

March 5, 2018 Meeting Highlights

Announcements

☛ **Bo Fleishman** thanked **Joe Polito** for arranging the program for our meeting.

☛ **Joe Polito** acknowledged **Peter Clarkson** for all his work on the Kiwanis Music Festival. Peter plays a huge role on the Festival executive and does the books. He organized the volunteers for our Festival assignments.

☛ **Joe** introduced **Dave Dryden** and recognized his father **Murray Dryden** for founding Sleeping Children Around the World. Murray was a dedicated Kiwanian. Sleeping Children is a wonderful charity, worthy of your donations.

☛ **Barnaby Ross** invited guests to join Kiwanis. Come to discover more and share your fire with us.

MEMBERS NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elizabeth Sinclair, April 20
Helen Brown, May 1

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Elizabeth & Bruce Sinclair, April 19
Gail & Bob Chapman, April 22

Special Guest

Barnaby Ross introduced **Michael Adams**, president of Environics Research and author of "Could it Happen Here?: Canada in the Age of Trump and Brexit". Michael is a leading figure of public policy in Canada and has written six other books including the prize winning "Fire and Ice".

The morning following the 2016 American election Michael wrote the outline for "Could It Happen Here?" and wrote the book in a few months. By using environics public polling data Michael shows how Canada is insulated from Xenophobe campaigns.

Multiculturalism is a relatively new word but in Canada it truly exists. Since 1967 when immigration laws were revised to a point system the world was invited to come. 85% of immigrants become Canadian citizens, double any other country (only 27% in the U.S.). A campaign based on opposition to other cultures would be political suicide in Canada.

Some areas that distinguish Canada from the United States include our social safety net, medicare, unionized workforce with good benefits and pensions (30% in Canada/10% in the U.S.), lower crime and better gun control (Stats: 2017 - 346 mass shootings in U.S. to 1 in Canada).

Canadians have become more tolerant than Americans and more tolerant than previous Canadian generations.

Joe Polito thanked Michael for his great observations and comment. Kiwanis will make a donation to Doctors Without Borders in Michael's name.

Community Service

One Can Make a Difference

MANY THANKS TO BLOOD DONOR CLINIC VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered over the years for the **Canadian Blood Services Donor Clinics** at the Bloor Islington Centre. Your friendly presence while giving out snacks made a real difference to the donor experience.

Due to renovations at the centre the Clinic will no longer be held at that location. As yet we haven't been assigned another clinic.

from Debbie Hardy

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday April 2 • 12:15 p.m.
MPP Yvan Baker

Monday April 16 • 12:15 p.m.
Board Meeting
Old Mill Restaurant

Monday May 7 • 12:15 p.m.
Speaker: TBA

Monday May 14 • 12:15 p.m.
Board Meeting
Old Mill Restaurant

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 17 to May 19
EC&C Convention
Jamaica

June 28 to July 1
International Convention
Las Vegas

"Brexit and a Trump presidency were unthinkable until they happened."

Michael Adams