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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2013

August 15, 2013 meeting:

I have no notes from the August 15 meeting. I guess that means "a good time was had by all" at the Bayside Brewery!

August 22 meeting – there will be a board meeting following the regular meeting.

EASTERN CANADA & THE CARIBBEAN DISTRICT CONVENTION

348 Kiwanians and guests attended the 96th Annual Eastern Canada & Caribbean District Convention in Peterborough – in an arena – that had the ice in! It was a great convention for our club - CONGRATULATIONS to PLG Allen on his acclamation to the position of Vice-Governor of E.C.&C. Allen will assume the role of Governor of E.C.&C. for the 2015-16 Kiwanis year.

The convention started on Thursday morning with education forums. Thirteen forums were offered on Thursday and another two on Friday. There was lots of opportunity for Kiwanis education. Unfortunately the lack of dedicated rooms at the venue made it difficult for those presenting and participating in the forums.



Friday morning was the first plenary session from 8:00 – noon. At the session our International Trustee Marcel Kreienbuhl from Switzerland addressed the members. He brought greetings from International President Tom and the International Board. He spoke of our Global Campaign for children the ELIMINATE project and urged members to consider attending the 2014 International Convention in Tokyo. He talked about the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis in 2015 and the celebration at the convention in Indianapolis. It was great to have Marcel and his wife Heidi join us.



Trustee Marcel helping with our service Project.



Trustee Marcel after receiving a Mel Osborne Award.

Following Trustee Marcel, Governor Peter gave his report and District Secretary Treasurer Jim Steele gave his report. There was also a report from District Trustees on the board's strategic plan. A presentation was given on the proposed bylaw amendments. Following those presentations the candidates for District office were given five minutes each to address the members. Friday was an information session, with the voting by delegates held on Saturday.

Following the plenary session the Kiwanis Family and Presidents' Luncheon was held. Guest speaker for the luncheon was Joe Elkerton, President of the Kiwanis Club of Toronto. Joe spoke of his challenges growing up in a family of eleven children and both parents fighting alcohol and drug addiction. Joe was taken into foster care at a young age. He is now part of a Native church in downtown Toronto seeking to help marginalized people.

Friday evening local Kiwanians held a barbeque for convention attendees. It was a beautiful night to be outside and warm!

Saturday morning was the house-of-delegates. Representing Ridgetown as voting delegates were Peter Guyitt, Karolyn Ure and Debbie Button – all present in the house for voting! The session got off to a great start! Key Club Governor Annu Puri spoke to the delegates, but before he spoke he conducted a "Miracle Minute" and collected funds for ELIMINATE. Circle K Governor Katie Wyslocky also spoke to the delegates. Both these young leaders gave exceptional addresses. Circle K LG Jordan Dunlop was also at the convention. DLG Jim Garey gave a report on ELIMINATE. Over \$1 million has been raised in E.C.&C. to date. At the convention \$1,077.00 was raised at the ELIMINATE booth selling wrist bands and note cards.

Saturday afternoon the Past Lieutenant Governors' committee arranged a service project. Some of the attendees packaged 5,000 meals for Kids Against Hunger. We had three production lines in service and it we were done in no time.

The proposed amendments to the District bylaws.

Amendment 1 – to change the term of a Regional Trustee from two years to three years. There was an amendment to this amendment presented to change bylaw to read that “each trustee shall serve for only one three year term”. Previously they could serve two consecutive terms and it was felt that two consecutive three year terms was too long.

Passed as amended

Amendment 2 – to include the qualifier that a Member Club must be in “good standing” to vote for a Regional Trustee or Lieutenant Governor. Good standing means both International & District dues are paid

Passed

Amendment 3 – to include provision for the E.C.&C. Board of Trustees to meet using modern electronic means.

Passed

Amendment 4 – to modify the district bylaws and place some contents in the District Policy Manual such as standing committees.

Passed

Following the amendments the candidates for District office were duly nominated and seconded. The Governor-elect is the sole candidate for the office of Governor, therefore Hope Markes was acclaimed Governor.

There was only one candidate for Governor-elect, Serge Viau, therefore Serge was acclaimed Governor-elect.

There was only one candidate for Vice-Governor, Allen Ure, therefore Allen was acclaimed Vice-Governor.

Following the elections Charlottetown Kiwanians gave a presentation on next year’s convention being held May 14 – 17, 2014. It will be held in a convention centre – where it will be warm!

Kiwanians from Aruba also gave a presentation on the 2015 District convention that will be held May 13 – 16, 2015 on the island of Aruba – where it will be very warm!



International Trustee Marcel installs Allen as Vice-Governor.



Kiwanian Karolyn accepts the banner



Circle K and Key Club raised \$722.08 at the convention for ELIMINATE during two "Miracle Minutes".

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

- Aug 22 Meeting hosted by Brad Carnie – 19821 Hill Road – board meeting following regular meeting
- Aug 29 Meeting hosted by Dr. John and Debbie Button – 12920 Onoko Line
- Sept 5 Meetings resume at the Church

First Annual Ridgetown Kiwanis Community Golf Tournament and Ball Drop

The committee will have a report at our next meeting I am sure. The weather cooperated and the tournament was very successful.



Ready to drop!



What is Kiwanian Jenn holding – golf tournament?



Registration – notice our signs!