



# Kiwaniis®

## CLUB OF BRANDON

### Brandon Kiwanis Club Bulletin

**Note:** Next meeting will be with the Lt. Governor of our district in attendance. Upcoming programs listed at the bottom of the bulletin.

We began our meeting with the presentation of a plaque to Peter Lonstrup to thank him for his two years as President. Since Gerry is going to spend the next four weeks in Maui, we warned him of the fine he faces for having a tan on his return.

**Speaker for the meeting of January 14<sup>th</sup>** was Kim Lowes of Teen Challenge. Teen Challenge is an international faith based organization working to get addicted individuals off their dependence on alcohol or other drugs, especially Meth as it becomes so much more prominent these days. In spite of the “teen” part of the name, in Canada they must work with adults from 18 to over 30 in age. The legal issues with dealing with teenagers are too great. They do work with younger people in the US.

The organization takes addicts into a residence holding 16 clients North West of Brandon with beds for another 4 in an adjacent house. Admission is for a year long program. There is an admission fee of \$1000 but the rest of the costs for the year are covered by Teen Challenge income. The \$1000 might be waived in some cases. While in the program the residents have limited contact with family and especially from those who might draw them back to their previous patterns. The residents work in gardens, at the downtown Thrift Shop etc. The Brandon program is all female but there is a program in Winnipeg for Male residents. They have a recovery success rate of 75% for those who complete the full year in the program.



Ken, David, Kim Lowes and Gerry (now in Maui)



Gerry presenting Peter with his Past President Plaque

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) **Jan 21 Philip Laing Kiwanis Lt. Governor**
- 2) **Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**
- 3) **Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> YAC Brandon Cora Lee Baker**
- 4) **Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Updates in Plan Service for 911**
- 5) **Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Bryce Wilson Brandon City Recreation Department**
- 6) **Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**
- 7) **March 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Mobilization-- Jeanine Pelletier and Trevor Robbins**
- 8) **March 10<sup>th</sup> Dr. David Docherty BU President**
- 9) **March 17<sup>th</sup> Open**
- 10) **March 24<sup>th</sup> open**
- 11) **March 31<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting**

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