



Kiwanis
KINGSWAY HUMBER

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of the World

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Please enjoy reading about our meetings, activities, projects, and wonderful members and friends who make a difference in our community and across the world

New member Patricia Carnegy

Visit to West Park by Kiwanians from Kingsway Humber - update on our funding

Kiwanis Kingsway Humber welcomes Key Clubs from Fr. John Redmond and Martingrove Collegiate Institute

191 lunches for our neighbours in Lakeshore

Sponsoring our Youth Hockey Team "Kiwaniis Kings" to compete in National Tournament

Sponsoring Youth Led 10 week Community Learning Series - Mabelle Community

More news on our important partnership with Staples Stores in Queensway, Dundas and Rexdale helping children be ready for school in September. We continue to respond to many requests for assistance.

Distributing 400 new books to children - thanks to our friends at Humbervale Montessori School

Visit with community support to St. James Food Basket

Michael Power Spring Concert - Drum Line Performance

St. Vincent de Paul Society and Elisa House Women's Shelter

Funding of \$1,750 for Sleeping Children Around the World - Attendance at Breakfast Fundraiser

ON MAY 1ST CLUB MEMBERS HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING OUR KEY CLUBS AND THEIR ADVISORS FROM MARTINGROVE AND FR. JOHN REDMOND HIGH SCHOOLS. WE GOT TO HEAR ABOUT ALL THE AMAZING SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS THE KEY CLUBBERS HAD BEEN DOING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SOME MEMORABLE PROJECTS WERE NON PERISHABLE FOOD FOR FAMILIES IN NEED, HALLOWEEN DRIVE FOR DR. SIMONE, FUNDRAISING FOR GIFT CARDS, TOTE BAGS OF TOILETRIES TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, HIGH PARK MARATHON, SUPPORT FOR PARKDALE FOOD BANK AND A BOOK DRIVE.

MARTINGROVE KEY CLUB PRESIDENTS SUHANI DASOUR AND LAVINI BALAKRISHNAN



FATHER JOHN REDMOND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS MAYA KALANTAR, JULIA HADALA AND CLAUDIA WAGNER



NEW MEMBER PATRICIA CARNEGY

AT OUR MAY 1ST MEETING AT THE OLD MILL WE WELCOMED NEW MEMBER PATRICIA CARNEGY TO OUR CLUB.

A SINCERE INTEREST IN CHILDREN LED MS. PATTY CARNEGY TO JOIN OUR CLUB AS SHE LEARNED OF THE SUPPORT IT PROVIDES TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

PATTY IS A GRADUATE OF THE NURSING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO AND COMPLETED A MASTERS DEGREE IN HEALTH SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO. SHE DEDICATED HER CAREER TO THE CARE OF THE GERIATRIC POPULATION RESIDING IN LTC HOMES OPERATED BY THE CITY OF TORONTO.

PATTY'S INTERESTS HAVE INCLUDED SKIING, SAILING AND READING. SHE SPENDS HER TIME IN FLORIDA AND TRAVELLING.

SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR CLUB AND SOCIALIZING WITH OUR MEMBERS.



LUNCHES FOR FRIENDS

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO NANCY AND JOE, LYNN USATIS, BRENT AND ADRIANA FLEMING WHO DONATED WONDERFUL LUNCHES ALONG WITH GABE AND JANE, STUART AND LEA, PAUL AND BARBARA, GILLIAN AND ANDRE A TOTAL OF 191 SANDWICHES AND 52 BANANAS WERE DELIVERED ON MAY 17TH TO ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH ON 5TH AVENUE, LAKESHORE.

OUR DONATIONS WILL PROVIDE LUNCHES OVER TWO DAYS FOR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS IN NEED OF FOOD SUPPORT WHO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH LAKESHORE 4 DAYS A WEEK.

JUDY IN THE PHOTO WHO MANAGES THE PROGRAM ALONG WITH MICHAEL AND JENNIFER TOLD US WHEN WE DELIVERED THE DONATIONS THAT KIWANIS KH AND FRIENDS ARE ONE OF THE FEW THAT HELP WITH THIS FOOD PROGRAM AND WE ARE SO APPRECIATED IN MAKING SURE THAT FOLKS CAN DEPEND ON A LUNCH.



SPONSORSHIP OF OUR KIWANIS KINGS TO COMPETE IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

On Monday, June 5 we invited Ron Celsie, Manager and Sean Celsie, Player and IT Manager of the Toronto Power Wheelchair Hockey League to be our guests at the Old Mill for our lunch meeting.

Before Covid we sponsored the establishment of a new team “**Kiwanis Kings**” to become part of the TPWHL.

We are proud to celebrate our Kiwanis Kings by providing funds to allow them to compete in the National Tournament in London, Ontario taking place on June 30 to July 31. Our six member team, including Sean, will compete against teams from Montreal, Ottawa, London and several other cities.



Ron Celsie shared some information on the Toronto Power Wheelchair Hockey League

The Toronto Power Wheelchair (T.P.W.H.L.) is a small non-profit competitive sports league (Power Wheelchair Hockey) dedicated to providing equal opportunities for individuals regardless of their disability and equipment needs. We seek to engage (through sport), a somewhat disenfranchised segment of the disabled community (those with severe physical disabilities), that live primarily in isolation. Our program fosters increased self-esteem, confidence and challenges individuals to expand their capabilities. It provides an opportunity to be part of a team in a safe accessible environment that enables networking opportunities and a sense of inclusion for all. The TPWHL also brings families together to share experiences and offer support to one another.

The League, as we know it today, has been in existence for approximately 18 years. It evolved from a small Post-Surgical Therapy Program provided by Bloorview Children's Hospital for children and youth with complex disabilities. The program was taken over and formalized into today's League by a small group of Parents and dedicated Volunteers. For the most part, that same small core of 5 dedicated volunteers, continues to provide this worthwhile program - serving between 40 to 60 individuals with complex disabilities such as, but not exclusive to, Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, and Acquired Brain Injury. As well, approximately 50% of our players have some level of developmental delay that affects their daily lives.

The Program which runs (usually) from late September to early April consists of a 15 to 20 game regular season, a 4 to 6 game playoff series and an Awards Banquet and Celebration. Our program (with yearly Operating Expenses of approx. \$20K) is sustained primarily by donations from private individuals and Service Clubs (our main expenses being Facility rentals, Liability Insurance, Equipment /Uniforms and Banquet/Trophies).

Thank you for your generous support from everyone in the TPWHL.

SPONSORING YOUTH LED 10 WEEK LEARNING SERIES

We were pleased to respond to a request from Mabellearts Director of Community Mobilization Nicolette Felix to provide funding for their new 10 week Youth Led learning series. The series is offered to the community in Mabellearts Computer Lab at 57 Mabelle Avenue from May 16 to July 18.

The series aims to:

Develop a better understanding of technology and the digital world within the Mabelle community

Increase confidence with and trust in technology and computers

Enable people to find solutions to daily problems using online services, including keeping up with changing technology and staying connected with friends and family

Spark creative uses of technology, support lifelong learning and pathways to employment.



PARTNERSHIP WITH STAPLES STORES IN QUEENSWAY, REXDALE AND DUNDAS

WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDING PROVIDED TO KIWANIS KINGSWAY HUMBER FROM THE THREE AMAZING STAPLES STORES ABOVE

OVER SEVERAL MONTHS WE HAVE PROVIDED FILLED BACKPACKS, ACTIVITY BOOKS AND GAMES, PLAYHOUSES, CALENDARS AND PACKETS OF MARKERS, PENCILS AND CRAYONS TO SHELTERS, YOUTH/ CHILDREN'S OUTREACH PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES ALONG WITH FOOD BANKS ACROSS ETOBICOKE

WE WERE PLEASED TO PROVIDE FILLED BACKPACKS, PACKETS OF CHALK, COLOURING BOOKS, PACKETS OF PENCILS AND MARKERS ALONG WITH CRAYONS AND LUNCH BAGS, STICKERS, WATER BOTTLES AND MUCH MORE TO THE CHILDREN OF UKRAINE WITH THE CONTINUING GENEROUS SUPPORT OF STAPLE STORES

NOW IN JUNE AND JULY

WE ARE PURCHASING MORE BACKPACKS AND FILLING THEM WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES ACCORDING TO AGES.

HERE IS STUART DELIVERING 20 BACKPACKS TO THE JEAN TWEED SOCIETY FOR SOME OF THE YOUNGSTERS IN THEIR MANY PROGRAMS. GILLIAN WILL BE VISITING WITH A DONATION OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS SHORTLY.



Bo Visiting all Etobicoke Staples Stores during their Kiwanis Kingsway Humber Support Campaign in August/September



WEST PARK HEALTHCARE CENTRE

On April 25 President Stuart, Bo, Barnaby, Gillian, Andre, Paul and Barbara toured West Park Healthcare Centre.

Our Kiwanis Club of Kingsway Humber has provided \$25,000 to West Park with a commitment of further funding in June and again towards the end of 2023.

West Park Healthcare Centre will open its new hospital building this November as part of the first phase in a campus-wide redevelopment. Future phases will include outdoor therapeutic spaces to aid patient recovery and a new long term care building adding 256 new beds.

Located close to Eglinton and Jane, West Park is a specialized rehabilitation and complex care hospital that helps people recover and regain their independence following serious injury and illness. Its new, six-storey facility will include more inpatient beds and double the outpatient capacity, to help the hospital meet the rising demand for its services as our population ages.

Our club is pleased to announce our strengthened partnership with West Park with further details to be made during the summer. It is anticipated that future involvement with the hospital will occur in many ways including a potential site for our Music Festival.

Shown below is a photograph taken recently as members of the Club were given an exciting tour of the new hospital building under construction prior to it opening in late fall.



West Park is home to the largest lung rehabilitation program in Canada, especially for one of our fastest growing health threats, COPD. The new West Park will include more inpatient beds and will double outpatient capacity, including an expanded respiratory day program, so more people can breathe easier.



West Park is the largest provider of inpatient amputee rehabilitation services in Canada, getting patients out of wheelchairs and back to active life. The new West Park will better support amputees in their recovery by locating a specialized therapy gym just steps from patients rooms, while an expanded manufacturing centre will accommodate new technologies to advance the design of prosthetics and orthotics.

West Park's spasticity program is tackling one of the most untreated challenges facing Canadians impacted by stroke, MS and other illnesses. The new West Park will include a larger Spasticity Management Clinic so more people benefit from our expertise, while expanded research facilities will help advance the treatment of this painful condition.

MICHAEL POWER SPRING CONCERT

THANKS TO AN INVITATION BY CLUB MEMBER JOHN MACDONALD, MIKE FANNING AND THE MICHAEL POWER MUSIC DEPARTMENT WE ENJOYED AN EVENING OF WONDERFUL MUSIC AT THE MICHAEL POWER SPRING CONCERT ON THURSDAY, MAY 18TH.

AMONG ALL THE OUTSTANDING MUSICAL PERFORMANCES WE WERE DELIGHTED TO WATCH THE DRUM LINE PERFORM TWO NUMBERS AND SUPPORT ANOTHER PERFORMANCE WITH THE FULL BAND.

DURING THE CONCERT OUR [KIWANIS CLUB OF KINGSWAY HUMBER](#) WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY MIKE FANNING, LEADER OF THE DRUM LINE, FOR OUR FUNDING TO THE DRUM LINE WHICH WAS PROVIDED SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE IMPORTANT START UP PERIOD OF THIS IMPRESSIVE DRUM LINE..



GIFT OF NEW BOOKS TO YOUNG READERS

IN APRIL WE ONCE AGAIN RECEIVED THE GIFT OF OVER 400 BOOKS FROM PRINCIPAL ANDREA HEITZ AND FAMILIES IN HUMBERVALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL.

THE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES JOINED WITH HUMBERVALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL IN DONATING BOOKS, DURING EARTH WEEK, THAT THEY WISH TO GIVE TO FAMILIES TO SHARE THE JOY OF READING

GILLIAN AND ANDRE HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO DELIVER THE BOOKS TO SHELTERS, FOOD BANKS AND YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAMS



More books will be delivered when we provide our annual backpacks and school supplies to community partners to support their youngster when they return to school in September

SLEEPING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

On Thursday, May 25 President Stuart and club members Bo, Barnaby, George, Gillian and Andre attended the 12th Pinehurst Club Breakfast Fundraiser at the Royal York Hotel.

Kiwanis Kingsway Humber provided \$1,750 funding to Sleeping Children Around the World to help ensure that children around the world will receive a bed kit. Each bed kit provides a child with the means for comfortable sleep and the promise that the world holds a brighter future.



The Pinehurst Club was inaugurated in 2008 by a group of business leaders, who wanted to ensure that future generations of children in developing countries would have access to the comforts of a bed kit provided through the charitable efforts of Sleeping Children Around the World.

Over the past 12 breakfasts, The Pinehurst Club has contributed over \$1.7 million to the Sleeping Children's Legacy Fund.

Each bed kit can be sponsored for \$40 by contacting SCAW at 28 Pinehurst Crescent, Toronto M9A 3A5 or info@scaw.org - www.scaw.org

SUPPORT VISIT TO ST. JAMES FOOD BASKET

During a recent visit with donations of [shampoos](#), [hygiene kits](#) and [hand sanitizers](#) to Marie Truelove at St. James Food Basket on Burnhamthorpe Gillian and Andre took a moment to take another photo of the vehicle that we helped fund several years ago.

The vehicle is in constant use to collect vegetable and food donations to be added to the food distribution every Wednesday, that continues to find ways to help the increasing number of families that seek help every week from this food program that operates with the help of volunteers and private donors

Many other services and support items have become part of the outreach program that St. James Food Basket is providing to so many.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SUPPORT

KIWANIS KINGSWAY HUMBER IS PROVIDING ADULT COLOURING BOOKS, PACKETS OF CRAYONS AND SMALL COLOURED PENCILS TO CHAPLAIN MELVA WHO WORKS WITH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IN DONATING TIME WITH DETAINEES AT THE SOUTH ETOBICOKE DETENTION CENTRE

THE ITEMS WERE A DONATION FROM A FRIEND OF KIWANIS KH AND CAME AT A TIME WHEN JOHN MENARY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCHES WAS LOOKING FOR A SIMPLE ACTIVITY THAT COULD BE PART OF THEIR VISITS TO SEDC



Gillian and Andre also provided shampoos and hand sanitizers to Elisa House Women's Shelter for their residents. These were a donation from a friend of Kiwanis Kingsway Humber. Elisa House Women's

Shelter is operated by St. Vincent de Paul Society. We have previously donated funding to purchase all the residents with new bug resistant mattresses.