

The Builder - January 15, 2020

Milestone events, such as entering a New Year, are often a time for reflection, looking back at what has been accomplished and to contemplate what comes next. If only Kiwanians had the luxury of reflecting! This upcoming year represents an incredible opportunity for our Club to become an even stronger part of our community. . .but it's going to take all of us to achieve it.

January 9th was the first luncheon of 2020 and President Michelle updated the membership on much of what is in store for Kiwanians in the months ahead. Importantly, this is the 95 anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound. This is something that we can at once celebrate, while also using our longstanding commitment to the city to increase our membership. President Michelle noted that March will be Membership Madness Month. Representing the Board, Don Sweatman emphasized that bringing on new members is something for which all current members should be responsible. Together, they encourage everyone to invite guests to our luncheons and share the spirit of Kiwanis.

In yet another milestone, the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound is celebrating its 75th anniversary as hosts of the Santa Claus Parade. Representing the Board, Tim Brown shared with those attending an enthusiasm for making this year's parade bigger and better than ever before. The theme for this year's parade is A Christmas Past, and all members are encouraged to share their ideas the Parade Committee to help make the next holiday season even more spectacular! Alongside the parade, this is the 70th year of Christmas Tree sales!

President Michelle also advised members that we have hired an Executive Assistant. Though a Club of volunteers, the efforts required to continue to push forward the Club's agenda, this support will relieve some of the pressures our leadership faces in the day-to-day activities of the Club.

Hold These Dates! If you picked up a calendar for 2020. . .make a note of these events.

January 22: O'SHaRE

January 23: Luncheon Meeting *Food Truck presentation/motion/vote *(Best Western)

January 28: Finance & Audit Committee Meeting

February 4: Board Meeting (Community Living)

February 14: Kiwanis Club Social (Games Night!)

February 27: Dinner Meeting (Best Western – 6pm start)

May 16 – 18: ECYC Convention (Fredericton N.B.)

June 18 – 21: KI convention (Indianapolis, Indiana)

Board Update

Board meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of every month, 5:00 pm, and they are held at the Community Living Building on 4th St E. Any and all members are invited to attend and it is a great opportunity to learn more or discuss matters that are important to you as a Kiwanian. Your participation at the meeting may help you better understand our initiatives, but it is also an appropriate forum to share your perspective.

Some of the highlights from the last Board meeting:

- We passed a motion that while performing a Kiwanis service no member will ever allow themselves to be alone with a minor child.
- We are actively looking for interested Kiwanis members to join the Board for the 2020/2021 year, specifically to serve as President and at least one additional Board Member. If you are interested in either opportunity you are encouraged to speak to any Board Member.
- The EC & C Conference will be held in Fredericton NB, May 15,16 & 17th. This is an opportunity for members to learn more about the big picture of Kiwanis. If you are interested or plan to attend, please speak with President Michelle.
- At the lunch meeting on Jan 23rd there will be a presentation, motion and vote to set a value on the food trailer in order to expedite the possible sale.



