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CLUB OF BRANDON

Brandon Kiwanis Club Bulletin

Meeting of April 16, 2019

General Business

We had a brief discussion about preferred naming of the Rideau Park Pavilion. Several names have been suggested and a survey of opinions was circulated.

In a circular about the bike auction a few days ago I had mentioned that we were considering taking the time after bike setup at the Keystone to put the bike serial number on the tags we use to label the bikes. This was intended to make the registration process with the police easier. Keith and I talked to the police about the registration process and it is clear from the process they have chosen that this will be no advantage. We will need several members to assist the police with the registration process on the Saturday of the sale (27th). The process is run through an application on a smart phone (either apple or Android) and involves not only recording the serial number but photographing the serial number and the bicycle along with some other information. The process results in the bike being registered in a continent wide data base. The owner of the bike can report it stolen through a simple tap on the phone and the bike's theft is reported widely.

At the next meeting we may need a few members to spend a bit of time learning about the registration process so they can help at our sale and maybe also help the police at a registration event they are planning for the public on May 11 (with food for those who need to be bribed).

Speaker

Our planned speaker was sick so we had an impromptu personal presentation from Darren Wright, our latest new member. Darren was raised in England and he told

us of his early problems with education as a result of having dyslexia. He terminated his formal education early and through perseverance became an electrician. He moved to Canada to work at allpoints electric which he subsequently bought and is the owner now. He found the problem with dyslexia was far easier to cope with using a keyboard so the computer era has allowed him to continue education with a Master's degree and he is now working on a PhD. He is doing research in a computer intelligence area (if I heard his very brief comment on this correctly). It was an inspiring story for those who are aware of the very great challenges that dyslexia poses for those facing the problem. President Peter referred to his grandson and how the use of a keyboard helps so much in class for dyslexic students. Welcome to our club Darren and as in the past we have found our own members have remarkable stories to tell of their lives.

I guess I should insert another very brief reference to the planned talk on May 7th by our own member, Elmer Cole who has another very remarkable story to tell of his life including the prisoner of war story from WWII.

Staff Photographer: Hugh Cowan, our long time photographer is still looking for a replacement. Can we find a volunteer for this task?

Join the exciting conversation and repartee at the Kiwanis coffee Klatches (Tuesday to Friday morning, 9:30AM at the Chicken Delight on Rosser and Saturday and Monday at McDonald's on Victoria also at 9:30AM).

What's happening at Kiwanis

- 1) **April 23 Larry DeVries Restaurant Cooking for Tourists on the Arctic Sea Route**
- 2) **April 30 Business Meeting**
- 3) **May 7 Elmer Cole**
- 4) **May 14 Chris Reid**
- 5) **May 21 Tentative Adam Potter Brandon City Police and city Bike Registration**
- 6) **May 28 Business Meeting**

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Hugh Cowan, photography

