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Brandon Kiwanis Club Bulletin

Meeting of April 30 and 23, 2019

Special Note of Thanks From Our President

I want to sincerely thank the thirty club members, our guest auctioneer and our valued volunteers who turned out for our spring bicycle auction. It was an absolutely superb example of fellowship and teamwork and a testament to Keith's leadership. We surpassed our budget for the spring auction by \$5,000! Well done everyone! It is a pleasure to be part of an organization like our Kiwanis club.
Cheers, Peter

Speaker April 23

Larry DeVries spoke about his experience giving culinary arts courses to Inuit working in some of the 20 hotels run by an arctic co-op. He reflected on the character of the people he met in the northern communities as being very welcoming and family oriented. They were rather relaxed about their work discipline and he said that their word for southern non-Inuit was the people with no patience. He mentioned in particular some of his recollections of Gjoa Haven and Igloolik. While the population may prefer to eat their hunted meat raw on the spot, when it came to the restaurant they seemed to have a preference for the more fast food style. The restaurants tended to have a boom to bust cycle dependent on when cheques arrived and money was available. The funds would be quickly spent and life would return to normal shortly thereafter. While two locations, Gjoa Haven and Cambridge Bay are being visited by Scandanavian cruise ships, he had reservations about how the tourist industry would affect the communities in the long term.

General Business April 30

Lots of business items for this meeting:

- 1) Bike Auction reporting. Keith Mentioned the size of the audience and the sales total for the event. Both were a record. We had over twice the bidders we have had before. The Police were happy with their bike registration process for sold bikes. Just a reminder that they will have a general public registration event on May 11 with food etc and they would appreciate a few volunteers from Kiwanis (at the meeting a couple indicated they would help). There will be a bike move from People's after coffee on Thursday. We will donate some of our surplus bikes to WRENCH in Winnipeg for their program of bike repair and donation to needy families. Keith will be going in to take bikes with a trailer and he is looking for a couple of Kiwanians to go with him (and his wife) so that the Kiwanis members can drive the truck back to Brandon after it is unloaded in Winnipeg (Keith and his wife are staying overnight). That will be May 16th. There will be an abundance of bikes for our July sale.
- 2) Financial Report. Reg reports that we are in much better shape than this time last year when we were down to about zero in any reserve for new projects. The bike auction produced much more than budgeted and we have received a grant to help with the cost of the picnic tables for the pavilion project.
- 3) Thirty Day Bike Storage Issue. Doug has looked into the situation. The People's Market Place building we have been using has been assumed to be unavailable after November if the lease is not renewed. Army/Navy say they would be flexible about us using it until the use of the space is otherwise committed.
- 4) Pavilion: Hamid talked about the Pavilion. At the moment he is looking at getting a good price for the stone encasing for the lower parts of the metal roof supports. Opening at the Kar Derby.
- 5) Kiwanis Scholarship Issue: We decided that we would appeal for someone to lead the program and deal with the Kiwanis Foundation for the matching component of the funds. Failing finding a chair the scholarship will become defunct. The scholarship terms need some caveats developed by the proposed committee to make allowances for the widely imposed requirements in much school coursework for public service as a course requirement.

- 6) Evan Thomas Trust Fund: This fund, in memory of Frank's grandson, will be supporting seven charities. Evan was a member of the Broncos team and died in the crash over a year ago. Certainly a loss we felt so strongly within our club. We made a \$500 donation to the fund.
- 7) Upstream Project: This is a project *to prevent* youth homelessness. The project is a creature of the national Joe Roberts Push for Change funds raised two years ago by Joe's Push for Change walk across Canada. They have established a branch out of Neelin and we have agreed they should get the remaining \$7300 of the local funds available from the dinner Kiwanis sponsored here in Brandon about two years ago.

Here is another very brief reference to the planned talk next week (May 7) by our own member, Elmer Cole who has a very remarkable story to tell of his life, especially his prisoner of war story from WWII.



Carl takes a spin on a rather novel bike at the sale



This shot gives a sense of the crowd size



Vern gets his own bike registered. He rode his bike to the auction and we almost sold it!



Doug, Larry DeVries and Orton in a lineup

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) **May 7 Elmer Cole and his WWII prisoner of war experience**
- 2) **May 14 David Stroz Senior Construction Superintendent of PCL is in charge of renovating the Parliament buildings in Ottawa. This is a multi billion dollar 15-20 year project**
- 3) **May 21 Hamid Mumin the clay solution to better rural roads**
- 4) **May 28 Business Meeting**
- 5) **June 4 Tracy Williams Career Connections**
- 6) **June 11 Ellen Roman with Brandon Bear Clan**
- 7) **June 18 Chris Reid Low Rental Housing**
- 8) **June 25 Business Meeting**

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