



# Kiwaniis®

## CLUB OF BRANDON

### Brandon Kiwanis Club Bulletin

Meeting of May 21, 2019

#### Meeting announcements

Bike news: Keith took 35 bikes to the Winnipeg WRENCH group for their use. The addition of a “bicycle repair” option for the MiniU summer camps has been greeted with enthusiasm such that several sections are now planned. We may need a couple of skilled repairmen to help train the camp counselors. Remember that we also sponsor the “Leadership” component of MiniU so Kiwanis is very conspicuous at MiniU.

Next Week: The Kar Derby will be a major focus of next week’s business meeting. I have attached the duty list for the Derby (June 1<sup>st</sup>) to this mailing. We are still in need of a few drivers for cars that are entered and paid for but that lack kids in the 8 to 14 age range to drive. The After Derby celebration will be (as last year) at Ray’s place on Van Horne and 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### Speaker

The speaker was our beloved former president Hamid Mumin who has been faithfully standing by to replace any missing speakers for several weeks. Hamid has been working with a Winnipeg company Cypher Environmental to introduce a product called EarthZyme to local gravel roads that face heavy usage in order to stabilize them so that municipalities can reduce maintenance costs. Since prairie roads do not contain a lot of fine clay material, a component in the road material that is essential to the use of EarthZyme, Hamid’s colleagues have needed to find the appropriate fine clay material to mix with the local gravel in preparation for the application of EarthZyme. Once an appropriate material was found and mixed with

the gravel, the addition of EarthZyme lead to the fine clay particles bonding and eliminating the intervening water molecules that normally separate the clay particles. It is the intervening water that would make the normal clay and gravel roads sloppy, dusty and a loose material. The result of adding the EarthZyme to a road with an appropriate fine clay component makes it a stable and water shedding surface that they had hoped would last for five years. In the event, it appears the roads will be good for as much as ten years with only annual maintenance. A sample of the packed resulting road surface was brought along and it was more like solid rock. I have been driving on a treated road, the section of Patricia east of 17<sup>th</sup> st. east and it has been washboard and dust free for years.



Vern and Hamid with the Vern's carving of a chickadee for a speaker's reward.



Visit to Westbran to see the tables being built for the Rideau Park Pavilion

Join the exciting conversation and repartee at the Kiwanis coffee 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).

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

### **What's happening at Kiwanis**

**Next meeting May 28 Business Meeting**

- 1) June 4 Bruce Berven and Norm Velnes the Foundation and Kiwanis, and the Kiwanis Children Fund**
- 2) June 11 Ellen Roman with Brandon Bear Clan**
- 3) June 18 Chris Reid Low Rental Housing**
- 4) June 25 Business Meeting**

**John Rice, Bulletin editor**

**Hugh Cowan, photography**

