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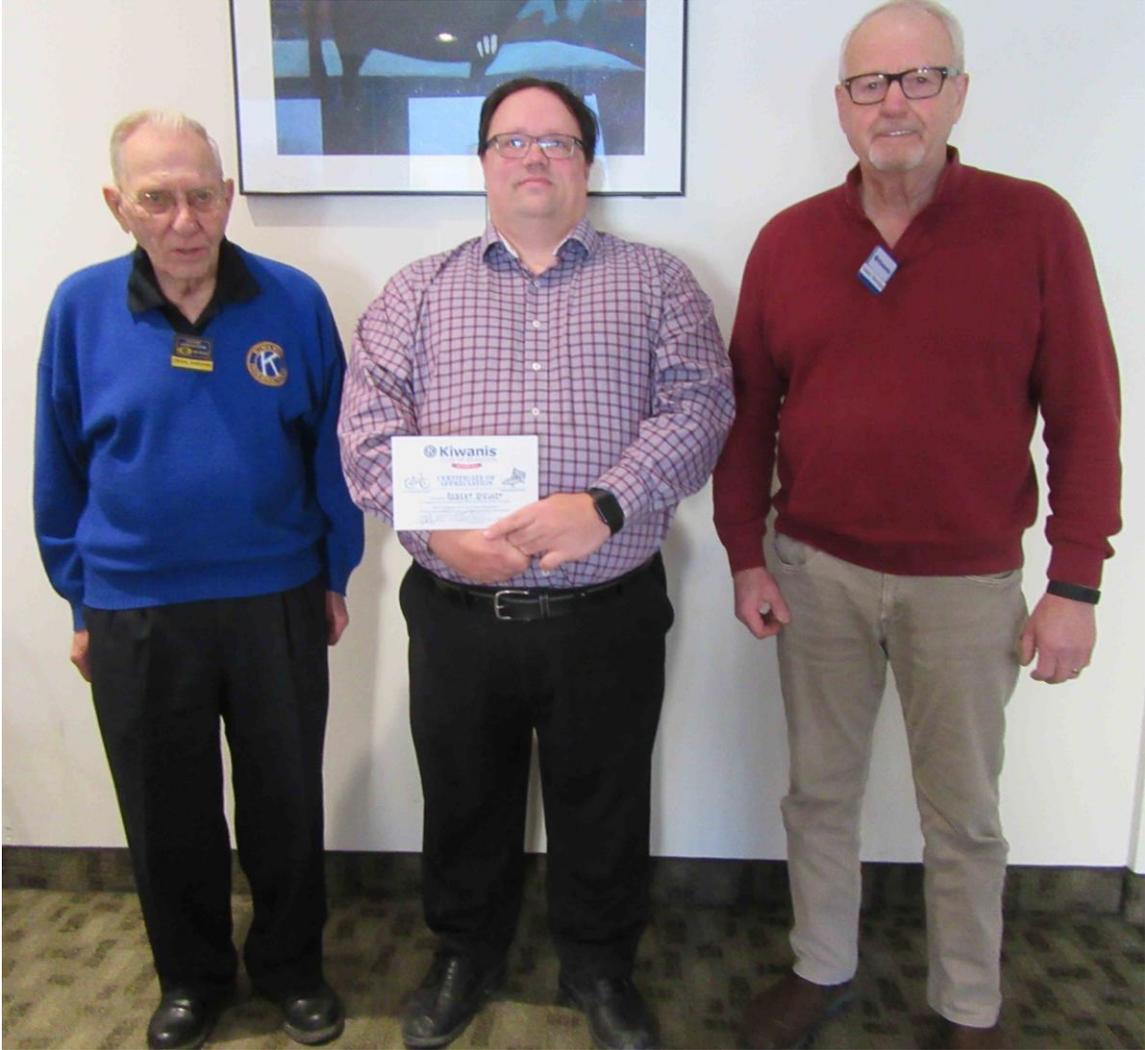
Brandon Kiwanis Club Bulletin

Speaker for Feb 11th

The manager for the Brandon and rural Manitoba 911 service, Robert Stewart was our presenter for the day. He had had an extensive background in paramedic services and ambulance dispatch in BC before coming to Brandon to manage our service. The first 999 call had been in 1968 before Brandon's 911 service began in 1996. This was improved to the Enhanced or E911 service in 2005 with address information connected to the emergency call from an MTS landline and phase 2 in 2009 with wireless calls added. By 2010 the Brandon provincial 911 centre included all of police, ambulance and fire dispatch. The emergency 911 service is a subscription service costing \$5 per head to the served population. The Brandon service was expanded one municipality at a time through rural Manitoba as the various areas appreciated the service and agreed to join until there are now 475,000 people covered by the Brandon centre. Winnipeg 911 serves just its own population.

A popular belief is that wireless calls transmit GPS location information with the 911 call but it is not the case now nor do they have full call display. Absent the caller being able to give accurate location information they must use triangulation off the cell towers. That used to be rather unreliable and with poor accuracy but this information is now mostly getting more accurate but still short of a precise address all the time. The next generation 911 service being envisioned is an internet based service versus analog (not the same internet you access with your home computer). They envision a service that would encompass multimedia (voice, text and video). Potentially a caller could transmit a video/image of a traffic collision and the centre could assess whether more ambulances might be needed etc. This service would contain IP based location information.

An excellent talk from a speaker who was totally committed to the work of providing the best 911 response service for Brandon and rural Manitoba



Our 911 presenter, Robert Stewart, with Orton and Garry



The Big Cheque with YAC reps between John and Vern Heather, Cora Lea and Katy for YAC



John with the real cheque for YAC

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

What's happening at Kiwanis

- 1) **Feb. 18th Bryce Wilson Brandon City Recreation Department**
- 2) **Feb. 25th Business Meeting**
- 3) **March 3rd Community Mobilization-- Jeanine Pelletier and Trevor Robbins**
- 4) **March 10th Dr. David Docherty BU President**
- 5) **March 17th Open**
- 6) **March 24th open**
- 7) **March 31st Business Meeting**

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