

**Hey Folks - The coming Kiwanis year will be exciting.** Our own Marie Shaw is now Lieutenant Governor of our District 13 and has committed for us in Perth to host a visit in early April by the Governor of our Eastern Canada and Caribbean Division of Kiwanis International, Hope Markes from the Caribbean. There'll be a Caucus meeting for area clubs and special dinner/reception for the Governor.

To keep our Club strong we adopted some bold measures that have already paid off. **Membership is up, with 6 new members.** Membership dues for new members are being covered by our Club. We are subsidizing returning members. The latter should remit a cheque or cash for \$60 by the end of October or please speak to Secretary Keith or Assistant Secretary Patti.

**We are first of all a service club.** And to better concentrate on the service we do in our community and beyond we reduced the number of monthly meetings. **The Board will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:30 over coffee at Perth Restaurant. Members and guests are always welcome. You'll be given Club updates and news and there'll be entertainment or a speaker. 6pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.** In between, members working on projects are encouraged to communicate via phone, email, and in person.

### **Performance of Service**

As a service club we ask each member to put in a few hours of community work of their choice from amongst our programs and projects.

- If you can help with **the collection and sorting of pop cans and wine bottles**, talk to Karl or Ron.
- If you can help **sell Christmas cakes and cookies**, see Karl or Willard.
- If you would like **to manage a Salvation Army indoor kettle** for a couple of hours there will soon be a sign up sheet. See Reverend Shirley.
- If you would like to **decorate a live Christmas tree** for the display at the Crystal Palace, talk to Phil or Helen.

- If you would like to **assist at a Terrific Kids assembly**, see Helen. By the way, if you run short of supplies, there is a limited quantity available.
- If you would like to sign up for the **Governor's Visit Planning Committee**, notify LG Marie.
- If you have a **new fundraising project or a new service** to suggest, bring it to a Board meeting, send an email, or talk to any Board member.

**Upcoming:**

**Note:** our annual Halloween costume party will be **Thursday October 24, 6pm** at Perth Restaurant. It will be an Inter-Club meeting conducted by Lieutenant Governor Marie Shaw of our club. Costumes encouraged but not required.

Our next **Board meeting** to conduct Club business is **Thursday, Nov. 14 10:15AM** in the Perth Restaurant over coffee. Members are welcome to observe, comment, and learn more about what we do.

**Thursday, November 28 is our monthly dinner meeting, 6pm,** Perth Restaurant. A set meal of chicken is planned. Come a bit early and socialize. We have 6 (6!) new members so this will be an ideal occasion to get to know each other. Please, for this winter, wear your name tags – its common courtesy and the only way we'll all be able to put names to faces. (Note to newbies: name tags are on order for you, no charge.)

**December 12, 10:15AM,** Perth Restaurant will be the final Board meeting of this calendar year. Bring your ideas, suggestions, and concerns or send Proposed Motions to Patti or Helen to add to the Agenda a week or more in advance. We need your input no matter how long or short a time you've been in the Club.

Christmas and the holidays take over in December. Our final **regular meeting** of the year will be **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, Perth Restaurant**. Details to follow. But plan to bring an unwrapped gift for a child, to be distributed locally.

**Your Board Members for the period Oct.1, 2013 to Sept. 30, 2014.**

**President** – Helen Gamble,

**Vice President and Risk Management Officer** – Phil Anderson

**Treasurer** – Marilyn Devlin

**Secretary** – Keith Hall

**Assistant Secretary and Director** – Patti Lamarche

**Directors:** Karl Delorme, Ron Jones, Boyd Thompson

**Patti has distributed a current Member List** with contact information. If there is an error or if/when your information changes, please let her know promptly so she can update the Club records.

**There is a new sign-in binder for everyone to use.** Please ensure that each time you attend you record your name and log in the number of hours you've spent that month on meetings and on service. We create a required Report to Kiwanis International with the information. Approximations are sufficient.

**Please read and retain** the Member List, Tay Talk copies, Minutes of Board Meetings and Financial Reports. They're essential for Board and regular members alike, to keep track of everything. Read with thinking caps on for ideas.

**New & Improved:**

**Kiwanis Kudos to Karl.** He successfully partnered with Perth Rotary so that they now look after the cans and bottles at Stanleyville, lessening the load for our hard-working collection team on the Ways & Means (aka fundraising) committee. If you're new to the Club and can help – see Karl or Ron.

**Pats on the Back to Phil and his friend Ron.** They are developing a complete new website. New design, more usable, more interesting. State of the art. Check in and suddenly one day you'll see the update. If you lose a Tay Talk, – there it will be! If you are away - check to what we're up to. If someone is curious about our doings - refer them to the website.

**Applause to new member Audrey.** She is developing a Facebook page for us – an informal companion to the website, with potential to attract new, younger members. She’s even agreed to be Assistant to the Assistant Secretary. Now every Club needs one of those. You can’t imagine the chaos otherwise. Honestly.

### **Mail Call**

We now a more permanent snail mail address. Kiwanis Club of Perth, Box 20123, Perth, Ontario. K7H 3M6. No more mail gone astray. YeaH!

### **President’s Thought**

We right now have as many new members as we’ve gained overall since I joined five years ago. True, a couple have been members previously, but not for a few years and we’ve been through many changes. Let’s make a point to be friendly, to get to know each other. Invite involvement, give a friendly call, sit next to them, say hello. We were all new once. Remember the feeling?

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**In Closing:** A huge **WELCOME** to our new members. Do introduce yourselves and find your niche. We're a friendly group and will gladly help with your transition.