced **Sarah** and **Angelina** from Father Redmond Key Club. They reported on their Christmas Drive for refugee families, giving gift cards to 26 families from Syria and one from Africa. They presented a \$1000 cheque to SCAW, representing bed kits for 30 children. Finally they gave \$500 gift card for Staples school supplies.

President Bo thanked Jazz from Staples for their support. We have given 20 iPads to grades 4, 5 & 6 at Sprucecourt School; backpacks to Stonegate Ministries and school supplies to Highfield School.

Community Service

One Can Make a Difference

2017 KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL REPORT

The Kiwanis Music Festival is probably the largest and most labour intensive project that the club fulfills each year. 2017 was no exception and at least one half day shift was carried out by 15 Kiwanians and friends at St Giles Church, Kingsway Lambton Church and John English School, requiring 48 individual shifts.

Thank you so much to all who helped out with special thanks to Bev Best (10 shifts), Rosemary Best (8 shifts) and to Ted Scott who opened St Giles every morning at 8.00 a.m. and closed it at 5.00 pm for 9 days.

Peter Clarkson

ETOBICOKE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

Friday, March 31, 2017
"What Happens in Vegas"

The best of the Rat Pack & Modern Highliners of the famous Vegas showrooms featuring the Etobicoke Swing Orchestra

Etobicoke Collegiate Institute Auditorium
 86 Montgomery Road

Ticket prices: \$15.00 per concert. Children under 12 are free.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday March 6 • 12:15 p.m.
Albania Adoptions
 Vickie O'Toole

Monday March 20 • 12:15 p.m.
Director's Luncheon Meeting
 Old Mill Restaurant

Monday April 3 • 12:15 p.m.
Club Roundtable

Monday April 17 12:15 p.m.
Director's Luncheon Meeting
 Old Mill Restaurant

Monday May 1 • 12:15 p.m.
Key Club Delegates Report
 Special Honors to Faculty Advisor,
 Susan Longo

SPECIAL EVENTS

E.C. & C. District Convention
 May 18 - 20, 2017
 Ottawa, Ontario

Kiwanis International Convention
 July 13 - 16, 2017
 Paris, France

The smiling faces and the joy expressed at the distribution are a true testimony how worthwhile the SCAW programme is to our children."
 Panini Adhihetti, SCAW volunteer, Sri Lanka