

## March 6, 2017 Meeting Highlights

### Announcements

• **Bo Fleischman** reminded members of the May 1st Key Club meeting, in which we will be honouring the retirement of Susan Longo-Santia from Father Redmond. Susan has been the Key club advisor there for ten years.

Vicki O'Toole presentation at Kiwanis meeting.

President Bo is seated beside our new pop up banner.



### Special Presentation

**Joe Polito** introduced **Vickie O'Toole**, who with her husband John adopted 2-year-old Ava from an Albanian orphanage. Vicki wanted to adopt a child who shared her Albanian heritage. Albania has one of the lowest standards of living in Europe and 400 to 600 children are living in orphanages.

Albania had never recognized Canada as a country open for adoptions. So Vicki requested a leave from her job to work full time on the adoption. She contacted Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids, Mich. - one of the only North American adoption agencies recognized by the Albanian adoption committee. In June, 1999, the Albanian adoption committee, finally agreed to allow the Bethany workers to act as a consultant agency for the O'Tooles.

Over the next 21 months, Vicki spent upwards of seven hours a day contacting Canadian officials, and amassing the necessary paperwork. "I made a promise to my daughter the day I picked her up," Vicki says. "I promised that although she was the first, she wouldn't be the last."

In 1992, Adoptionworx Canada became the first and only Ministry-licensed adoption agency to sign an agreement with the government of Albania. Today, it still holds the exclusivity for Canada Vicki gave a presentation about Adoptionworx and the great need in Albania. *With excerpts from Palmer, Karen. Toronto Star; Toronto, Ont. [Toronto, Ont] 15 Jan 2000*

### MEMBERS NEWS

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brian Keogh, April 7  
Elizabeth Sinclair, April 20  
Irene Wynne, April 26  
Helen Brown, May 1

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

## Community Service

### One Can Make a Difference

#### KEYCLUB SUPPORT

Thank you letters were received from two key clubs members who attend Martingrove. They were provided with financial support to attend the Key Club International Convention in Miami. These students will make a presentation at our May meeting.

#### ETOBICOKE COMMUNITYCONCERT BAND

Friday, May 26  
8:00 p.m.

#### "Bandemonium"

A great pandemonium of music with concert music as the common element. Performance by the winner of the annual "Harvey Rutledge Award"

Etobicoke Collegiate Institute Auditorium  
86 Montgomery Road

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

Call the Box Office to reserve your tickets at  
(416) 410-1570

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Tuesday April 18 12:15 p.m.  
**Director's Luncheon Meeting**  
Old Mill Restaurant  
**NOTE CHANGE OF DAYDUE TO EASTER MONDAY**

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

Monday June 5 • 12:15 p.m.  
interclub

**CARP and Navigating the Healthcare System**  
Gary Hepworth

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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

"There are no unwanted children, just unfound families."

The National Adoption Center