

# Ridgetown Kiwanis Club News

June 29, 2018

M&Ms symbolizes "Membership Matters"

## Kiwanis – Project Updated



**Kiwanis**

### June 21<sup>th</sup> Meeting

O Canada lead by PE Allen, Inovation given by Pres. John  
13 members attended this evening along with one guest

### Mystery Handshake

Kiwanian Alan B, he caught Craig, Duane, Allen, Jennifer, Sarah, and Alan G.

### Introduction of Guests

Kiwanian Larry introduced his guest, Marian Patterson

### Happy Bucks

Dale – Passing around a Parade work sheet, include name and phone number – there will be a planning meeting Next Thursday at 7 at the shack. Will need people for the Parade to start early at about 5:00 p.m. on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

MaryAnn/Dale – Golf Tournament – everyone was given Ball Drop tickets to sell. The Tournament is August 11, 2018. Need volunteers to pass out posters throughout Downtown – Jennifer volunteered. Also, we need Teams!

Allen – Genoa – July 14, 2018 – need to know who is going and who is going to golf.

Jennifer – gave a short presentation on what the "Kids at Risk" committee has been up to. The purpose of this committee is to help kids do what they otherwise could not do. Some of what they have done this year are:

- a) covered the cost to send four kids to summer camp
- b) paid for learning software for two young brothers
- c) there was one family with excessive expenses, the committee gave them a series of gift cards for groceries etc.
- d) Covered the cost for several kids (Trip to Muskoka Woods)

### Canada Trivia

Two teams of 6 played four rounds of 10 questions each. Everyone had fun

No Meeting on June 28, as the Parade is the 29<sup>th</sup> and we need as many volunteers for that evening.

Next Get Together:

July 05, 2018 at the home of Jennifer Johns, 11833 Bates Drive.

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## Kiwanis Moments



## MONUMENTAL IMPACT

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When the Kiwanis Club of Tulsa, Oklahoma, began planning its centennial celebration, members considered building a monument. Instead, they chose to invest in the future. With the US\$84,000 earmarked for a monument, the group instead funded student scholarships and teacher grants in the cash-strapped Tulsa school system.

“We talked about building monuments,” says First Vice President Steve Collins. “I thought, ‘Why don’t we plant some seeds and increase our scholarship offerings?’”

The club presented its awards at a sit-down dinner, followed by an after-party of fellowship and dancing. The group already has a rich history of awarding scholarships, but it opened its Student of the Year award to anyone who wanted to submit an application and essay. The winner, Marisol Jaramillo, received \$5,000 for books, a laptop or other school expenses when she attends Tulsa Community College next year.

High school principals nominated candidates for Teacher of the Year, which carried a \$2,500 grant. Two finalists received \$1,000 grants, while the other nominees each were awarded \$500. The club also donated matching grants to each high school.

### *Meeting Schedule*

June 28 – No Meeting  
June 29 - Canada Day Parade  
**Summer meetings are coming quick. Please see Kiwanian Mary Ann to host a summer meeting.**

July 05 - Jennifer Johns  
July 12 - open  
July 18 -Lawn Bowling With Rotary This is a Wednesday Evening  
July 26- Pierre Monette  
August 02 – Shaun O’Rourke  
August 09 – Brad Scoyne  
August 16 – Jim Millar  
August 23 - John DeBock  
August 30 -Dr John & Debbie  
**Back to the church**  
September 06  
September 13  
September 20  
September 27

### **Reminder from a previous Board Meeting**

The board had a discussion on how fellow members should be addressed at meetings. It was agreed that it is too difficult to remember members past titles, so from now on, it is appropriate to simply use the **term Kiwanian and the person’s first name** for all members, with one exception. The person chairing the meeting should still be addressed using their proper title. Also remember that there will be a fine for addressing a member by Kiwanian followed by their surname as opposed to their first name.

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Top winner Julie Skrzypczak, a Tulsa Webster High School math teacher, has a list of needs for her students. Her high school student body has a high poverty rate, and many have experienced traumatic childhoods, including homelessness or the loss of one or both parents.

Skrzypczak is playing with the idea of purchasing a classroom set of Lénárt Spheres, hands-on tools that help students explore geometry and expand critical thinking skills. She's also considering a Google Home, an interactive tool that allows students to ask questions that might fall outside the teacher's realm of expertise.

Other items on her wish list carry small price tags but have the potential for a big impact. Dry erase markers, for example, may be something families take for granted, but these seeds can be life-changing for Tulsa students. And that's the point, Collins says.

"If we're going to solve problems, we're not going to solve them overnight. We're going to solve them by investing in the future, and that's our kids and that's our schools."

The seed analogy doesn't stop with the grant. The club decided to commemorate its 100th anniversary by sponsoring a Tulsa intersection in the city's "Up With Trees" program. Trees will be planted as a lasting testimony to the club's century of working with the city.

"We'll still have that monument," Collins says, "in a kind of way."

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## Other

I am looking for pictures of the Canada Day Parade. Please send them to me, thanks.

If anyone has pictures or stories they would like to share, please send them along to me please.

My email address is [alanbloomfield6@gmail.com](mailto:alanbloomfield6@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

Canada Day Parade, Summer Meeting start in 1 weeks.

Someone is having Fun at  
International Convention in  
Las Vegas



**Kiwanis**

### **Executive**

**President: Dr. John Button,  
Secretary: Alan Bloomfield,**

**President Elect: Allen Ure,  
Treasurer: Debbie Button**

**Past President: Alan Bloomfield**

**Board Members with one year remaining: Craig Mitton, Brad Scoyne, Greg Roberts, Gary Wake**

**Board Members with two years remaining: Jennifer Johns, Hanna Kielt, Jim Millar, Larry Rumble**

**Division 4 LG - Doug McGregor,  
EC&C Governor-elect - Mel Clark,**

**EC&C Governor - Bobby Moo Young,  
EC&C Vice-Governor - Bob Spellen**