

KIWANIS CLUB OF BELLEVILLE OVER THE YEARS

The Kiwanis Club of Belleville was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Kingston. The first meeting of the Club was held on or about February 10, 1923. At this time the election of officers was held from among the 30 business men in attendance. Mr. George Griffin was elected as the first President; however, he later resigned to become the secretary/treasurer of the Club in May 1923. Mr Thomas W. Collister became the Club President.

Following the 30-day probation period the Club held its' Charter Night at the Quinte Hotel on May 18, 1923. Clubs in attendance included Kingston, Peterborough, Toronto and Montreal. LG E. J. Tanguay of Quebec City presented the charter in the absence of Governor William G. Keddie. The meeting was chaired by President Hugh C. Nickle of the Kingston Club.

1923 - President Tom Collister

One of the first enterprises the club was the painting of all 264 water-hydrants prior to the Belleville Old Boys Week celebrations.

The Club membership discussed and voted to complete this task at the noon meeting and by 8:30 pm on the same day all water-hydrants had been painted a bright red. This was the first demonstration to the City of Belleville, that no task is too great if the will to do such task is apparent and the newly formed Kiwanis Club proved to the citizens that from then on, no task was too great if it was worthwhile and required to be accomplished.

The Club from its early inception gave a great deal of assistance to the Barnardo Home for Boys and the Children's Shelter. Members took great pleasure in putting on a dinner and Christmas-tree party for the children of the shelter.

1924 - President Peter C. MacLaurin

Early 1924 the Club “put its’ shoulder to the wheel to inaugurate a branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, after which a qualified Victorian Order nurse was procured.

The Club sponsored the first “Ki-Y” Baseball League. The Y.M.C.A. provided the leadership while Kiwanis paid for the necessary equipment. During the winter the Club joined with the City of Belleville, assisting in providing free hockey and skating at five locations in the City.

Club joined with the Rotary Club and the Y.M.C.A. to add buildings and facilities at the summer camp at Moira Lake.

1925 - President Russ Wotten and Bill Lattimer

April 28, 1925 the Club presented the V.O.N. with their first car after borrowing the necessary funds.

The week of September 14 the first carnival and style show was held at the Belleville Armouries with an admission of 15 cents the Club raised just over \$2,500.00

1926 - President Charles Hanna

Following the infantile paralysis epidemic in 1926, the Club gave assistance to a 12-year-old orphan boy, who had spent the previous six years in the hospital. The Club provided funds for a bookkeeping course since his education had been neglected in addition to tutoring him. Years later that individual returned to the Club as a guest speaker detailing the travelogue of a boy who was paralysed. He had become the highest paid civilian executive official at CFB Trenton.

1927- President Jack McIntosh

The Club grew by 17 members this year. The Club had a monster Kiwanis Picnic, when it chartered the Cobourg Ferry and visited the Rochester Club. There were over 300 Belleville citizens including Mayor Wilmot who joined the Club for the event. The two clubs exchanged their national flags.

The agricultural Committee had considerable success in its certified seed Potato club project.

1928 - President H.W. Greenleaf

The Club introduced band music to Belleville Collegiate with the purchase of twenty instruments. The Board of Education thought highly of this experiment and later included music as a regular study. The original gift of \$700.00 was supplement over the years with the purchase of more instruments from time to time.

1929 – President George Lee

Thirty-two members travelled to Montreal to participate in the Canadian National Kiwanis excursion as guests of the Montreal Club.

This was the year of the Hurdy-Gurdy man fundraiser with members parading on Front Street behind the Hurdy-gurdy man and monkey. The Club assist in raising funds for the hostel on the grounds of the Bowmanville Boys Training School.

1930 - President Joe E. Imlah

1931 - President George F. Cole

1932 - President A. Bernard Collins

1933 - President Rev. E. McCutcheon

1934 – President I. Ed Shapiro

Through the years of depression, the club supplied assistance to many families in need of food and clothing. Club doctors gave liberally of their time and services caring for the needy children of the City who otherwise would have been neglected. Tonsils and adenoids were removed, fractures reduced, and medical assistance given for the betterment of the health of the less fortunate citizens.

1935 - President Cliff Baragar

The Club began to take on new life and interest in the furthering of Kiwanis work locally. Probably most important was the “Safety First” campaign. In that year, the Club sponsored the Canadian Concert Association. At the beginning of the year the Club had 32 members and just \$54.00 in the bank. Staging a large carnival which employed 33 individuals, which had 15,000 paid admissions and 400 school children resulted in the Club ending the year with \$13,500 in the bank and 68 members.

1936 - President Frank Domenico

This year will be remembered for one of the worst flood in the City’s’ history. The Club shared in providing relief for those who were forced to vacate their homes. The major activity this year was the providing and equipping two playgrounds for the City, at a cost of \$5,000.00. The Club also provide supervisors for the playgrounds and paid for a Director of Sports. In addition, the club sponsored 50 boys and 55 girls to attend one week’s outing at the Moira Lake Camp.

The Club won the Inter-Club Shield Award from Kiwanis International this year

1937 – President Ed Logan

For the first time a member of the Belleville Club, P.C. MacLaurin, was elected as the Lieutenant Governor of the Division. The outstanding accomplishment of the year was the establishment of a Child Welfare Clinic staffed by the V.O.N. The clinic had over 60 mothers and babies receiving clinical examinations and information each week.

A hobby show was organized for the participants of the playground programs at the end of the summer, which was held at the Y.M.C.A. and boys who had won in the playground completion were sent to the Track and Field day at the Canadian National Exhibition.

1938 – President Ab Boynton

The Club continued its' work of supporting the Child Welfare Clinic and the playground programs in the City.

1939 – President Dick Flynn

One hundred children were taken to Kingston to see their Majesties on May 21st in Kingston and 35 boys were sponsored to attend two weeks at the Moira Lake Boys Camp.

The Agricultural Committee arranged for 25 baby chicks and sufficient chicken feed for one mother to each boy and girl in the rural schools in cooperation with the Ontario Agriculture and Swift Canadian Company. The children won prizes and trophies for best chickens raised and the largest gross quantity.

The Club received 20% of the chickens raised, which then sold with the profits being used to club programs.

1940- President W.H. Anderson

War service was in the forefront this year. The Well Baby Clinic work was carried forward along with other established Club projects, with the Club giving assistance in the Canadian War Service Campaign. The Club assisted the Auxiliary War Service Committee by hosting regular Sunday afternoon and evening open house program at the Y.M.C.A. during November. Each luncheon a collection was taken up to purchase War Saving Stamps, which the Club never redeemed.

1941 – President Jim Barclay

A second member of the Club, Cliff Baragar became the Lieutenant Governor for the Division this year, being elected at the Ontario, Quebec, Maritimes District Convention.

The biggest inter club meeting was held this year with 76 Kiwanians attending from Kingston, Cornwall Oshawa and Peterborough.

The Club became involved with a magazine collection, shipping the magazines to Halifax for the Merchant Navy. Another war service carried on was the influence brought to bear by the War Service Committee to have the Y.M.C.A. institute “open house” on Sunday for members of the Armed Forces.

1942 – President Jack Trudeau

One of the major projects of this year was the establishing a Blood Donors Clinic following a call from the Canadian Red Cross Association.

Col. P.H. Wills offers to provide \$5,000.00 if the building known as the Kiwanis Centre could be bought at that price from Maple Leaf Milling Company. The building was officially opened on June 8, 1942 after two months of renovations by the members.

The membership increased from 59 to 83 this year.

1943 – President W. Bruce Lattimer

During this year more than 12,000 individuals from the city and district donated blood for plasma at the new Kiwanis Red Cross Blood Donors Clinic. Other war service projects continued this year in addition to having the Well Baby clinic transferred to the Kiwanis Centre. The Poultry Club project was at its peak with over 3,200 chicks distributed to the rural school children.

On May 10 the International President Fred McAlister and his wife attended the meeting of the Club.

1944 – President Jack McVeigh

The highlight of the year was the presentation of the Roblin Lake Camp to the Club by member Kiwanian George Wallbridge. The Club gratefully accepted the site for a Fresh Air Camp for the less privileged children of Belleville and vicinity.

The open air carnival was a huge success this year resulting in a net profit of \$7,000.00 from this one event of the Clubs'

1945 - President W.L. (Lorne) McDougall

By July the Kiwanis Fresh Air Camp at Roblin Lake was ready for occupancy. Over 250 boys and girls enjoyed a camp holiday. Over \$14,000.00 was spent to ensure that the camp was the best in the province. Razor blades and chocolate bars were supplied to the hospitalized service men from Belleville. The club undertook the leadership of the Clothing for Britain Collection Campaign.

“Pack Up Your Troubles” a musical extravaganza was staged and proved a most popular innovation for a fund raising activity.

1946 – President Mark Vanner

This year was marked by a considerable increase in membership closing at the year with a membership of 111. For this the Club received the Lieutenant Governor's Award. President Mark Vanner became the first honorary president of the Inter Service Club Council. The Victorian Order of Nurses moved from City Hall to the Kiwanis Centre.

The Club commenced the building of 2 houses to assist in acute housing shortage. This project was carried forward to into the New Year.

1947 – President Jack White

The Club moved into the Kiwanis Centre for its weekly meeting this year.

The Belleville Collegiate Key Club was formed under the Key Chairman Everett Fairman. This was the third such club in Canada. Charter president was Jack Kuntze.

At the Ontario, Quebec Maritime convention held in Quebec City, Past President Bruce Lattimer was elected Lieutenant Governor, of Division 5 for 1948.

1948 – President Ted Schwab

The silver anniversary of the Club was celebrated June 28, 29 and 30 of this year. The celebration included an open house at the Kiwanis Centre, a parade down Front Street, an anniversary dinner with W.J. Johnston as the key note speaker and an afternoon picnic on Wednesday afternoon, followed by a Silver Anniversary Celebration banquet and ball at Tobe's.

The service to the community continued in the Clubs' tradition with a commitment to all.

1949 – President Norm Edwards

The highlight of this year was the sponsoring of an American Power Boat Association sanctioned Power Boat Regatta off Massassauga Point. The event was a success financially for the Club with the assistance of the weatherman and great crowds. Kiwanis Fresh Air Camp was successfully operated by the Salvation Army under Kiwanian Major Ken Graham.

1950- President Taylor Franklin

The membership of the Club reached a high of 124 active and privileged members in 1950. Fred Rawson organized the "Be a Buddy Club" in order that orphan children might enjoy outings to the ball park; Jack Walton directed craft classes and Kiwanis Queen Helene Duffy supervised sewing groups.

The club hosted the district Key Club convention at the Kiwanis Centre this year.

The highlight noted for the year was the visit of Gracie Fields, darling of the English stage and internationally famous comedienne who entertained more the 5,000 people in the Memorial Arena. The financial benefit of this program was limited but the Club was proud to have achieved bringing such an artist to the community.

1951 - President Everett Fairman

The Club sponsored a new Kiwanis Club in Trenton and assisted in sponsoring a Key Club in Brockville. Notices were placed in all hotels giving the hours and location of all Sunday church services in the City. The Roblin Lake Camp was passed to new owners the Governing Council of the Salvation Army Canada East. The Club continued its support of local sports teams and hobby craft classes as well as the annual Christmas party for under privileged children.

1952 – President Harold Carruthers

This was the final year for the successful fundraiser "Pack up Your Troubles", a program originally introduced by Past President Ted Schwab. The Club hired a woman to prepare a meal at their weekly meeting with the thought that this could be a fundraiser; however, the project resulted in limited profits. The Club once again hired Gracie Fields through a booker, however she did not show and the Club lost its' deposit of \$750.00.

1953 – President Frank Creegan

This was the year that the Club sponsored the creation of the Kiwanis Club of Picton and the Travel and Adventure Series was the newest fund raiser for the Club. This Travelogue program was proposed by Staff McKenna and was well organized a financial success for the Club.

Possibly one of the most dramatic welfare projects was begun when a home of a widowed mother of a Key Clubber was burned in November. The club took immediate action and within a few days a new home was under construction and eventually completed with voluntary labour supplied by the members. President Creeggan was honoured, by Division 6A for his outstanding work, he was credited for having been of great assistance in 1948 for developing the Madoc Club, 1951 he was the New Club Building Chairman when the Trenton club was chartered and of course this was the year of the chartering of Picton Club.

1954 – President Lawrence Kells

President Larry referred to his year as the year of service and expansion.

The year was a major year to inter-club. The members attended Bath-Millhaven to assist the Kingston Club to create a new club, many trips were made to Marmora where another new club was developed, along with trips to Madoc, Tweed, Picton, Trenton, Cobourg, Oshawa, Peterborough, and Montreal.

The Club was also able to complete the replacement of a burned out home in Cannifton.

1955- President Stafford McKenna

The clubs' national Kids Day had over 3,000 children attend the activities with over 4,000 cokes being consumed.

President McKenna noted in the 40th anniversary book that he expressed hope in the beginning of the year that it would be remembered as a year in which they had fun and in his annual report on Ladies Night he advised that he had achieved his goal.

1956 – President A.O. Drysdale

The theme for 1956 was “Build as Free Men” but the Clubs’ theme may have been ‘Build Fellowship”. The Club offered eight scholarships to deserving students and continued supporting the many community programs of the past years. Don Rose was appointed the Provincial Chairman for Key Clubs and there was much activity at the Key Club level. The Club gave financial assistance to two Key Clubbers to attend the International convention in Dallas Texas.

This year the Club won the Interclub Shield Award again, travelling over 60,000 passenger miles to capture the Ontario Quebec/ Maritime award. The use of the Kiwanis Centre changed with a separate room developed as a dark room for the Belleville Camera Club, the basement storeroom changed into a room for the radio Club, the Chamber of Commerce was located in the building and the V.O.N. continued to use the accommodations at no cost to them.

1957 – President Bud Punchard

The records for this year unfortunately were lost. President Bud Punchard laid plans for what eventually came to be a new playground for the Kiwanis minor league baseball at the municipal fairgrounds.

1958 – President Charlie Lusk

The 35th anniversary year most notable achievement was the inauguration of the Elmer Safety Campaign, with much credit given to Sgt. R.W. Blatchford of the Belleville Police Department.

O.Q.M. District Governor B.K. Hibbert of Halifax attended the Club’s anniversary dinner. The Club participated in the telephone Santa program with over 4,000 children being contacted by “Santa”.

Records also show that approximately 5,000 toys were repaired and distributed to children of the city.

1959 – President Gerry Wishart

The Elmer the Safety Elephant program has grown so large that this year the Club created a committee to oversee the program, working with Sgt. Blatchford.

This was the first year that the Club sold peanuts door to door as a fund raising program. The year was a great financial crisis in the club with the operating budget becoming depleted. A committee was created and the given the task to create a solution to this situation. Dues increased this year along with meal prices, Ladies Night resulted in profit, membership increased by one, and in the end the Club never turned back in their forward progress.

1960 – President George Tripp

The year was a busy one with many community service projects completed particularly in the Boys and Girls Work and for the first time an Elmer safety pennant flew at the Ontario School for the Deaf. Fifteen safety award plaques were presented to city schools for an accident free year. The Kiwanis Minor League baseball diamond was completed at the fairgrounds and a second one was developed at Zwicks Island.

A “Bobby Hull Day” in the form of a father and son banquet was organized with Bobby Hull in attendance to meet 46 young fans, guests of the Club and members.

1961 – President Dr. R.R. Brain

Past President Cliff Baragar was presented with the Legion of Honour Scroll, a 25-year continuous service pin, along with a life time membership in the club at the Past President’s Day this year.

The tenth anniversary of the sale of the Kiwanis owned Roblin Lake Fresh Air Camp was commemorated with a plaque in memory of the late Kiwanian George S. Wallbridge.

The Club won three Lieutenant Governor’s Ribbons during this year and also won the District award for 1960. The Club also sponsored its third Key Club when a club at Moira Secondary School was chartered. The Kiwanis “Career Day” program was conducted at the local secondary schools with annual prizes being presented to students at each school and eight summer positions were found for college students.

1962 – President George Hume

The Club was extremely busy this year with 6 major fundraisers; the World Travel and Adventure, peanut sales, Kiwanis Folies stage show, the Kiwanis Ball, Thrill Drives and a circus.

The Club in addition to the normal community service programs, paid the tuition for a university student, sponsored a Korean child and leased a vehicle for the Safety Officer of the Police Department, which was subsequently presented to the City.

The year ended with a net gain of 12 members.

1963 - President Ralph Graham

The 40th anniversary year was a celebration of the past and the present of the Club. A presentation of a Safety Vehicle to the Belleville Safety Officer was one of the major projects of the year.

The question of the year was not “what does Kiwanis really do?”, but “What does Kiwanis not do?”

1964 - President R.W.G. Freestone

This was the year that the Club chartered the Quinte Kiwanis Club. Although not complete in this year the Club began its’ planning of celebrating the 50th anniversary of Kiwanis International.

October of 1964 the Kiwanis-Rotary-Fry property was approved as a civic park by the City of Belleville.

1965 - President O.F. Bradley

The Club travelled to Belleville Michigan on an Air Canada “champagne” charter flight to celebrate the Annual International Goodwill week. The flight left C.F.B. Trenton with 49 Kiwanians, and Mayor Jack Ellis on board along with gifts to exchange with Mayor Royce Smith and the Belleville Michigan Club.

The Club provided funds for the 3 Key clubs to attend the district convention in Ottawa and the international convention in New York.

In addition to the traditional community programs, the Club distributed 5,000 copies of the pamphlet "You and the Law" to high school students with appropriate assembly addresses by the city police and Kiwanians.

1966 – President F.H. Bellstedt

Once again the Belleville was the Home Club of the Lieutenant Governor with P.P. Larry Kells elected to the position. LG Larry won the F.W. Summerhayes Award during his term. The Club made no less than 34 inter-clubs. The Kiwanis Club of Belleville Michigan made a return visit to Belleville, where they were shown the Quinte countryside. The Oswego New York club came to the City and our clubs' meeting to thank the mayor and council of the city for the assistance they sent during a record snow storm the previous winter.

Although no new projects or programs were developed this year the existing programs were very success including having the Sheltered Workshop becoming self-sufficient.

1967 - President John Trafford

The Centennial fundraising project for the Club was the sale of Canadian flags to homes and industries. The Club used the funds to help support sending less privileged children to "Expo" in Montreal.

The club continued the community services programs including the safety program, the three key clubs and Travelogue safety program.

Dick Lumbers was the Kiwanian.

1968 – President R. G. Harrison

The year of "Walk to Save a Life". The Club held their first "Kiwanis Walkathon" raising \$36,000.00 for cardiac equipment to be used in the Intensive Care Unit of Belleville General Hospital.

A new tradition was established which promoted fellowship with that "other" service club of Belleville through a joint Kiwanis-Rotary meeting held on December 9, 1968.

1969 – President H.T. Turley

This was the “9-month year”, with Kiwanis International changing the Kiwanis fiscal year to commence October 1. The Club organized an air show at Mountain View Airport, unfortunately the costs was equal to the revenue leaving the club breaking even for all their efforts. The B.C.I.V.S. Key Club was selected as the most outstanding Key Club at the Key Club International convention at Barrie.

The Club accomplished in nine months what most clubs would do in twelve months.

1969/70 – President W.A. Mills

1970/71 – President John Kunetsky

The theme of the year was “Improve the Quality of Life”. The year included hosting in cooperation with the Belleville Police and Loyalist College a “Police-Community” seminar to foster a better understanding between the community and enforcement officers. The club continued to assist the Quinte Club with their “Learn to Swim” program, in addition to sponsoring the “Opportunity for Youth” when the federal government grant failed to be approved.

1971/72 – President G.J. Brennan

In addition to the regular community programs and fund raising programs the Club did a few things peculiar to the year. This included assisting Victorian Order of Nurses to extend their work beyond the city limits and providing the Children’s Aid with two bicycles for children with behaviour difficulties.

The Club also commenced the Inter-Club relationship with Lake Delta (Rome) New York Club.

1972/73 – President Clarence D. Fuzzen

This was the 50th anniversary of the Club and many acknowledgements of their accomplishments were received.

Sgt. Bob Hall was named recipient of the “Sir Mackenzie Bowell Award” for 1972, for distinguished service to Education, it has brought honour and recognition to the Club as co-sponsors of the introduction of the “Elmer Safety Elephant “program and continue to financially support the program.

The first public appearance of newly elected Mayor, Robin Jeffery and M.P. Jack Ellis were made at the Club meetings, indicating the extensive involvement of the Club in public affairs.

The celebration of the Golden Anniversary held on June 2, 1973 with Kiwanians from the past, including Charter President George Griffin, one of the door prizes at the anniversary dinner was a 50-gram gold wafer.

1973/74 – President Armin Quickert

This year reflected a slight decrease in membership, however the attendance at weekly meetings increase from a low of 53% in 1970/71 to a high of 70%. It was noted in the anniversary booklet that this increase was a reflection of the quality of membership, an excellent program committee and well-planned meetings. This year had the introduction of inclusive membership plan that included prepaid meals.

Upgrades at the Kiwanis Centre included the installation of air conditioning, repairs to windows and with the widening of Dundas Street the frontage of the building was reduced to a narrow strip.

Fundraisers and community programs continued to be supported by the membership.

1974/75 – President J. Fred Nelles (Oct.)

Once again the Club was the Home club of the Lt. Governor as our PP John Trafford was the LG for Division 11.

Fred was ambitious and was striving for club development and personally presented a plaque to recognize member’s activity. Unfortunately, due to business involvement and advancement Fred moved to Toronto, and resigned as President.

1974/75 – President Albert VanReewyk (Nov. – Sept.)

“Assuming the position mid-term was a difficult start without much preparation, but thanks to an excellent Board of Directors, things turned out for the best stated President Albert. Projects including the operation of the Kiwanis Centre, Elmer Safety, meals on wheels and sponsorship of minor hockey continued with funds coming from the peanut sales, and the Travelogue programs. A dance was organized as a fund raiser at the Ben Bleecker Auditorium, although great fun it just broke even. Fellowship continued with the Club being involved with 23 inter-club visits, including Lake Delta and Rome clubs.

The International Goodwill Dinner was jointly organized by the Belleville and Picton Clubs with 22 Kiwanis Clubs from New York District and Ontario coming to the Legion in Belleville for the first Goodwill dinner in this area.

1975/76 – President Richard G. Lumbers

Called the “Year of Great Debate” by President Dick due to the Club commencing the year with a debate as to whether or not it should carry on financing the Kiwanis Centre or sell it and use the funds to invest and put to good use in our service work.

The 50/50 draw was introduced to the weekly meeting to raise funds for the social event of the Club.

One of the highlight of the year was a huge Kiwanis meeting, held at the four Seasons Hotel, when the Club had William G. Davis, Premier of Ontario, was the speaker. Guest actually outnumbered Kiwanians.

1976/77 – President Charles E. Cooke

The Kiwanis International theme for the year was “Anti-Crime” and in keeping with the theme the Club under the guidance of Roger Harvey help the community through a “Safeguard Against Crime Program”. The Club distributed 600 marking pens with “invisible” ink, which could be read by the police under ultra violet ray lamp.

Membership increased to 73 with three former members rejoining the Club.

1977/78 – President Dr. Jas. E. Stansfield

The Club played an active role in the celebration of the City's' centennial year, including the Club setting up an Official Home Coming at the Armory.

The Club approved a plan created by a committee chaired by Paul Robb to renovate the building and its furnishings, lighting, flooring, entrance details and the exterior lot surface. This project was undertaken with financing coming from a Wintario grant, the raffling of an International Scout vehicle as proposed by Harold Edey, funds on hand and loans totalling \$14,800.00 from members.

1978/79 – President Chas. W. Bristol

This was the first year that the Club became involved with the management of an apple orchard. Members learnt the pruning, picking, grading and the high cost of spraying.

Members volunteered to provide a day's outing to a number of non-resident, some foreign students of Albert College providing a tour of the City and area and dinner on a Sunday.

Travelogue and peanut sales continued to be the major fund raisers for the Club.

1979/80 –President Roger J. Harvey

The year began with the harvest from the apple orchard with the assistance of local high school students. An "After Four" program was initiated with the teachers and officials of Hastings County Board of Education at Prince Charles Public School. A commitment to the further develop the Kiwanis East Bayshore Park to benefit physically challenged individuals on the designated "fitness trail"

1980/81 – President Harold E. Edey

The club was once again the "Home Club" of Division 11's Lt. Governor as Armin Quickert assumed the role of Lieutenant Governor. The Club chartered new Golden "K" club known as the Kiwanis Club of Sagonaska Belleville.

This was the first year of the “annual outdoor chicken barbecue”, with the club cooking 1,500 pieces of chicken at Ben Bleecker Auditorium.

The theme of “A Time for Caring – A Time for Sharing” was evident with the donation of \$8,000 in support of the Crib-O-Gram for Belleville General Hospital. This eclectically mechanism aids in the early detection of hearing malfunctions in infants.

1981/82 – President Ernest A. Drew

President Ernie earned the Distinguished President designation from Kiwanis International during his year in office. This was the year of the department of the Victorian Oder of Nurses from the Kiwanis Centre due to the lack of rental space for the organization. In token of more than 50 years of partnership in community service an inscribed gavel was presented to the club from the V.O.N.

The Club continued its’ involvement with the deaf student exchange between Belleville and Rome New York, assisted in the Community Oriented Sentencing Organization, collaborated with the Drugs and Youth Program of the Belleville Police and Ontario Provincial Police and assisted in the “Share Good Health” program.

1982/83 – President Ralph W. Stewart

The year was the Diamond anniversary of the club and the members continued to give generously of their time and talent to support the Clubs fund raisers and service projects. Some of the service projects included Sleeping Children around the World, Parkdale Pre-School Student Operations, Roblin Lake Camp, Foster Parent plan and Elmer Safety program. It was noted that at the time of writing the 50th anniversary supplement all past presidents of the Club were still alive.

1983/84 – President Peter Zegouras

The Club took a trip to the Provincial Legislature as guests of Hugh O'Neill M.P.P. Quinte to start off the Kiwanis year. The Club chartered a Key Club at Centennial Secondary School in September of this Kiwanis year. April 1984, the Kiwanis Centre was gutted by fire, but the Club continued its' community services including supporting the Sheltered Workshop financially, which had to move to Oak Street as a result of the fire. Twenty –four members attended the International Dinner in Watertown, New York. The Club also assisted the Sir James Whitney School students to attend the annual student exchange in Rome New York. Thirty-eight members travelled to Rome New York. The Club sponsored the first Kiwaniannes Club in Canada, with Marilyn Quickert as the first President. The Kiwanian of the Year was Sid Allcorn.

1984/85 –President Don Rose

This year Belleville was the “Home Club” of the Lieutenant Governor, with Dick Kenzie serving as the Division Lt. Governor. The Club was the host of the Annual Goodwill Dinner having about 300 Canadian and American Kiwanians and guests in attendance. Fund raising included the Travelogue Peanut sales, the Chicken Barbecue a Bass tournament and the Raceway security. Community projects included the sponsoring of the annual science fair, school awards peer counselling and the re-introduction of a float in the Santa Clause parade. The major project of the year was the purchase of a new safety van for the Belleville Police Force.

1985/86 –President Fred Smith

Members were asked for the first time to act as volunteer drivers for the Centennial Secondary School Key Club to support their Hastings Manor project. The first vote at the International convention to allow women into the Kiwanis Clubs was taken and lost.

Rome New York Kiwanians and their wives join the Club for the annual shish kebob dinner at Ev and Joy Dixon home.

1986/87 – President Dr. Ev. Dixon

This was the first year the Club undertook the sale of Christmas trees as a fundraiser. The final result was a donation of \$500.00 to both the Gleaners Food Bank and the Salvation Army. Treasurer Bill Hern through astute accounting policies put the Club on a sound financial footing.

The Club rounded up used hospital equipment for Jamaica under the guidance of Lt. Gov. Paul Tripp.

1987/88 – President Paul Robb

The Club was once again the “Home Club” of the Division 11 Lt. Governor, with Kiwanian Peter Zegouras serving in this capacity.

The club chartered a new Kiwanis Club, Expressions 88 October the Club was involved with the “The Children’s Wish Foundation” as a joint project with the Quinte Club, Sagonaska Club, Sears Canada and the Centennial School Peer Counsel Group. The final result was a net collection of \$3,750.00 for the Foundation. Lt. Governor Peter Zegouras lead the delegation from the club and other members of surrounding Kiwanis Club to the Canada/U.S.A. Goodwill dinner in Watertown New York.

The Club celebrated its’ 65th anniversary hosting E.C. &C. Governor Allen Stewart and 180 Kiwanians and guests.

1988/89 – President Roli Tipper

This was the first year of the Terrific Kids Program which was developed under the leadership of PP Roger Harvey; another first for the Club was the Annual Pumpkin Carving contest. The Club once again hosted the International Goodwill Dinner under the leadership of Bill Hern.

The club also participated in a charity softball game, with the Rotary Club of Belleville raising \$400.00 for ALS.

The mortgage for Kiwanis Centre was paid off this year.

The Club established a precedent by appointing the first Life-Fellowship to long serving Kiwanian Dr. Reg Anderson.

1989/90 – President Bernard Wright

This was a milestone year for the Club with the acceptance of a female member; with the induction of Jane Marinio. The major emphasis of Kiwanis International this year was “Encourage Excellence”. Six bursaries of \$100.00 each were presented to local high school students. Three hundred Christmas trees were cut and sold as one of the Clubs’ fundraisers. The Club, in partnership with Sears Ltd, Sagonaska Club, Expressions 88, and Centennial Secondary School donated \$2,800.00 to the local Children’s Wish Foundation.

The club committed \$25,000.00 to establish the Kiwanis Bayshore park in honour of the 75th anniversary of Kiwanis International. Alex Fedirka, Manager of the Sheltered Workshop became a honorary member of the Club.

1990/91 – President Dr. Bill Hern

The first car rally for the Club was organized this year by Jane Marini, was a fund raiser to the benefit of the Diabetes Association. The year experienced a growth in the Terrific Kids program and with the successful traditional fundraisers the Club was able to support its programs as well begin to financially support the Kiwanis International major emphasis program. This three-year program was designed to target prenatal and pre-school children with assistance and education for nutrition and care.

1991/92 – President Brian Brooks

A year of many Happenings” was how President Brian titled his year. Projects included a winning float in the Belleville Santa Claus parade, sports equipment donated and shipped to Jamaica, and the purchase of a mobile food booth to assist at the Waterfront festival.

Alex Tiley was our guest speaker at the annual Rotary/Kiwanis meeting thanks to the efforts of

P.P. Grant Harrison, where President Brian finally learnt how to wear his “Tiley Hat”.
The Club travelled again to Watertown New York to the Annual Goodwill dinner.

1992/93 – President Tom Allison

It was the 70th anniversary of the Club, and the 40th anniversary of the successful fundraiser, the Travelogue.
The Club presented \$10,000.00 to Loyalist College to establish a perpetual scholarship to assist physically challenged students, as well as donating \$26,000.00 to the City to commence the waterfront development with the first element being the creation of “Freestone Point”.

Members assisted students participating in the Voyageur student exchange program, part of the Canada 125 Celebrations.

Members assisted the Belleville Police Service to conduct a bicycle rodeo for Junior Kindergarten to grade eight students.

1993/94 – President Paul Miron

Dr. Reg Anderson was designated as an honorary member, following his resignation due to health reasons. The Club committed to support the Kiwanis International project of I.D.D. (Iodine Deficiency Disorder) as a Youth International Project.

The Salvation Army informed the Club that due to restructuring they would no longer have need to rent the second floor of the Kiwanis Centre.

The Club continued assisting in the transportation of Sir James Whitney School students to Rome New York with students from both schools visiting the Club at a weekly meeting.

The Club provided assistance at a bicycle rodeo at St. Michaels which had approximately 150 children involved. A donation of \$800.00 to Habitat for Humanity was presented following the operation of a food booth at the CFB Trenton air show.

For the first time the Club hosted a NHL Older Timers hockey game at the Quinte Sports Centre in partnership with MJR & Associates.

1994/95 – President Donald Wishart

Two new projects were completed this year; the “Learn Not to Burn” project in conjunction with the Belleville Fire Department and in conjunction with the Belleville General Hospital the Club shipped medical equipment to Puerto Vallarta Mexico.

The Club participated in Belleville’s Winterfest, although not a successful fundraiser the participants enjoyed the horse drawn sleigh rides and watching Kiwanian, Mayor McDougall and other participants taking part in the polar bear plunge. The cost of operating the Kiwanis Centre continued to a major concern, due to the lack of a major tenant, however in July Community Care moved in as the major tenant.

1995/96 – President Christopher Morden

The Club adapted a defined Service Project structure. The document established service project selection criteria to assist in selecting appropriate projects and groups to support. In response to the Mayor’s council on Poverty, the Club became responsible for establishing an Inter-Service Club committee in the City.

The Club had two new fundraisers the Walleye World Fishing Derby with the Kiwanis Club of Trenton, operating a weigh station for the tournament and holding a yard sale with Community Care.

1996/97 – President Kenneth Sykes

The year gave another \$2,000 to the IDD project raising its contribution to \$778 below the commitment of \$7,500.00. The Club became the planning for the 75th anniversary celebrations including developing plans to extend the Kiwanis Bayshore Park and the construction of a pergola at the entrance of Freestone Point.

Membership increase by 10 or 30% when President Ken had members put a red sticker on their watch until brought in a new member.

The Club approved participating in the sale of Nevada tickets for the first time as a method of financing community projects.

1997/98 – President Marjorie Buck

The seventy-five anniversary year was a great year of celebration thanks to the organization of the 75th Anniversary committee chaired by PLG Paul Robb. The Club committed \$1,000.00 for every year of service to the city of Belleville. This \$75,000.00 was used for the purchase of a safety vehicle for the Police Department, and the upgrading of Freestone Point.

This year was also the 10th anniversary of the Terrific Kids program. The Club, with the guidance and supervision of PP Roger Harvey, Chairman of the program, celebrated with our all of the Terrific Kids School by having a special night at Centennial Secondary School.

This year, City Council renamed East Bayshore Park to Kiwanis East Bayshore Park recognizing the financial contributions of the Club over the years and the clubs service work in the community.

The scholarships presented to local high school students were increased in value this year in addition to having the criteria redefined.

In celebration of the 75th anniversary the Board of Directors increased the funds for awards to recognize members for their contribution to the Club. Mel Osborne Fellowships were presented to Bernard Wright, Ev Dixon and a Diamond Mel Osborne fellowship was presented to Roger Harvey to acknowledge their outstanding work and commitment to the Clubs' programs.

1998/99 – President Frank Geerkens

The Club enjoyed many inter-club trips this year including a trip to Ottawa to visit fellow Kiwanians and to take in the Tulip Tour.

President Frank unique project of the year was P.U.S.E. (President's Used Shoe Exercise). Members were asked to donate during the month of August and the first week of September one pair of used usable shoes. Downtown merchants donated boxes and by Tuesday September 7 more than 150 pairs of good usable used shoes were presented to the Salvation Army.

Fundraising was generally a success, with the exception of the food booth at the Waterfront Festival, which became victim to the change of operation to the event.

1999/2000 – President Frank Dobson

This year was a major turning point for the Club, with the decision of the Club to sell the Kiwanis Centre, due to the lack of a major tenant and the need for major renovations.

The Club had some new activities involving service projects and fundraising, beginning the year with a fashion show fundraiser, sponsoring and judging "School Art" at the annual Quinte Exhibition and assisting at the "The Children's Variety show at Sir James Whitney School.

The Club was the host of the International Goodwill Dinner on April 29.

2000/01 – President Tom Williamson

For the first time since 1947, the Club became holding its' weekly meeting in a facility which did not belong to it; the Banquet Centre has become the weekly meeting location for the Club.

The Travelogue, a long standing and successful fundraiser was reclassified to a service project for the Club.

The Board re-started the quarterly business meetings as part of the weekly meetings in an attempt to keep the general membership informed and involved with any major decisions that affect the Club.

Due to employment situations Tom stepped down in August of his term with the balance handled by Vice President Ralph Porter.

2001/02 – President Ralph Porter

The Kiwanis International Project Iodine Deficiency Disorder was brought to a successful completion this year. The Club has committed to raise \$8,000.00 over three years, however in total \$16,449.00 was donated. This total was the result of successful fundraisers and having generous members, whose individual donations totalled \$5,229.00.

In addition to the “traditional” community projects, the Club supported the Canada Landmines Project, the New York Project (Sept. 11th), Bayshore Family picnic, purchased CPR equipment for high schools and Candles in the Dark. The Club was also grateful for the donation from Honorary member “Doc” Turley. This donation permitted the Club to establish an endowment with the Belleville General Hospital Foundation to annually provide resources for pediatric equipment or neo natal care and to establish an endowment with the Quinte Regional Children’s Foundation to support a scholarship in the name of Kiwanis.

2002/03 – President Susan Sweet

The 80th anniversary of the Club was a year of celebration and service. The Club agreed to sponsor the Bayshore Picnic and Family Fun Fair on the site the Kiwanis Bayshore Trail. This event provided a June weekend venue of family fun for all ages.

The Club supported the Quinte Cultural Centre project in the amount of \$25,000.00 over a five-year period, to be designated to the Children’s Library.

The club held a successful Christmas Family Brunch, providing an opportunity to have all family members participate in a Club social event.

2003/04 – President John Babiak

The Club was once again the “Home Club” of the Lieutenant Governor of Division 11, with PP Marjorie Buck serving as the Division LG. The year was a challenge due to the resignation of five Board members due to employment changes and personal commitments.

The Club had new projects this year as well as the traditional service project, the new ones include the GST project (Gloves, Scarfs, Toques), World Food Day, October 16 – one jar of baby food per member, a joint and established the twinning of club with the Kiwanis Club of Ocho Rios.

The Club partnered with the Belleville Theatre Guild to host a dinner theatre featuring the play, “The Last of the Red Hot Lovers”. The funds raised from this event were in support of the accessibility project at the Pinnacle Playhouse.

The \$5,000.00 donation to the Quinte Cultural Centre was returned to the Club following the cancellation of the project.

2004/05 – President Bill Downham

Once again Belleville was the “Home Club” of the Lieutenant Governor for Division 11, with PP Ralph Porter serving as the Division Lt. Governor

2005/06 – President Garry Quinn

Two new projects this year was the participation with the Children’s Safety Village and the SK8 Board Park. Supporting the Safety Village involved the purchase of medals similar to the Terrific Kids medals, but having gold, silver and bronze medals to present to the students based on the level of training the student was receiving at the village. The skateboard park project was a project being spearheaded by a group of parents in the community who were petitioning the City Council to construct a skateboard park. The Club committed to raising \$100,000.00 of the \$600,000.00 cost of construction over a period of four years, in return the City agree that the skateboard park was to be known as the Kiwanis Skateboard Park.

Lieutenant Governor Ralph Porter continued serving as the Division 11 Lt. Governor, so once again Belleville was the “Home Club” of the Division

2006/07 – President Laura Hare

The ground breaking ceremony of the Kiwanis Skateboard Park was held in October 2007 with the park being open the following September. The club continued throughout the year working to meet the commitment made to the City for the project all the while keeping up its traditional programs and fund raisers. The final results of the construction were not experienced during this Kiwanis year, but the promotion and public relations for the Club as a result of this project were tremendous.

Belleville continued as the “Home Club” for the Lieutenant Governor of Division 11 with PP Bill Downham serving in this capacity

2007/08 – President Gary Foster

Club entered into a ten-year lease agreement with the City of Belleville for the lands upon which the Kiwanis Skateboard Park was constructed thus becoming eligible for funding under the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant program. This program provided \$75,000.00 towards the construction of the park, which assisted the original community group and the club to meet their financial commitments to the City for this project.

The Club with its partners from MJR & Associates hosted a Magic and Laser show which was well received and resulted in a net profit to the club of \$4,500.00. This along, with the Club traditional annual fundraisers provided the necessary funds to support our traditional community projects and programs.

2008/09 - President Helen Robb

The club experience a major growth in membership this year; unfortunately, it was the direct result of one of our sponsored clubs, which returned its charter to Kiwanis International. Ten of the Sagonaska Club members joined our group and along with the members provided funds to our club to continue the bursary at the Sagonaska School. The Club, Secretary Ray Addy and President Helen received “Distinguished” awards this year.

The Sagonaska School had a Builders Club which was supported by the Sagonaska Club and was assumed by the club, and PLG Ralph Porter established a Builders Club at Quinte Mohawk School.

2009/2010 – President Shelley Williams

The club made a major commitment to the youth of the community by agreeing to be the major sponsor of the Quinte Regional Science and Technology Fair; the commitment, \$5,000.00 per year for five years was approved by the membership since it was a multi-year project. This year the Club supported the Tyendinaga School music program, in addition to our traditional community service programs.

Fund raising programs continued to be the traditional events including the chicken barbecue, fishing derby, variety show and of course the Christmas tree sales.

2010/2011 – President Marjorie Buck

This was the first year that the Club had a repeat president; as President Marjorie had served in this capacity in 1997/98. The year had a difficult start with the passing of Secretary Ray Addy. Ray had held the position of Secretary since 1998/99 and his presence at the weekly meetings was greatly missed. A tree was planted at St. Michael Academy, Ray's Terrific Kids School in his honour.

This was the year when the club finally commenced developing a website with the assistance of a young man who was to become a member of the Club, but employment took him to Ottawa where he became a Kiwanian. Our loss of Gord Smith was a gain for the Ottawa Kiwanis.

In addition to the traditional fundraisers the Club partnered with Peter Lockyer of History Lives Here to produce a DVD with 12 vignettes concerning local history. The project was approved by the Board; however, the first DVD was produced with the Kiwanis year.

The club met the commitment of donating \$4,500.00 to the H.I.V. Aids project of Eastern Canada and Caribbean over three years by using \$4,000.00 from the building investment interest account.

The Club membership undertook a review of its operation and made some changes as recommended by the membership. Changes included the reduction of meetings held during the summer and increasing meetings focusing on the business of the Club.

2011/12 – President Ed Hawman

The year began with the objective of making the Club more visible in the community, to this end a portable free standing banner was purchased to be available when the club is out at community functions. The Club brochure was redesigned to promote the club and its activities. PP Laura Hare improved the media exposure of the Club with pictures and news releases both for the print media and radio broadcasts.

The Club was to host the annual Kiwanis/Rotary meeting; however, it was presented with a new twist. The Club hosted what was called the Community Service Luncheon, inviting all service clubs within the City to come and enjoy what is hoped to be a traditional event.

A first for the club was the sponsorship of a young person to attend the Key Leader Camp at Arden. Our candidate Hayden Grierson, attend a weekly meeting informing the members of the experience and the skills he was taught. Three new members joined the club, which was major increase based on lack of new members joining in recent years. PLG Marjorie Buck was presented with an E.C. & C. "Distinguished Member "award.