



KIWANIS CLUB OF OLDS

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Welcome to the first issue of 2009

The board decided to move to a new location for our catered lunches. Speaking for the house committee we are grateful that we don't have to get the food, wash the dishes etc. We began the year by moving to a new location for our catered lunches. We will now have our catered lunches (1st and 3rd Thursdays, 12 noon) at the Royal Canadian Legion . The legion address 5241 46th St. The bag lunch meetings (2nd and 4th Thursdays) will remain at the Scout Hall.



This could be a busy year for the club as we attempt wrap up the Theatre seat project and look at other ways to be involved in the community.

Directors Corner

Results of Board Meeting Jan6th
Blood Donor Clinics this year Jan26, April 6, Sept 21, Nov 23

The Brandon Cole Foundation has requested that the Club provide food service for their 2nd annual Music Festival. July 24,25,26 at the Sportsplex.



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The Brandon Cole Foundation strives to raise awareness of school bullying. The Club has accepted the request in principle and will find out more specifics.

Coming Up

Olds Fashioned Christmas, Kiwanis Village takedown. TBA
Dave Herbert Memorial Trail repair project. TBA
Fall Fair August 7 - 9 Lots of Bun Wagon work this summer.

Club News

The Treasurer and Vice President have skipped of to Hawaii together. I wish I could report a scandal here but they are in fact Bill and Carol Johnston. Have a great & warm holiday!!

We had a visit from former Kiwanis Member Bert VanReekum now a resident of Mexico.

Up coming Speakers
Kathie Vance Jan 22nd, Living in Israel
Terry Leslie Feb 5th Principle of Deer Meadows School

KIWANIS BIRTHDAY

Two natives of Detroit, Michigan, Allen S. Browne, a professional organizer, and Joseph C. Prance, a tailor, had an idea one day in August of 1914. It was a concept, rather, to develop an organization that provides not only fellowship, but insurance features as well. They wanted to develop a group that was like no other organization. They first constructed this group as a strictly fraternal club that only young professional businessmen could join. They also wanted to provide an opportunity for other men to experience new ideals in human relationships. Together, these two men began recruiting new members. Browne, as a professional, would receive the \$5 membership fee from each man. Prance was the first member to sign up. But he was not yet the first Kiwanian, for the name that Browne had chosen for the group was truly in the spirit of the times: The Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers. Kiwanis it was not. The growing membership soon fixed that. They quickly grew tired of belonging to an organization known as "BOB". With a helping hand from Detroit's official historian, an Indian phrase—"NunKeewan-iss"—was adapted as a name. During a club meeting in the first week of January 1915, Kiwanis was approved as the new name for this club, which translated as, "We trade." A more thorough check later revealed that a truer meaning is, "We have a good time - we make noise." The club attracted nearly 200 members in only six months. The corporate charter was returned by the state of Michigan, dated January 21, 1915. This date has been the birthday of Kiwanis ever since.



Fr. Maurice Okolie brought the Christmas message to the club this year. He prefaced his Christmas message by telling us about Christmas in his home country of Nigeria. His talk was very interesting and he will soon have some new stories as he has gone back to Nigeria for a month long holiday. I gave him some information about the two Kiwanis Clubs in his home city. Who knows maybe he will make contact with them.

If you know someone you think would make an interesting luncheon speaker, check in the members section of the web site to see what dates are available. When you have made contact and he/she has agreed then contact Judy (403)556-8846 / (403)507-5647 or enter the information in through the web page form.

Kiwanis Lunches are inspirational !!

DEXTER: Author Jeff Lindsay dreamt up murderous character at Kiwanis

luncheon (Editors Note: I am sure this would be tongue in cheek wouldn't it ?)

For Lindsay, who's had a long and varied career as a playwright, actor, screenwriter and, currently, lead singer of Wildfire ("Florida's Good Time Party Band!"), his overnight began while he was sitting at a Kiwanis lunch some eight or nine years ago.

"I'm sitting there at the head table getting ready to talk about how important arts are, and I'm looking out at this room full of people who are eating, laughing, and handing out business cards. And then this thought just popped into my head: Serial murder isn't always a bad thing. So I started taking notes on the napkins and I pretty much had an outline by the time I got home."

Spring Session Of The Kiwanis University:

The spring session of the Kiwanis University will be held in Regina on April 17th and 18th. The complete schedule and registration forms will be available after the January 17, District Board Meeting.

Education Sessions include

- Key Leader Program
- Club Involvement with Service Leadership Program
- How to find extraordinary recruiters for your club
- Service Programs and Growth

Community Arts Centre

The keys are about to be handed over by the contractor. The brass dedication plates are being made. The centre will soon be opening. There are still a few seats available for sponsorship. Get one now before it's too late to have your dedication on the armrest of one of the seats. Contact Carol, Rita or myself for the latest form.

Birthdays

February 3 - Harry Warne