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CLUB OF SCARBOROUGH

January 2024 Newsletter

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HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

A very warm welcome **Keisha Gregory, Dr. Hannah Chan and Kayon Lewis!**



OUR FIRST HOLIDAY MEMBERS' POTLUCK!

Our Club held our first annual member Potluck Dinner at the Clark Centre for the Arts on the grounds of the Guild Inn. Members from Kiwanis Club of East York, Riverdale and Casa Loma joined this first annual celebration. The array of food was both delicious and amazing!

As part of the evening, a cheque for \$250 was presented to Lori Beesley who is the Volunteer and Student Placement Coordinator for the Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities (SCHC).

Riverdale received \$500 from KI for sponsoring the Kiwanis Club of Scarborough and agreed to donate the money to a charity chosen by Kiwanis Club of Scarborough. Our club chose to split the money between the SCHC Food Bank and the East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club.

In addition to the \$250 donation, our club collected donations of sanitary products from the Annual Potluck participants and these were given to Lori for the #PinkDrive and also gave the leftover potluck food to the SCHC Food Bank.



Pictured above: Mary McDermott, Joan-Mary Spencer, Lori Beesley (SCHC) Frederica Joseph, Allen Pollard and Mitzie Hunter and our donation box of sanitary products.

Growing our Relationship with SCHC: Mary, our secretary, has received her police check and is volunteering at the SCHC Food Bank. We now have three of members of our executive volunteering at SCHC, growing a positive relationship with SCHC.

OUR FIRST COMMUNITY CLEANUP SERVICE PROJECT DECEMBER 30, 2023

A warmer than usual December provided an opportunity for a partnership with Kiwanis Club of Scarborough. Our president, Frederica Joseph, and 12 residents of Rodda Blvd decided to clean up the debris filled neighbourhood and have a Winter Community Cleanup.

The cleaning crew comprised of residents between the ages of 5 - 47 for a family filled event. They picked up debris composed of items such as cigarette butts, old masks to empty chip bags and chocolate bar wrappers. Many pieces of garbage that get blown around the streets collect in grass, around tree stumps and fences, they focused on these areas and cleaned the sidewalks and boulevards.

Some community members expressed their appreciation by honking horns or shouting "thank you" from car windows. Some residents opened the front doors of their homes to thank the cleaning crew. A few Kiwanis Club pamphlets were handed out to those inquiring about our activity. We ended the cleaning day with some hand sanitization, hot chocolate and pizza.

The cleaning event was a success and we will plan more community events like this in 2024. If you are interested in joining this initiative please contact the Kiwanis Club of Scarborough.

Our motto for the day was "IMPROVING THE WORLD, ONE CHILD AT A TIME, ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME".



Our introduction to Service Leadership Projects (SLPs)

On January 27, our L.G. Francesco Coccimiglio joined us for our introduction to SLPs. Kathi Silke, SLP Trainer, provided us with the structure, cost and function of the different levels of SLP clubs and the resources available for these clubs. It is essential to know how and when to start a club, and it is imperative to remain consistent and committed to the process of developing Leaders. Much thanks to Kathi for sharing this valuable information.

Pat Lawrance, Key Club Advisor for two Kiwanis of East York clubs, shared her experience and wisdom as a Key Club Advisor and will provide an orientation to Joan-Mary for this role. Much Thanks to Pat and Joan-Mary.

Samantha Jenkins, L.G. Division 5 Key Clubs and student of A.Y. Jackson Secondary School gave us additional information on resources for Key Clubs and we learned of several very successful Key Club projects that have been carried out in our city. Great job and much thanks to Samantha!

Mary Ellen chaired the session, drew up the agenda and arranged the speakers. Much appreciation to everyone for making this session so successful.

Thanks to Mary Ellen and Pat for creating this opportunity! We left our education session feeling so much more informed and ready to start one or two SLP's!

Francesco and Kathi are Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma members, Pat and Mary Ellen are Kiwanis Club of East York members, Mary Ellen is also a member of our Kiwanis Club of Scarborough along with Mitzie, Sashoy, Donna, Aidan and Frederica are working together to meet another Kiwanis Goal, the establishment of another SLP in Toronto, District 9!

Kiwanis International Service Leadership



KI Service Leadership Clubs

- Terrific Kids
- Bringing Up Grades (BUG)
- K-Kids
- Builders Club
- Key Clubs in High Schools
- Circle K clubs in Colleges
- Aktion Club for adults with disabilities

Learning how to grow our Social Media Reach

On January 11, our very own Donna walked a group of us through how to use AI and Chat GPT to enhance our outreach through social media at the Mid-Scarborough Hub.

We really appreciated Donna's expertise and unlimited patience as we struggled through learning about this new world of social media!!

Kudos to Donna!!

Our next Club meeting is Monday, February 19 at 7pm on Zoom. If you would like to attend, email us scarboroughkiwanis@gmail.com

Our Committees:

- Executive Committee
- Governance and Nomination Committee
- Budget Committee
- Membership Committee
- Public Relations, Marketing and Programming Committee
- Service Committee
- S.L.P. Committee

If you would like to join a committee, please let us know.

If you have ideas on how we can make a difference in Scarborough, please let us know.

If you have family or friends who would like to help make a difference in Scarborough, please invite them to join us <https://kiwanisgta.ca/join-kiwanis/>