



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

How quickly the year is moving. As I write this I notice it's only 112 days, 11 hours, 32 minutes, and seconds till Christmas. Basically 16 weeks, and I have a feeling these 16 weeks will disappear very quickly.

I'm very happy to be able to say that at last we have had some projects and some fun. I'm just as happy to report we do have some upcoming engagements. The details will all be in the following pages.

How good was it to finally have a Bunnings BBQ! Sure, we didn't make huge wads of "moola spendoola", but it was just so enjoyable to be together and out there doing something. It will be interesting to see if Bunnings continue with the BBQs.

The club picnic at Rafting Ground Park Reserve was a great opportunity to spend some time together in a great surrounding. Possibly we should consider another before too long. Could this be a possibility for our Christmas end of year function?

It's also been pleasurable to enjoy life getting back to normal. Something as simple as being able to have guest speakers is one of those steps back to where we were. Thank you Ray for having speakers ready to go.

While I still don't have a lot to report, we have some great events lined up before Christmas. By the looks of things our run into yearend won't be as busy as prior years. However, I feel that many of our partners may be looking to catch up next year. I guess this means next year may be very busy indeed, and we will be called on to assist.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Ruthven

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Bunnings BBQ

August the 1st saw the club sizzling sausages once again at Bunnings Oxley. Marie reports that it was a different day to previous Bunnings BBQs with lots of cleaning of surfaces etc and changing aprons & gloves every hour.

We sold 20kgs sausages with a gross taking of \$732.25 which included \$39.85 in donations. Which will give a nett profit of approx. \$400.

Thank you to the Greeters who took their post at the exit door to direct people to the BBQ. Most people didn't know there was a BBQ because of its positioning near the Garden Centre.



Care Kits for Kids

At our July 21st meeting Kiwanis presented Chris, Matilda and Julie from Care Kits for Kids Qld with a cheque for \$2800. The team were overwhelmed with Kiwanis generosity especially given we have been unable to fundraise for many months. Chris said they have been very busy with over 2000 kits being sent out since the start of the year. They have moved premises to Wynnum and are looking at getting donation points set up across Brisbane. They have been working with "Shift Buddies" that help victims of domestic violence pack and leave within an hour and by the end of the year will be sending kits to Mt Isa and Cairns. They continue to work with Police and child safety offices. The photo below shows the Care Kits for Qld team being presented with their cheque along with our guest speaker for that meeting, Sarah Hutton and club president, Ruthven.



Hear and Say Assistance

August 23rd saw a team of Kiwanis members pack kits for the upcoming Loud Shirt Day for the Hear and Say Centre (see photo below of happy Kiwanians packing).

This centre is a world-leading Paediatric Auditory-Verbal and cochlear implant centre.

Loud Shirt Day, a major fund-raiser for Hear and Say, is currently scheduled for Friday, Oct 23rd.



Blue Card changes – Please read!!

There are changes to the Blue Card from end of August. Members will have to ensure their Blue Card does not expire as they will not be able to volunteer until the new one is received. If you have a paid blue card application in progress when the new laws start (that's now!) you can continue working while your application is assessed.

The changes include -

- The No Card No Start Law – you cannot work or volunteer in a position requiring a blue card until your application is approved and you get your card.
- A new rule for expiring cards – if you don't renew by the expiry date, you will be subject to the No Card, No Start law and cannot work.



The follow interesting article seemed very pertinent. It reminds us of the importance of constantly making an effort to attract new members & outlines how some clubs welcome new members....

SOME KIWANIS CLUBS HAVE INTERESTING WAYS TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

TONY KNODERER | AUG 31, 2020



The best Kiwanis clubs consistently add new members. After all, fresh energy and novel ideas are the lifeblood of successful service. That's why attracting people to Kiwanis is one of the primary responsibilities for clubs — and a hallmark of those that last. The process doesn't end with successful recruitment. What happens when new members arrive?

Parades and brass bands aren't necessary. In fact, some clubs have figured out that a personalized touch can make a bigger first impression than the greatest fanfare. Objects as modest as aprons and cards are creative solutions to a key practical matter: inspiring new members to keep coming back.

A welcome that works

An apron isn't meant to be fancy or showy. It's useful, functional — it has a job and does it. That might make it seem an odd choice as the centerpiece of an important ceremony. But for the Kiwanis Club of Independence, Ohio, that's part of the point.

Since the club itself was chartered in 1952, a Kiwanis apron has been presented to new members at induction ceremonies as a symbol of the work they were about to join in.

"In those days, it was a symbol that Kiwanis was a working organization," says Edie Schilla, current club secretary. "I knew one of the founding members, and that was the thing: 'We work.' Members knew they were expected to do service and be on committees."

The club doesn't just offer the apron as a symbol of service and effort. Each of the other members signs it — a way of saying that they're all in it together.

Of course, that's also a good way for the inductees to start pairing names with faces. During meetings in which new members are inducted, an apron-signing session is one of the last activities. Veteran members give their autographs, introduce themselves and discuss club matters with the newcomers.

"They come up to the table — we have markers and pens to use — and they can introduce themselves, shake hands, whatever," Schilla says. "The committee members get to introduce themselves too." She chuckles. "And maybe recruit a little."

Meaning for members

The Kiwanis Club of Monticello, New York, also welcomes new members with signed aprons — and the signing helps serve the same familiarizing function. In Monticello, however, the new members go to the others.

The club likes to call in the lieutenant governor for its installation ceremonies, says Kathy Garlick, the club's secretary. "Usually right after the lieutenant governor installs (the new members), they go around and get the apron signed," she adds. "Everyone gets a chance to socialize — to talk about how long they've been in the club, the time when they were installed."

The apron itself doesn't have a symbolic intent in Monticello, but in practical terms it offers the same reminder: Kiwanis service is about volunteer work. After all, the aprons come in handy at club events.

"We've done barbecues, fish fries — we're always doing something like that," Garlick says. "Some of the folks who have been with us for years wear theirs."

Of course, other members prefer to have a well-preserved memento of their first Kiwanis moments. How people use their aprons — or whether they do at all — is up to each of them. Those who wear them to events, Garlick says, find that a signature-filled Kiwanis apron provides another convenience.

"They're a good conversation starter. Wear it to a fundraiser and people will ask, 'What is that?' You tell them, and they start to learn a little about the club."

Building a new custom

The Kiwanis Club of Brantford, Ontario, knows all about tradition too. The club celebrated its 100th anniversary last year. Along the way, longevity has taught them that success is a matter of membership strength — particularly the club's appeal to younger adults.

For many years, the Brantford club welcomed members with apron signings. But these were builders' aprons, says Joanne Murray, the club's membership chair.

"It was back when the Kiwanis motto was 'We Build,'" Murray says. "It was a sign that we intended to be builders: 'We build strength in kids.' But it seemed a little dated when Kiwanis stopped using it as a tagline."

A change came a few years ago, when the club took a top-to-bottom look at its operations — including the way it welcomed new members.

"We did a full review of what works and what doesn't, particularly when it comes to getting younger members," Murray says. "And that's why we did what we did."

What they did: start presenting new members with a printed card that features the other members' photos. As with the Monticello club, new members go to the others for their signatures — a space is provided under each thumbnail photo — and for the get-to-know-you conversations that result.

The card itself is coming in handy even in the midst of the pandemic. In July, the club was planning a welcoming ceremony via Zoom for a new corporate member. The card was still part of the plan — in this case, to be dropped off afterward at the corporate member's office.

When the pandemic ends, other new members will be encouraged to bring theirs in to get signed. After all, it's ultimately more than a new custom. The autograph-gathering has been written into club policy. "It's not just tradition," Murray says. "The card serves a purpose."

What's Coming Up



Dec 6th, 2020

Community Christmas Carols



Dec 13th, 2020

Brisbane Basket Brigade Packing Weekend

September	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dinner Meeting	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8 MGM Kelli's	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15 Dinner Meeting, Special GN Meet	16 Marie 	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29 Trish 	30			



October	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2	3
	4	5	6 Dinner Meeting	7	8 MGM?	9	10 Maxine
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20 Dinner Meeting	21	22	23 Loud Shirt Day (Pat)	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Brisbane Club Achievements

For the 12 months ending August 2020, the Brisbane Kiwanis Club Members have volunteered 1458 hours and raised \$9,694.

During the last 2 months, we presented Care Kits for Qld with a cheque for \$2,800. June saw numerous donations, including Heart Kids Australia \$1000, McIntyre Centre Horse Sponsorship of Paulie \$1000, and Kiwanis Club of Prospect for Timpir Steps 4 School \$200.

Causes the Brisbane Club Supports

2019/2020

4074 Community and Beyond - local community run group holding events to benefit charitable organisations.	✓
A Touch of Compassion – Provides meals and groceries for families in the Community in need.	✓
Brisbane Basket Brigade – providing food and gift packages at Christmas time to disadvantaged families	✓
Care Kids for Kids Queensland - distributing Care Kits for children in crisis or care, from new or handcrafted donations by various sewing and craft groups and the general public.	✓
DanDaLions - seek to nurture the inclusive mindset in future generations and redefine the value of those with 'diffability' in our community	✓
Eliminate – Kiwanis / UNIEF Program to stop newborns and mothers dying from tetanus	✓
Good News BookFest - supporting a local primary school to raise funds for the P&C to assist providing additional learning opportunities for students.	✓
Heartkids Australia - research into Children's heart disease	✓
Heartkids Queensland – supporting families with children affected by heart disease	✓
Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation – provides grant funding for projects, initiatives and programs focussed on improving community health and wellbeing for those most in need and for improved life outcomes for the disadvantaged.	✓
Kiwanis Childrens Fund – various worldwide projects	✓
McIntyre Centre - equestrian programs for people with a disability for the purpose of education, enjoyment, recreation, sport, and therapy.	✓
MD Queensland -dedicated to people who live with muscular dystrophy and similar conditions and their families, throughout all of their lives.	✓
Miraa House - a learning life skills centre for women aged 17 and over with an intellectual disability.	✓
Mt Ommaney Special School - providing engaging, relevant curriculum and innovative, specialised teaching in partnership with families and the community in a safe, supportive environment.	✓
Pillows 4 Oncology Kids - producing and providing children's pillowcases to hospital wards to brighten the stay of the patients and their siblings.	✓
Project Linus - provide homemade quilts to children in need. Support children in hospitals, special schools, refuges and other organisations	✓
RSL Centenary Branch - offering advice and support to all current and former Australian Defence Force members and their families.	✓
Salvation Army - provides social services without discrimination to members of the community	✓