

KIWANIGRAM

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March 25 – Lori Shato from the Lending Cupboard attended the meeting and gave us a rundown of what the Lending Cupboard does for the community and how donations are put to good use. Since 2006 the lending cupboard has been helping Central Albertans with their medical needs, lending up to 15000 pieces of medical equipment. Since moving to their new location on the north end of Red Deer, they can now do a complete flow through of equipment, from items being returned at the back of the building, to cleaning and preparing them to be moved to the front of the building, out the front door and into peoples' homes.

Also, at this meeting there was a lot of information sharing for the group. Below is a short description of the happenings for April.

1. CACAC donor appreciation night is April 25, they have invited 4 Kiwanis members to attend – please let Rose know if you wish to be one of the 4. This runs from 6 to 7:30
2. CACAC room naming event April 29 – Board members have been invited to attend this event, Milt will be speaking at the event – Kiwanis Red Deer donated \$50,000 to the building of this center.
3. Ronald McDonald House dinner – April 29 – Della has once again organized this evening event; she would like to have 8 people on the team to help prepare the dinner.
4. Golf Tournament changes – announced previously, see below
5. Kiwanis Matching grants – we have applied for the *Environmental Stewardship* grant with the Waskasoo Environmental Society – we would be working with youth to plant fruit trees out at Fort Normandeau. More information will be sent once we have confirmed dates etc.
We are also looking into a *Street Outreach* grant, as of this time the details are not available but once these are confirmed we will share the information with the club.
6. High School Scholarships – we continue to give scholarships to the schools in Red Deer, we have applied to Kiwanis Foundation for matching grants which helps us to make the dollars go further.
7. Blackfalds Bulldogs hockey game April 6 – there has not been enough interest in this to have a group go, but if you enjoy youth hockey this sounds like it could be a lot of fun.
8. Collaboration Week – 5 clubs working together – Our chosen group is Safety City; Rose is working with them to come up with a project for the group. This will be during the week of September 11 – 17
9. Festival of Performing Arts – this will be running April 15 & 16 and during the week of April 22 – 25. The committee will be reaching out to members to assist with this event. Their 60th anniversary celebration Gala is scheduled for the 26th of May.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

April 8 - Twilight Homes Foundation AGM – new board members are voted in at this time. If you would like to be on the board, please contact Paul Gowans. Agenda and previous years minutes have been sent. If you did not receive these please let me know.

May 27 - Kiwanis AGM will be held; new board members are voted in at this time. If you would like to become a member of the board, please contact the nominating committee Milt Williams and Rose Ward. The new board will then be installed in October. We are looking for Board members and a treasurer at this time, position descriptions below.

The Kiwanigram is on the website about the same time as it is emailed out to Kiwanians – see heading for link! Check out our Facebook page as well.

May 27 – before the AGM Speaker: Between Friends: Also, during this meeting, we will have a presentation from the Between Friends organization. The presentation will be prior to the AGM. Kimberly Presser and Steven Wheeler will be our guests.

Other items of interest:

1. **Booze (Wine) Survivor Update:** Will open on **April 29** and close on **June 7**. The plan is to have teams of 5 people who will pay \$40 per person, the final draw on June 13 will have gift certificates presented for various venues to purchase preferred wine or other beverage. Watch your email for the announcement and team application form. This will be held at the JD Bar and Grill.
2. **Terrific Kids** –Krista Sundsten is the Chairperson of this group. Many youths from each of 7 schools have been receiving the Terrific Kids shirts and certificates. Families are very grateful to the club for assisting in the recognition of their children. This is a once-a-month commitment from September to June. Please consider assisting with this very worthwhile cause
3. **Christmas Carol Festival-** We hope to host this in 2024.
4. **Safety City** – continues to look for a replacement Operations Administrator but in the interim have someone that will take on the duties.
5. **Red Deer Kiwanis 75 Anniversary** – as per the Kiwanis International site, the date is August 10, 2026. We are looking for volunteers to sit on the planning committee for this. The thought is to host this event in the fall (September / October) of 2026.
6. **Kiwanis Golf Tournament** – this will be held **July 23, 2024**, at Alberta Springs Golf course. This is a new date and venue for the Tournament. Gerry is heading this committee and if you would like to assist with the event, please contact Gerry for more information. Information has been sent out to sponsors and previous attendees. The information is also available on our website.

CLUB NEWS -

Coming Events

Bingo: Contact person for bingo volunteers is **Rose**

Note: At **this time we require 8 people to assist**, we appreciate all those who have stepped up to ensure we have a full slate of volunteers for each scheduled event.

2023 / 2024 Bingo Dates are: (These are all Evening Bingos)

Tuesday April 23

Saturday July 27

Wednesday October 30

Tuesday May 21

Wednesday August 28

Thursday November 21

Thursday June 20

Wednesday September 25

For evening bingo everyone needs to be there by 4:30

Fundraising ideas: The club is always looking for ways that we could raise some funds. If you have any ideas that could be shared, please reach out to President Milt or Vice President Brent

Next board meeting April 15, 2024.