

Kiwanis

Club of Ottawa West

WHAT'S UP VOLUME 5 NUMBER 7
December 7, 2011 Special Christmas Breakfast Issue

Chair: Marie Francis

Invocation/Toast: Rev. Ken MacLaren

Introduce Speaker: Paul Francis

Thank Speaker: Germaine Barr

Special Guest Speaker: Dave Brown, Retired Columnist, Ottawa Citizen

Last Meeting

At our last meeting we had the pleasure of welcoming Brian Toller, Vice Chair of the Board of the Great Canadian Theater Company. Brian spoke about some of the history of this organization and the role it plays in our community. He also talked about some of the many projects GCTC in engaged in, one of which is its mandates to promote a love of theatre in youth. To this end GCTC conducts an “*Edgeucation*” program whereby youth are brought to student matinees. Besides being given a study guide, after the play the students get to go backstage and talk with the actors. What a wonderful opportunity to get to understand the art and develop an interest in the theatre. Altogether a very interesting talk by Brian.

Recent Happenings

November 29th saw our club’s turn on the duty roster for the Aktion Club’s weekly evening. There was a huge turnout at the dinner and we almost ran out of cake (gasp). Entertainment was provided by the Ottawa Valley Singers. They were fantastic and the attendees thoroughly enjoyed the medley of tunes.

As well, On November 23, Penny Mount hosted a bagging evening at her home in order to package the supplies our club is giving to Ottawa Innercity Ministries at the upcoming Christmas Breakfast. In attendance were Lynda Secord, Kathy Fulford, Sandra Brady, Glennys Ojaste, Nicole James, Connie Stinson and Glenda Hughes. Over 45 packages were put together with a couple of boxes of extra supplies as well. A

good time was had by all concerned. Thanks Penny for arranging this annual evening event.

This Week

This week is our annual Christmas Breakfast, being held at 7:00 on Wednesday December 7th in the banquet room of Macies. As in the past, entertainment will be provided by a young participant of the Kiwanis Music Festival. Of course our own Jim Brough will be along to accompany our entertainer.

As well, our special guest speaker this year is Dave Brown, retired columnist from the Ottawa Citizen. We are expecting a great turnout to the event with members of numerous sister clubs and other guests in attendance. It's going to be a great morning.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

*December 9: Of special note is the Santa Soupers Singers caroling evening this Friday December 9th hosted by the Ottawa Vanier Club. Seven volunteers from our club have already signed up to exercise their vocal chords. There is definitely room for more and anyone interested should let Penny Mount know by this Wednesday. The singers will meet at 5:30 at the Adult High School on Rochester Street.

There was some concern about the amount of pledges that needed to be obtained in order to join in. This should not deter anyone who enjoys singing from coming out to help bring cheer to others. Any amount is accepted. The important thing is to bring out your voice. Penny can be reached at 613-729-0714 or penricmo@sympatico.ca.

*December 14: Next Board Meeting

*December 16: Penny and Rick have graciously offered their home for a Christmas Pot Luck Party on this date. However, we need enough members to make it a go. Please advise Penny or Ron Hienbuch by this Wednesday if you are planning to attend, so a decision can be made.

*December 17: In From the Cold event at Parkdale United Church

*December 21: Final club meeting before the holidays

Birthdays in December (Congratulations)

December 09: Bob Williamson

December 29: Elke McCumber

Parting Ponderings

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

