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PP Paul Kite – My Year as President in Review

The first thing I would like to say is thank you all for asking me to serve as your president. I enjoyed the experience immensely, and it was a lot of fun.

Despite having to spend some time on Zoom this year we did finally manage to meet in person which allowed a greater participation and the chance to once again enjoy each other's company without a camera.

Our Club seems to run on auto drive. I mean this in a positive way. The committees, directors, and general membership are enthusiastic, organized, and most of all committed to serving our community all the while having fun. To be honest, I was a little nervous at first to be president. There is so much history and strength of character in the Club I wondered if I would be up to the job, especially as a relative newcomer. However, the support I received, and everyone's good nature soon put me at ease.

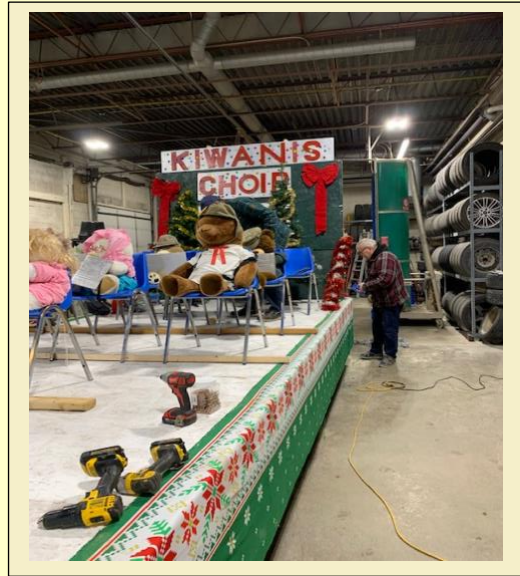
Being President of a Kiwanis Club is an honour especially with a Club like ours. We have a vibrant membership, are very successful at raising funds, enhance the community with events, maintaining and supporting heritage and community centers,

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*Kiwanis Santa Claus Parade
Teddy Bear Choir Float
With Everyone's Favourite Elves*



PP Dave Cronhielm & PP John Thompson overseeing the handiwork of PP Larry King & PP/S Al McNeil.



PP/S Al McNeil pretending he is busy!!



Our friendly Elves out of costume preparing our Santa Claus Parade Float: K Larry Cook and PP Peter McConnell.



Kiwanis Choir making its official debut. Kiwanis Elves K Larry Cook, PP Peter McConnell & PP Dave Cronhielm along with a host of Teddy Bears and Monkeys belt out the Christmas tunes with maestro VP Mike York.

Note from the Editor:

Fellow Kiwanians, if you have a story you would like covered then give me a buzz or submit your article as a guest reporter. Our next deadline for all submissions is March 27.
P Don DeGenova

Remember to use your phone/camera to take pics for our Newsletter and Facebook posts. Both are important vehicles for promoting Tweed Kiwanis and for developing an historical archive. Thanks to all those capturing all the action and reactions!

PP Fred Albert On Why I am a Kiwanian

PP Fred Albert was born on October 2, 1943 in Kingston Ontario which means....yikes...80 years young this year. Fred's Dad worked in the Kingston shipyards during WW2 building Corvettes, a small warship. The family then moved to Plevna for a year where Fred's Dad worked in the lumber business. From there it was off to Tweed when Fred was 3 years old which was familiar territory for his Mom since she hailed from here. At first they lived with Fred's grandparents who ran a funeral home where Bush Furniture is today. When the grandparents made the move to what was McConnell's funeral home, Fred and family moved to a home on Arthur Street.

Fred helped out on Mike Collin's farm after attending Tweed Public Highschool. Mike also worked at Employment Insurance in Belleville and advised Fred to head to Northern Telecom because they were on a major hiring spree. Fred was more interested in GM but then decided to give Nortel a shot. Best decision Fred made. He worked for Nortel for 33 years and he is very proud of his 30 year perfect attendance record.

Fred met Betty in 1987 while visiting with Harold Gall at his cottage. They were out for a canoe ride and decided to head over to the local store. There was Betty and Fred was smitten. They married on May 14, 1988.

Fred hates the winter, loves the summer and can handle spring and early fall.

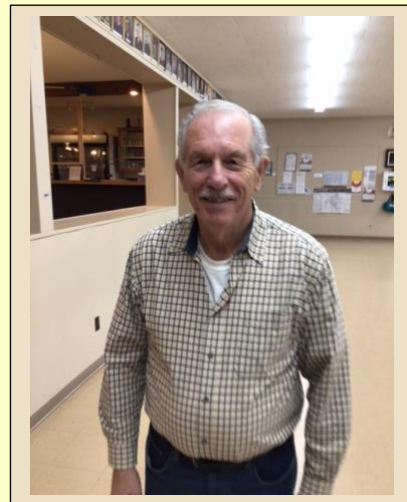
Fred, like many local Kiwanians, was introduced to the Tweed Kiwanis by Jack Robinson. He decided to join because he knew a number of the members and it just seemed like a natural thing to do. Fred

liked the idea of getting out into the community and making a difference. Fred was Treasurer in the 70s and was President in 1976. He has been a member for around 40 years.

Fred reflects that there were so many things that we used to do like selling Christmas trees, flowers at Easter, popcorn downtown on Friday evenings when the stores were open...we even used to help children buy eye glasses. At Christmas we would head out to Dick Simons and chop our own trees and although it was a lot of work, it was also a lot of fun.

PP Fred is very proud of the Tweed Kiwanis latest major project which was building the new Accessible Playground at Victoria Park. He & PP Jim Hanna were the Co-chairs of that committee but it was the entire Club that made it happen. The new playground has been

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PP Fred Albert with his perpetual smile!

PP Paul Kite - My Year as President in Review (Continued)

and of course give generously to the youth in our community. All that we do is highly visible within the village and hamlets of Tweed. When talking to people about our club the feedback is so positive, I felt great pride in saying that I was the president of the club.

It takes time to get into the rhythm of a new community. However, being a member of our club almost immediately connects you with the people, events, and character of our community. I truly feel like I have been in Tweed longer than four years and this is very much due to being a part of Kiwanis. And as President this past year it has only enhanced that feeling. Perhaps one day you might ask me to stand as your President again. If you do ask, I would gladly say yes.

Thank you
Paul



PP Peter McConnell, PP/T Jim Roulston, PP/S Al McNeil & PP Dave Cronhielm presenting \$750 to Shannon Burgess CEO Tweed Public Library.



PP Terry Dellar, PE Janice McConnell, PP Peter McConnell, PP/T Jim Roulston, Kate Lessard & friend continuing with the Kiwanis tradition of serving at the Festival of Trees.



Left: PP/T Jim Roulston, PP Chris Foran, OPP Staff Sergeant James Locke & PP Peter McConnell present \$1000 donation to the "Keep Kids Warm" program.

Supporting our Community!

Our fundraising activities provide us with the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of many in our community, children in particular. 2022 was a record year as we handed out **\$57,383**.

Organization	Amount
Kiwanis Foundation	\$1,000
BC Disaster Relief	\$500
Land O'Lakes Curling Club	\$500
Three Oaks Foundation	\$500
Accessible Playground	\$2,250
Total Q1	\$4,750
Disc Golf Installation (Part 1)	\$3,051
Don Brown Curling Award	\$600
Tweed Elementary School Bursary	\$150
Tweed Elementary School Literacy Partnership	\$2,000
Tweed Elementary School Leadership Camp	\$800
St. Carthagh Catholic School Literacy Partnership	\$2,000
St. Carthagh Catholic School Bursary	\$150
Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship	\$2,000
Ukranian Family Sponsorship	\$500
Queensborough Hall Restoration Project	\$1,000
Queensborough Youth Summer Program	\$500
Accessible Playground Signage	\$5,085
Tweed Heritage Centre	\$500
Tweed Food Bank	\$1,200
Erin Palmateer Pool	\$500
Gateway Community Health Center - Jazz Band	\$1,000
Gateway Community Health Center - Swim Program	\$1,000
Central Hastings School Scholarship	\$1,500
Kiwanis/Staples Scholarship	\$5,000
St Theresa Catholic Secondary School Scholarship	\$1,500
Prince Edward Hastings Alzheimer Society	\$500
Total Q2	\$30,536
Belleville General Hospital Foundation	\$500
Tweed & Company Theatre	\$1,000
Team Rubicon	\$500
Land O'Lakes Curling Club	\$500
Q3 Total	\$2,500
Q1-Q3 Total	\$37,786

Other programs we support include: B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) and Terrific Kids

Canadian Cancer Society - Wheels of Hope	\$500
Terry Fox Foundation	\$500
Shriners Club of Belleville	\$500
Keep Kids Warm	\$1,000
Three Oaks Foundation	\$500
Municipality of Tweed Arena Sound System	\$500
Tweed News Colouring Contest	\$225
Staples Scool Program	\$1,500
Disc Golf Installation (Part 2)	\$6,962
Tweed Elementary School - Music Program	\$4,000
Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Wreath	\$60
Heart of Hastings Hospice	\$1,000
Festival of Trees	\$600
Tweed Public Library	\$750
Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000
Q4 Total	\$19,597
Q1-Q4 Total	\$57,383

Fred Albert on Why I am a Kiwanian Cont'd

wonderful for our children and for those parents travelling through Tweed looking for a stopover to stretch their legs and give themselves a break!!!

PP Fred found virtual meetings during Covid very hard. He is grateful to PLG/S Al McNeil for keeping him in the loop during that period. He is happy that we are back to meeting as a Club every two weeks.

Fred finished by reflecting on the time when Tweed Kiwanis use to take Ichabod the goat along on inter-clubs and then leave the goat behind. On the next interclub Ichabod would be returned. Not to worry the goat was well cared for but eventually the practice was stopped.

P Don DeGenova Takes the Helm!

I want to thank you for this honour of being your next President. I want to begin by thanking our Past President Paul Kite for all that he has done to keep us engaged as we continued to battle Covid at the beginning of his tenure. You kept us together and you kept us relevant. It was literally a breath of fresh air when you saw us reinstate face to face meetings in the spring. How wonderful to be able to break bread together again and to laugh and to be able to welcome back members who were not comfortable with ZOOM or found it hard to hear. We are back and we are back with a vengeance! And Paul we look forward to your weekly articles in the Tweed News highlighting some obscure piece of art or art techniques or artist stories of intrigue. I appreciate you remaining on as PP because I will be calling on you from time to time.

I also want to thank those Directors who are moving on but nonetheless will always be here for us to call upon: PP Bill Summers and PP Terry Dellar.

In all honesty, when I was first recruited by Bob Giguere to join Kiwanis 12 years ago, I did it as a favour. And now when I reflect back on that decision I can't help but feel it was one of the best decisions I ever made. Some of my strongest friendships are with members of this Club. I look forward to our meetings. I love the fellowship and the jokes and I get out of cooking twice a month only to be spoiled by Kiwanian Terri Ward's feasts. That in itself is incentive enough to join the Club.

I am truly excited about taking on this new role as your President. As a club we have accomplished so much for our community and internationally. I am extremely proud of what we have done to ensure that the gift of play is accessible to all children. We now have a totally awesome Accessible Playground where no child has to sit on the sidelines and watch others have fun. If that was the only thing we did we could walk away holding our heads high. But that is just the tip of the iceberg because investing in our youth and their programs keeps us coming back. Whether its sports, the arts or academics, our club is there to support our youth. We recognize that youth are our future and we have a desire to inspire to make our youth the best they can possibly be. There is no greater calling.

And we are also here to support other community organizations such as the Food Bank, the Tweed & Area Heritage Center, the Hamlets, the Belleville General Hospital...all touching someone's life in a very meaningful and supportive way.

And then there is our Chicken BBQ ..an event our residents look so forward to with a "sold out" sign every year. I love how we all pull together including the Friends of Kiwanis who jump right in to help us on that third Thursday every August. I have the best time and the most fun at the BBQ. I also look forward to bringing back our Community Breakfast & Bake Sale which has been greatly missed by the community. Another event where I have a ton of fun.

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**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
& BAKE SALE**
SUNDAY FEB. 19, 2023
9 A.M. TO NOON
LAND O' LAKES CURLING CLUB

We are back! Please come join us for a great breakfast -
eggs, sausage, pancakes with real maple syrup,
juice, tea & coffee

*We know times are tough - no price increase -
\$12 for Adults/ \$5 Children (12 and under)*

Take home some yummy baked goods too!

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P Don DeGenova Takes the Helm (continued)

As you know I was installed as your new Mayor on November 15th, another great calling but one that is sure to be very time consuming. Nonetheless, I want to remain as your President and I am grateful for all those who have come forward and agreed to step in when I am pulled in another direction. I look forward to working with you as we continue this adventure... we are like the Musketeers: "All for one and one for All".

In closing I would like to share this reflection with you: "When a collection of brilliant minds, hearts, and talents come together...expect a masterpiece." ...needless to say that which we have accomplished is priceless...thank you.



Celebrating PP Dave Cronhielm's birthday. Look at those faces and you see smiles and laughs...we do a lot of that in our Club. R-L: PP Chris Foran, PP Birthday Boy Dave Cronhielm, P Don DeGenova, PLG/S Al McNeil, PP Bill Summers & K Jim Pedersen.

On the Horizon in 2023!

January 7: Tweed Oil Kings Home Game

February 11: Tweed Oil Kings Home Game

February 14: Valentine's Day

February 19: Kiwanis Community Breakfast & Bake Sale

February 18-19: Tweed Winter Carnival



1. LG Jim Parker welcomes new Exec: PP Paul Kite, VP Mike York, PP/T Jim Roulston, P Don DeGenova, PP/S Al McNeil...missing PE Janice McConnell.
2. Full Exec: VP Mike York, Terri Ward, P Don DeGenova, PP/T Jim Roulston, Bruce Bateman, Chris Foran, PP/S Al McNeil, Fred Albert, PP Paul Kite.. missing PP Larry King, PP Peter McConnell & PE Janice McConnell.
3. P Don DeGenova welcoming new member Chris Lindsay.
4. PP/S Al McNeil Presenting \$4000 to the Tweed Elementary Music Program.

Club Information Page

Did you know that as a Club we had **1480 volunteer hours in 2022** almost doubling our 753 volunteer hours in 2021!!

Tweed Kiwanis Board 2023

President	Don DeGenova
President Elect	Janice McConnell
Vice President	Michael York
Treasurer	Jim Roulston
Secretary	Al McNeil
Directors	Chris Foran, Larry King, Bruce Bateman, Peter McConnell, Fred Albert, Terri Ward
Past President	Paul Kite

The Objects of Kiwanis

The six permanent Objects of Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the decades, they have remained unchanged.

- 1: To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- 2: To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- 3: To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
- 4: To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
- 5: To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities
- 6: To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.



P Don DeGenova was honoured to lay a Wreath of Remembrance on behalf of our Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanis Program Committees	Chairperson
Audit/Financial Review	Adam Woolfrey
B.U.G., Builders Club, Terrific Kids, Key Leader, Literacy Partnership	Al McNeil
Electronic Communications (Facebook, Website etc.)	Vicki McCulloch
Executive Nominations	Past President
Interclubs	Bob Sills
Lottery	Al McNeil
Meals on Wheels	Chris Foran
Membership	Peter McConnell Marj Buck
Membership List	Don DeGenova
Nevada	Janice McConnell
Newsletter	Don DeGenova
Pavilion	Bill Summers
Playground	Jim Hanna Fred Albert
Speakers	David Cronhielm

Kiwanis Event Committees	Chairperson
Bonspiel	Larry King
Chicken BBQ	Chris Foran Bruce Bateman
Christmas Kettles	Randy Kline
Christmas Party	Peter & Janice McConnell
Festival of Trees	Jim Roulston
Member's BBQ	Jack Robinson
Community Breakfast	Jim Pedersen
Parades	Larry Cook
Trash Bash	Jim Pedersen



1. Our new picnic table at the Kiwanis Accessible Playground...notice seating on three sides with room for a wheelchair.
2. One of the new benches at the Kiwanis Accessible Playground.
3. Yet another novel bench at our Playground designed for a wheelchair to be in the middle.
4. Tweed Kiwanis joining Madoc Kiwanis for an Inter-club. Thank you PP Bob Sills for getting that chicken wing order right...they were finger licking good.
5. PP Bob Sills, PLG/S Al McNeil, PP Jack Robinson, PP Larry King, PP Terry Dellar, Marnie Horton, PP Peter McConnell, PE Janice McConnell, PP Paul Kite, VP Mike York & PP Fred Albert all on hand for \$1000 donation to the Heart of Hastings Hospice.

This year the Kiwanis Clubs of Tweed and Belleville once again partnered with the Belleville Staples Canada store for the 'Back to School' initiative to raise funds to equip local schools. The Belleville store collected \$13,675 in donations - the largest total by a single store in this year's campaign - and the funds were shared with the two clubs. Kiwanians Marj Buck and Al McNeil led the initiative for our club, and were on hand in October to present the schools with new supplies (Marj was behind the camera :)). St. Carthagh Catholic School received 14 Chromebooks; Tweed Elementary School opted for 70 calculators, 70 headsets and 4 Chromebooks.



Kiwanis 2023 Community Draw

Tickets \$50
from Kiwanis members, Dellar's IDA Drug Store,
the Tweed News,
Quinn's of Tweed Fine Art Gallery

110 Cash Prizes Drawn Over 5 Months
February 2, March 2, April 6, May 6, June 1



Ticket **More than 500 tickets sold**
Amazing prizes, including tickets re-entered in next draw
\$13,600 in prizes, \$2,500/month

21st	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two 'Early Bird' prizes drawn January 5: • Tickets must be purchased by Dec. 31 to qualify • 1st Prize: \$600 gift certificate Bush Furniture • 2nd Prize: \$500 cash
3rd to 12th	\$75	
13th to 22nd	\$25	

Proceeds support local youth initiatives and other community projects
• Tickets can not be purchased by / for / on behalf of persons under 18 years of age

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