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# Foundation News

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## President's Message

As our 100<sup>th</sup> "Kiwanis in Canada" anniversary year comes to a close, on behalf of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada, I want to wish you all best in 2017.

2016 was a special year for Canadian Kiwanians. We were able to celebrate our centennial anniversary, while hosting the world at the Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto. Many Canadian Kiwanis Clubs recognized this special year with dedicated projects and events in addition to their ongoing community service programs.

The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada offers many programs that will assist members and clubs in serving their communities. This includes scholarships, youth leadership program funding, disaster relief and club building grants. Details of these programs can be found in this newsletter and on our website [www.kfcdn.org](http://www.kfcdn.org). Examples of clubs incorporating Foundation funding are included in the following pages. Please keep this newsletter close at hand and share this with others in order for more clubs and members to take advantage of the opportunities these programs provide.

The numerous programs provided by the Foundation could not continue without the ongoing support of members and clubs through donations, legacy gifts and participation in award programs. Please keep the Foundation in mind.

I am proud to be a Kiwanian and feel privileged to serve on the Foundation board. The Board of Directors is represented by Kiwanians from across Canada who like you, are dedicated to making a difference in their local and global communities. Thank you for your support.

*Yours in Kiwanis,*

**Doug Button, President**

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**Kids Need Kiwanis**



The Foundation was saddened by the unexpected passing of Don Tole, who had served on the Foundation board for six years and was the Editor of the Foundation Newsletter. The following description of Don's life was provided by the Immediate Past Governor of the Western Canada District, Sam Sekhon.

My friend and mentor, Past Governor Don Tole passed away losing a battle to congestive heart failure and lung cancer. He leaves his wife of 56 years Helen, 3 daughters, a son, 3 grandchildren and one great granddaughter. After university he entered the educational field teaching French at Portage la Prairie and then Seven Oaks for Ten years. He then became the language coordinator for Seven Oaks School Division retiring as Principal of a French immersion School in 1995. While teaching Don was on numerous committees and one of his favorite was the

French Verse speaking competition, which he helped form. Today it is a National Competition, and just before his death he heard his granddaughter compete in that competition.

Don joined the Kiwanis Club of Gimli and District in 1999, soon becoming President. In 2006 he was elected as Lt. Governor and in 2008 he became the Governor of Western Canada District. He worked to get SLP's started in Gimli. He and Helen were both very heavily involved with the Aktion Club of Gimli, where they would give rides to Aktion Club members to and from meetings. He also was involved in the Key Leader camp in Division 2.

Don had a very unique talent as a conflict resolver. His soft demeanor, patience and administrative skills made him shine. He had a good sense of humor. Both Don and Helen devoted in excess of 500 hours annually in service through Kiwanis. Don was recipient of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada Mel Osborne Fellow as well as the Kiwanis International Foundation Hixson Fellow. He was also a Charter Walter Zeller Fellow and the Division 2 coordinator of the Kiwanis International Eliminate Project. Don served on the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada for six years where he was also the Editor of the Foundation Newsletter. In 2015 Don Tole was named the "Kiwanian of the Year" by the Western Canada District Board.

With the intention of retiring and taking only a small part in active volunteering Don and Helen moved to Lockport Manitoba. His love for Kiwanis compelled him to join the East Kildonan Kiwanis Club. Two years later he decided to help build a new club in Selkirk Manitoba. At the time of his death he was the Chartered President of the Selkirk Club. He was the true embodiment of what a Kiwanian should be; ever ready and willing to help whenever and where ever he was called upon to do so. He will be very deeply missed by his club as well as the members of the Kiwanis Clubs of Gimli and District, East Kildonan and the Western Canada District.



On October 5, 2016, at a surprise dinner, Foundation Secretary Chuck McIlravey presented Kiwanian Helen Tole with a George F. Hixson Fellowship, in memory of Don, on behalf of the 2007 - 2008 Class of Governors. Both Don and Chuck were members of that Class, Don serving Western Canada and Chuck serving Eastern Canada and the Caribbean. Chuck and his wife Dorothy were assisted by Kiwanis Foundation of Canada Director Mike Owen and Western Canada Immediate Past Governor Sam Sekhon and his wife Terry.

In 1983, the Kiwanis International Foundation (now the Kiwanis Children's fund) established the George F. Hixson Fellowship. Named for Kiwanis International's first president, Hixson Fellowships are bestowed upon donors who give US\$1,000 or more. It's a way of recognizing people who have contributed significantly to Kiwanis' history of generosity. Funds for a Hixson can be sent to the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada and remain in Canada to support Canadian programs.

## Help Kids in Your Community

The Foundation has two programs that Kiwanis clubs in good standing with the Foundation can use to help kids programs in your community.

The first is Send a Kid to Camp. The Foundation has earmarked \$25,000 to help send kids to camp each year. We will provide a 50% matching grant up to \$500 to assist any child requiring financial support to attend camp. Each Kiwanis Club can apply for one grant a year. Your Club can be one of 50 Kiwanis Clubs that helps send a Kid to Camp this year.

The second is a Youth Grant. Each of the three districts in Canada has been allocated \$10,000 a year to assist youth groups. Each Kiwanis Club can apply for one \$500 grant per year, when they provide a minimum of a \$1,000 donation to a Canadian youth organization, such as scouts, guides, Boys and Girls Clubs, cadets, navy league, etc. Please note that each youth group is only eligible for one grant. It is intended that a different group get the grant each year. Your Club can be one of 20 Clubs in your District to turn your \$1,000 donation into \$1,500.

## Start a New Club

The Foundation has a grant for new Service Leadership Clubs. In 2016, grants were given to two new Aktion Clubs, the Aktion Club of Sarnia-Lambton and the Pembroke Aktion Club.



Started in September with seven members, the Pembroke Aktion Club quickly grew to 21 active members.

The AKTION Club of Sarnia-Lambton

began in February with a formal chartering and membership induction ceremony. This new Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sarnia Lambton Golden K in cooperation with Community Living Sarnia Lambton.

The new AKTION Club also received some special gifts in recognition of their chartering ... a hand-crafted box for name tag storage (a gift from the sponsoring Golden K Kiwanis Club) and the original bell (over 90 years old) from the former Sarnia Kiwanis Club.

The new members of the Aktion Club of Sarnia-Lambton have been living the AKTION club motto of

“Service in Action”. Even before their official Club chartering event, members committed many hours of volunteer service in traffic control and cleanup. The club has also been active collecting canned and dry food goods for local food banks, collecting old shoes in support of the Key Club “Soles for Souls” project and will be helping their sponsoring with Kiwanis ONE DAY cleanup activities. They also recently attended their first interclub meeting with a host AKTION club in Stratford ... a day of fun and karaoke!



## District Grants

Each of the three Canadian Kiwanis Districts is eligible for an annual grant of up to \$10,000 from the Foundation to support community projects within their District. In



2016, the Kiwanis Club of Victoria, part of the Pacific Northwest District, together with the Kiwanis Foundation of

Canada, presented cheques for \$15,000 and \$10,000 respectively, to Central Middle School in Victoria. These donations will fully fund the 2nd phase of a naturalized play space at this inner-city school. The play space will bear the Kiwanis name.

In Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District, in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, the Foundation donated



\$10,000 to the McMaster Children's Hospital, to help with the treatment and research into Myoclonic astatic epilepsy, a disease which has no known cure.

## HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THESE PROGRAMS

Send in your annual club donation of \$15 per member to the Foundation. Remember that this donation can come from your service account.

# FOUNDATION BOARD CHANGES



**Jim Steele**, of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford retired from the Board in October 2016, after nine years of service. Jim was presented with a Tablet of Honour by President Doug Button to recognize his service to the Foundation.

Jim was replaced as Treasurer of the Foundation by **Bob Johnson**, who had previously been treasurer and director of Kiwanis Foundation of Canada for 11 years.



Bob is a 37 year member of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford and during that time has served 2 terms as president and 2 years as Lieutenant Governor of Division 5 in the EC&C district. He was also the finance chair /advisor for EC&C for 12 years.

Bob is a retired professional accountant (CPA - CA) who practiced in the field for 47 years serving clients in several businesses and industries.

Bob looks forward to his return to the Foundation.

## CREATING A LEGACY

The Foundation was grateful to receive a \$25,000 memorial legacy from the Estate of Evelyn Faulkner the late wife of Bob Faulkner. Bob, who passed away in 2006, was a member of the Westboro (Ottawa) Club, a Past Governor of the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District (1970 - 1971) and a former president of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada. As Governor, Bob Faulkner stressed the need to bridge the generation gap, and during his term, eight new Key Clubs were chartered in the District. This memorial legacy will ensure that the Foundation can continue to support Youth Leadership programs.

## DONATION

Donate to the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/1104>

## KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND UPDATE

What we have all known as the Kiwanis International Foundation is now the "Kiwanis Children's Fund". On October 22, 2016, the Foundation's Board of Trustees approved the use of the name **KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND** as the name under which the Foundation would operate as it looks to meet the needs of Children across the globe and in our communities in the years ahead. The Foundation Board, meeting in Toronto last June, adopted "HELP" - Health, Education, Leadership and Priority Initiatives - as the strategic framework within which programs and grants would be assessed for support.

With these changes, the Foundation looks ahead to the ways in which Clubs and Districts can be better supported in bringing forward and implementing Signature Projects that both meet the needs of Children - "Kids Need Kiwanis" - and enhance the brand recognition of Kiwanis and Kiwanians as Serving the Children of the World. Work is underway now to reshape the Grant program and enhance funding at a Foundation level.

We in Canada have the opportunity, through our Clubs and as individuals, to support the work of the Kiwanis Children's Fund by providing donations to the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada designated either for the Kiwanis Children's Fund annual club gift or for recognition such as the Zeller or Hixson Fellowships made available by the Fund. Dollars contributed to the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada, earmarked for these purposes receive a Canadian tax receipt and remain in Canada for use by the Fund in consultation with the Canadian Foundation.

Most importantly, we have the unique opportunity to close out the ELIMINATE campaign in Canada, working with UNICEF Canada, to achieve the full matching contribution that the Canadian government has made available. If you and/or your Club have not yet contributed to ELIMINATE or wish to increase that gift, if you and/or your Club need to fulfil your pledge, NOW is the time to do that, as only dollars actually contributed - not simply pledged - will earn that match. These contributions can and should be made now to and through the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada.

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## Kiwanis Leadership Camp - Hope, BC April 8-10, 2016

It was a beautiful weekend in Hope BC, when 75 members of the Kiwanis Family gathered for a weekend of servant leadership training. Led by Bellingham Kiwanis member Lisa McCoy and Sardis Kiwanis member Sheila Scoble, students from 13 different Key Clubs laughed, yelled, studied and learned how to give back to their communities through service and leadership. The focus of the camp is to train young leaders to go back to their Key Clubs and inspire their members to get involved. Through individual work, group work, games, multimedia and the sharing of good food, and beautiful sunny weather, a great time was had by all. 18 Kiwanians assisted with the camp making this a true Kiwanis Family event. A huge thank you to the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada for supporting the participants with \$50.00 bursary to keep the cost affordable.



## 20th Annual Scholarship Luncheon At Casa Loma, Toronto

Since 1997, the Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma has assisted deserving high school students with scholarships for their post-secondary education. The Club chooses students who maintain good grades, have a financial need and who have demonstrated service and leadership in their school and community in keeping with the Kiwanis spirit. Each of the 10 Key Clubs in the GTA is awarded one scholarship, plus one scholarship is available for each school at which one of our club members is on the faculty. This year was also the 10th year we have provided a music scholarship in honour of the late John Bird. John was a pillar of the music community in Canada and around the world. He was a cornerstone of the Casa Loma Club for many years, including serving as President. Ninety guests attended the event held on June 3rd



in the Conservatory at Casa Loma. Special guests included Nick Di Donato (President & CEO of the Liberty Entertainment Group), members of the Bird Family, Shelley Des Cotes (Administrator - Eastern Canada Key Clubs), Mona Adib (Governor - Eastern Canada Key Clubs), members of the Kingsway Humber Kiwanis Club including President, Bo Fleischman and members of the East York Kiwanis Club, including President Mike Young.

Casa Loma Club President, Kathi Silke, presented the scholarships to each of the 12 students. Each scholarship winner received \$1,500, with \$2,000 awarded to the music scholarship winner. The Club gratefully acknowledges the generous support of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada through its Matching Scholarships and Mel Osborne Scholarship programs. Staples Midtown Toronto provided gifts to the scholarship winners. A special presentation of the funds raised at the Club's annual "Lovely Spring Run" was made to CAMH (the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health). Musical performances were given by the two of the scholarship winners and by soprano, Ursula Ivonoffski.

The Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma will celebrate its 95th anniversary with a spectacular Garden Party fundraiser at Casa Loma on Wednesday, August 31, with proceeds to benefit the Kiwanis Music Festival of Greater Toronto.

## Kiwanis Club of Riversdale



Dale Graves presented a Scholarship to Zam Kim on June 1, 2016 at Bethlehem Catholic High School in Saskatoon, SK. She enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan in the fall of 2016 taking a Science undergrad degree and plans on going to Medical

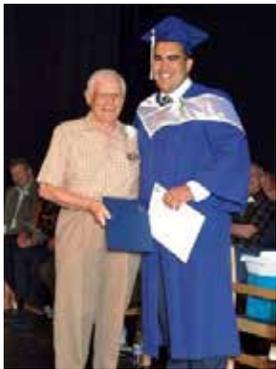
school. This presentation was made possible by provided the matching scholarship program of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada.

### Kiwanis Club of Chatham-Kent

The Kiwanis Club of Chatham-Kent presented two 2016 Kiwanis Foundation of Canada Matching Scholarships. Shown in the photo (left to right) are Amanda Woodrow, Club President Dick Roe and Paige Wilkins-Solomon. Amanda Woodrow graduated from Chatham-Kent Secondary School and is continuing her studies in the Concurrent Education Program at the University of Windsor with a goal of becoming an elementary teacher. Paige Wilkins-Solomon, a graduate of John McGregor Secondary School will be attending St. Clair College in the Police Foundations program with the goal of becoming a police officer. Both Amanda and Paige have been exceptional students in high school and active in school and community activities.



### Kiwanis Club of Woodlawn Dartmouth



Kiwanis Club of Woodlawn President Bob Prier and Prince Andrew High School graduate and recipient of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada scholarship, Frederick Diab. Frederick is graduating with honors and will be continuing his education at Mount Allison University, Sackville NB.

### Kiwanis Club of Winnipeg

Victoria Gutscher and Karim Sidhom are this year's recipients of the Kiwanis Club of Winnipeg 2016 Scholarship and the Mel Osborne Fellow Youth Scholarship. Both students graduated from Vincent Massey Collegiate in June. Victoria and Karim have been active members of our VMC Key Club for the past two years. This year Victoria was Club Treasurer and



Karim was Club President. Both students took leadership roles in allowing for a very successful year for the Vincent Massey Key Club. We wish them both all the best as they pursue their future studies at the University of Manitoba for Victoria and the Universite De St. Boniface for Karim.



### Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth

Gerry Lethbridge, Scholarship Chair, presented scholarships to Paige Ripley and Elise Sims. Paige attended Auburn Drive High School and is planning to pursue Science & Business at St Francis Xavier University in Fall 2016. She attended Kiwanis Key Leader Camp in 2012; was cheerleader at School; volunteered at Margaret Houser; was Kiwanis Dragon Boat Race volunteer; worked last 3 summers at Kiwanis Ice Cream Trailer, and this year is working at Ice Cream Trailer and the Kiwanis Music Festival Office. She also played community girls softball & varsity rugby.

Elise attended Dartmouth High and will pursue a BSc in Biology at Acadia University in Fall 2016. She worked as a Lifeguard and Swimming

Instructor at Banook Canoe Club, and part time at Kiwanis Ice Cream Trailer. She received the Cdn Lifeguard Certificate from Dartmouth Sportsplex, and the NS School Athletic Federation Award in 2013. Elise participated in HS varsity basketball, field hockey & volleyball, coached Dartmouth Celtic Girls Basketball and participated in EDGE (getting teens involved in Community Service activities). She attended a French Immersion Explore Program in Quebec in 2015.



## Kiwanis Club of Edmonton Oil Capital



Immediate Past President Heather Gillis presents one of three Laurie Billing Community Leadership Scholarships to Allison Fleming.

The scholarship

was made possible by the Matching Scholarship program of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada. Allison is a graduate of St. Francis Xavier High School and is attending the University Alberta, taking a Bachelor of Kinesiology. Some of her many volunteer activities included:

- President of the Student Council
- Catholic School – District Leadership Council
- Terwillegar Recreation Centre Volunteer

Past President Heather managed to juggle her club and Beaver Leader responsibilities to make the presentation.

## Westfort Kiwanis Club

The Scholarship Chair, Paul Sebesta, presented scholarships to:



Zach West is entering the Collaborative Nursing program at Lakehead University. He plans to enter Medical School and become a doctor of sports medicine.

Hillary Macdougall is entering the Honours Business Commerce program at Lakehead University. Upon completion of this program, she will enter Law School.



Amber Ziebarth will be studying Biology at the University of Guelph. She will continue graduate studies in Physiotherapy.



Kihannah Perala (photo not included) will be attending Douglas College in British Columbia.

Westfort Kiwanis donated \$2000, some of the proceeds from the Father's Day Dream Draw Motorcycle Raffle, to the Therapeutic Riding association of Thunder Bay. These funds will allow the Association to continue providing riding lessons to persons living with physical or mental challenges.

The photo shows, from left, Al Cheetham and Maureen Downey as they accept the donation from Kiwanian Heather Bruni.



We are very appreciative of the funds provided by the Foundation through your Organized Youth Program Grant as this will allow more children to experience and benefit from this program.

## Kiwanis Club of Courtenay



Zanna Thompson was awarded the Kiwanis Club of Courtenay and the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada Scholarship with a value of \$2000 at a recent meeting of the Club. Zanna was a student at G.P. Vanier Secondary School and is going to attend North Island College to study Fine Art.

## Kiwanis Club of Charlottetown

Colonel Gray High School member Graeme Zinck receiving the Mel Osborne Scholarship from Principal Kevin Whitrow



on Graduation night. Suzanne Lee, school Key club advisor, said that "Graeme is an incredible candidate and worthy of recognition and this award".

Following are some of Graeme's activities and involvement:

- Key Club Treasurer from 2014 to 2016
- Mentor for lower grade students
- Photographer for Key Club
- Trombone player in school concert band
- Piano accompanist for ballet classes
- Facilitator for international stop cyber bullying youth summit, 2013
- Junior instructor for summer performing arts camps, 2014 and 2015

Graeme is enrolled at the university of Prince Edward Island and plans to further his studies in music and the arts.

Chris Zhou and Shamus McInnis, winners of this year's Matching Scholarship awards. They are members of #60 Squadron Air Cadets, which our club sponsors.



Shown on the left is David MacCallum, representing the Kiwanis Club of Charlottetown, and on the right Squadron commander Captain Carol Richard.

### Kiwanis Club of Abbotsford



Faculty advisor, Rene Caron, presenting a Mel Osborne scholarship to Kourtne Sohl, the President of the Yale Secondary Key Club.

### Kiwanis Club of Brandon-Assinboine



Ralph Heard, the Club Bursary Coordinator, presenting four \$500 matching scholarships to:

- Alli Bateman, who is going to Brandon University to study Science and Pre-Med.
- Kendra Jaffray, who is going to York University.
- Quincy Mart, who is going to Brandon University to study Nursing.
- Nicole Frederikson, who is going to Bettineau, North Dakota.

### Kiwanis Club of Timmins



The Timmins Club presented five \$200 matching scholarships, one each to students in five High Schools. Kiwanian Eric Bosse is presenting one of the scholarships to Mariah Gaudet from Ecole secondaire catholique Theriault.

### Kiwanis Club of Petitcodiac



Past President Don Pollock presenting three scholarships at the Petitcodiac Regional School graduation.

Does your Club want to participate in the Matching Scholarship Program or Mel Osbourne Scholarship or the Youth Program Grant or run a leadership or Key Leader Program?

Go to the Foundation website, [www.kfcdn.org](http://www.kfcdn.org), for more information on these and other programs. Your Club can qualify for these programs for an annual club donation of \$15 per member, which can come from your service account.