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CLUB OF BRANDON

Brandon Kiwanis Club Bulletin

Note: Also attached to this mailing again is a PDF covering the St Patrick's evening event (Pot Luck) that replaces the meeting of March 17th. Read about what is supplied and what you supply.

Meeting of March 3rd, 2020

Brief business: Our President, Gerry, was made aware by Kiwanis Foundation that they would contribute \$500 to one of our youth groups to which we had contributed over \$1000. This would appear as a direct payment to the group from Kiwanis Foundation. We chose the Navy League for our group.

Hugh reported that he already had 40 members and guests lined up for the St Patrick's evening event.

Poster delivery progress was briefly discussed.

The Police Chief was welcomed as an honorary member at the end of the meeting.

Our Speakers were Chief of Police Wayne Belcaen, Police officer Trevor Robins and Allison Done of Prairie Mountain Health. They represented the Community Mobilization Westman group. Over a year ago we heard of their needs and contributed to their immediate crisis cash fund. We had learned before that they operated as a round table of representatives of the organizations that cope with people in crisis. The agencies involved include the police, Prairie Mountain health, the School division, addictions etc. They meet twice weekly to discuss cases and when an individual or family is declared a case of acutely elevated risk, they are able to share information more freely than privacy laws would ordinarily allow. When they coordinate in this fashion they can deal together with a crisis more

effectively than working separately and the individuals or families needing help now have a single point of contact for assistance rather than going from agency to agency trying to find the right source of help. A major problem in dealing with people at the crisis stage is that they need help right now and that they have often learned that they should distrust the agencies that offer help because when it is offered it often takes quite awhile to resolve any immediate aspect of the larger problem. To that end the Mobilization group has a small cash pot they can use to do emergency things, for example such as buy some groceries right now when the cupboard is bare. When someone from the Mobilization group goes to render assistance as the single point of contact for all the agencies, they have this small cash pot to possibly resolve the very immediate issue and to help gain trust as they pursue the larger issues.

A couple of situations were described from over the last year or so (nameless of course) so that we could understand in a more concrete way what they deal with. We made a contribution again to their immediate cash fund.



Chief Belcaen (new honorary member) with Gerry



Allison Done, the Police Chief and Trevor Robinson accept the cheque

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) March 10th Dr. David Docherty BU President
- 2) March 17th No Meeting --St Patrick's Pot Luck in Evening
- 3) March 24th Tom Mitchell -- Manitoba 150
- 4) March 31st Business Meeting
- 5) April 7th Taylor Slavinsky -- Afghan Memorial in Ottawa
- 6) April 14th Ron Kristjansson GM of Provincial Ex
- 7) April 21st Const. Myrna Hamm and and Adam Potter on Email scams
- 8) April 28th Business Meeting

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