

KIWANIS CLUB OF ORILLIA INCORPORATED

1924



1974

WE BUILD

THE OBJECTIVES of Kiwanis International

TO GIVE primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.

TO ENCOURAGE the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

TO PROMOTE the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

TO DEVELOP, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

TO PROVIDE, through Kiwanis clubs a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.

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.

To those sixty individuals who, fifty years ago, believed implicitly that by uniting their efforts they could preform an unselfish service to their community and established the Orillia Kiwanis Club Inc., these following lines are respectfully dedicated.

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CLUB OFFICERS 1973-74

President, Bruce Waite
Im. Past President, Sherm Fysh
President Elect, Stan Jordan
Vice President, D. Reid
Treasurer, Harold Moore
Secretary, W. L. "Bud" Trivett

CLUB DIRECTORS 1973-74

Jim Abbott
John Jacobs
Burt Wray
Harold Sharp

CLUB DIRECTORS 1973-75

Bill Swinimer
Ken Stock
Don Richardson
Rev. F. K. Lee

PAST PRESIDENTS

*1924 - W. O. Tudhope
*1925 - W. C. George
*1926 - G. L. Guy
*1927 - R. H. Starr
*1928 - T. D. Brown
*1929 - Dr. R. E. Hipwell
*1930 - W. A. Quibell
*1931 - J. C. Wallace
*1932 - J. G. Harvie
*1933 - Dr. S. J. W. Horne
*1934 - A. C. Harris
*1935 - W. S. Frost
1936 - G. A. Watson
*1937 - J. H. Tyler
*1938 - H. R. Campkin
*1939 - G. M. Pinkerton
*1940 - Dr. E. W. Devine
*1941 - E. E. Steacy
1942 - J. C. Maxwell
1943 - Dr. J. C. Hill
*1944 - A. T. MacDonald
*1945 - G. A. Fitzpatrick
1946 - J. B. Garry
*1947 - R. W. McIntosh
1948 - A. L. Boddy

*1949 - C. L. Whitney
*1950 - R. E. Lang
1951 - W. W. Fowler
*1952 - Dr. A. P. Asselstine
1953 - J. W. Clarke
*1954 - T. R. Caldwell
1955 - C. O. Parnaby
1956 - G. E. Boice
1957 - L. J. Cassidy
1958 - J. W. Davies
1959 - J. Austin Cook
*1960 - S. Ralph Oldham
1961 - M. R. Dickey
1962 - Les. D. Clarke
1963 - Don Crawford
1964 - Robt. Hipwell, Jr.
1965 - Norm Davis
1966 - Frank Gold
1967 - Don Richardson
1968 - Jim Crutcher
1969 - Vern McKinnon
1969-70 - Andy St. Germain
1970-71 - Larry Temple
1971-72 - Jim Crutcher
1972-73 - Sherm Fysh

*Deceased

KIWANIS ROSTER 1974

Member	Kiwanian Since	Years Perfect Attendance	Member	Kiwanian Since	Years Perfect Attendance
Abbott, Jim	1971	—	McKinnon, Vern	1962	6
Amos, Capt. Ed	1973	—	McLeod, Norm	1972	—
Bathgate, Ernie	1952	9	McDonald, Drum	1972	—
* Boice, Geo	1945	20	Moore, Harold	1970	1
Breckles, Tom	1970	—	Montgomery, Len	1972	—
Brohman, Frank	1967	—	Mundell, Jack	1956	—
R. Brown	1974	—	* Parnaby, Clayt	1950	9
Bulas, Walt	1972	—	Reid, Don	1968	—
* Cassidy, Leo	1973	8	Reynolds, Harold	1939	25
* Clarke, Bill	1948	21	Rynard, John	1972	—
* Clarke, Les	1956	—	Richardson, Dr. Don	1962	5
* Crawford, Don	1957	—	Russell, Frank	1972	—
Crutcher, Jim	1962	9	Sharp, Harold	1972	—
Daniels, George	1973	—	Shaver, Clare	1973	—
Davis, Norm	1959	10	* Smith, Gord M.P.P.	1959	—
Devine, Dr. Jim	1963	8	Stock, Dr. Ken	1972	—
Dixon, Neil	1959	6	† Stover, Pete	1924	—
Doolittle, Jim	1964	1	Stringer, Les	1973	—
+ Fowler, Weldon	1937	27	St. Germain, Andy	1965	3
A. Francoz	1974	—	Swinimer, Bill	1972	—
Froelke, Dave	1973	—	Temple, Larry	1965	6
Fysh, Sherman	1967	1	Thornton, Kirk	1969	3
Gaudaur, Joe	1956	—	Thompson, Hugh	1972	—
Gold, Frank	1959	4	Trivett, Bud	1972	—
Gordon, Bill	1973	—	Waite, Bruce	1969	—
Greer, Mel	1944	10	Walker, W.	1974	—
Hockin, Al	1973	—	Watson, Skid	1925	—
Hall, Don	1964	3	Williams, Dr. Paul	1966	—
Hannafor, Dave	1973	—	Wilson, Gord	1965	—
Hepburn, Jim	1957	6	Wink, J.	1974	—
Hill, Dr. Jim	1938	17	* Woods, Vic	1945	15
* Hipwell Bob Jr.	1958	7	Wray, Burt	1968	4
Jacobs, John	1971	—			
* Jerome, R. R.	1962	6			
Jordan, Stan	1969	1			
King, Stephen	1973	—			
Lalumiere, Herm	1971	—			
Lee, Rt. Rev. F. K.	1966	—			
* Louie, Walter	1951	10			
* Linklater, Jack	1937	23			

*Senior †Privileged +Honorary

1973-74 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**TRAVELOGUE**

C — Bill Swinimer
V — Bill Gordon
T — Neil Dixon

RADIO AUCTION

C — Don Reid
V — Al Hockin
T — Jim Doolittle

EASTER SEALS

C — Harold Sharp
V — John Rynard
T — Les Stringer
Broadcast Marathon
C — Norm Davis
V — Ted Price

Crippled Kids

C — Harold Reynolds
V — Jack Mundell

MUSIC FESTIVAL

C — Frank Russell
V — Don Hall
T — Mel Greer

SERVICE COMMITTEES**YOUTH SERVICES**

C — John Jacobs
V — Walt Bulas
Vocational Guidance

C — John Jacobs

Child Welfare

C — Skid Watson
V — Mons. Lee

Key Club

C — Frank Gold
V — Dave Froelke

CITIZENSHIP SERVICES

C — Larry Temple
V — Clare Shaver

Support of Churches

C — Drummond McDonald
V — Ed Amos

Agricultural

C — Ken Stock
V — Len Montgomery

International Relations

C — Don Richardson
V — Frank Brohman

Winter Carnival

C — Dave Hannaford
V — Jim Abbott

1974 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES**MEMBERSHIP**

C — Tom Breckles
V — Bill Swinimer

CLUB MEETING

C — Stan Jordan
V — Don Reid

House & Reception

C — Len Montgomery
V — Neil Dixon

Program

C — Jim Crutcher
V — Don Reid

Interclub

C — Larry Temple
V — Joe Gaudaur

Social

C — Hugh Thompson
V — Herm Lalumiere

Ways & Means

C — Bill Gordon
V — Stephen King
T — Jim Hepburn

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

C — Sherman Fysh
V — Dave Hannaford

Bulletin

C — Skid Watson
V — Burt Wray

Reporting

C — Dave Hannaford

Budget

C — Harold Moore

Public Relations

C — George Daniels

New Club Building

C — Bob Hipwell
V — Sherm Fysh

50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

C — Andy St. Germain
V — Kirk Thornton

Historians

— George Boice
— Jack Linklater
— Jim Hill

Tower

C — Bud Trivett
V — John Rynard

Dinner

C — Andy St. Germain
V — Paul Williams
T — Mel Greer

Alumni Nite

C — Jim Devine
V — Vern McKinnon

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL (as it relates to Orillia)

Kiwanis began as a national organization with the forming of a club in Detroit in 1915. When the first club was formed outside of United States in Hamilton in 1916, the organization became International and as such the entire movement has been referred to ever since.

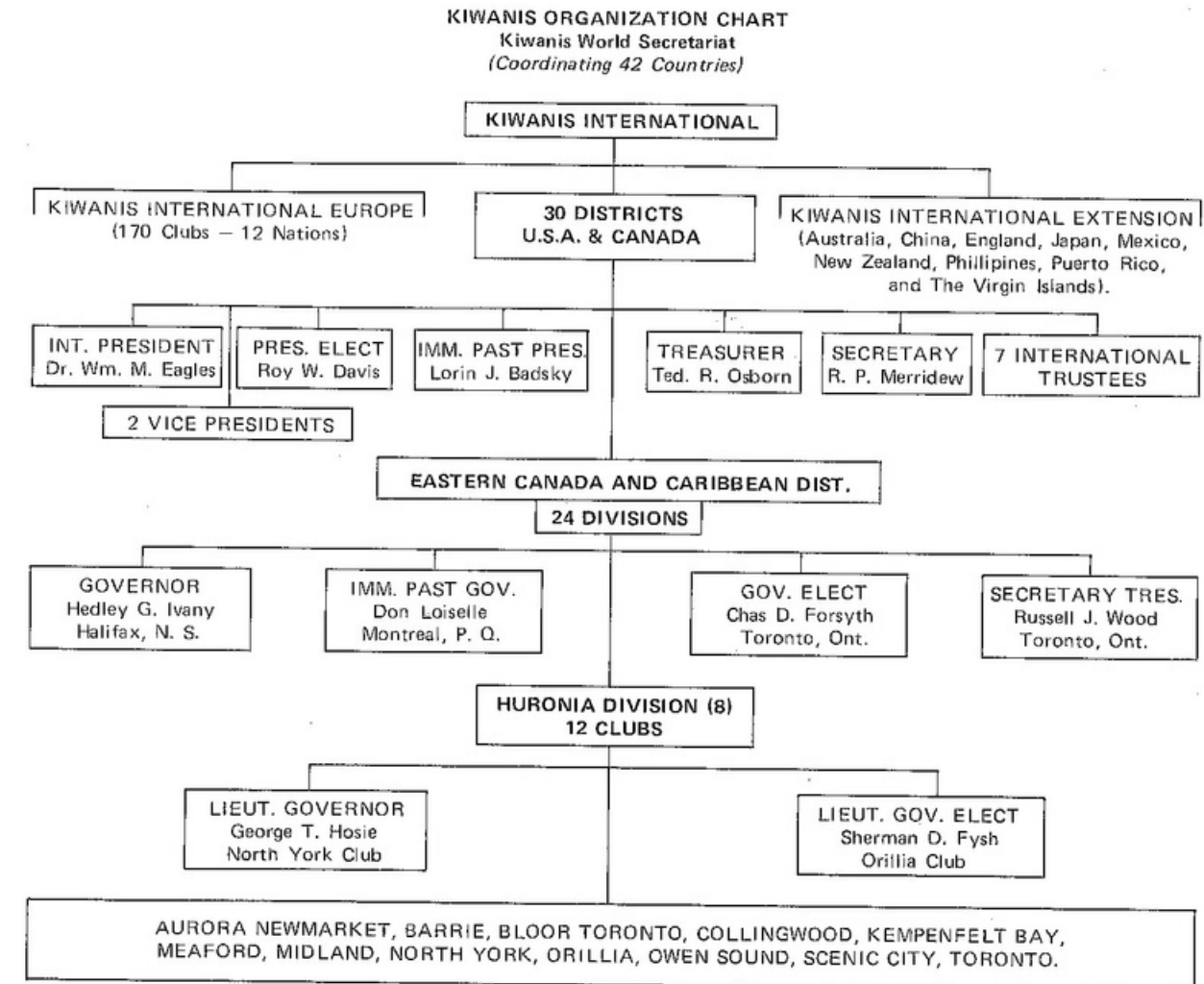
The first International Convention was held in Detroit in 1917, with two countries represented. At the Convention in Montreal in 1973, representatives were present from over 40 countries. Today, our own district can boast of over 200 clubs with a total enrollment of almost 9,000 members.

In 1918, a conference was held in Toronto for the purpose of forming the Ontario-Quebec District. Later, the clubs from the Maritimes were added and the District was familiarly known as the O.Q.M. District. Later, the District, for administration purposes, was divided into Divisions. From time to time, as more clubs were organized, the boundaries of the Divisions had to be changed. We in Orillia today, belong to Division No. 8, or appropriately named, the Huronia Division. The District is headed by a Governor, elected annually. He is assisted by the District Lieut. Governor, one from each Division, also elected annually. Within the last few years, clubs formed in the Caribbean area have joined the O.Q.M. District; now we are known as Eastern Canada and Caribbean, or E.C.&C. District.

In 1920, the official motto, "We build" was adopted. Article ii of the Constitution was the "Six Objects" of Kiwanis. From time to time, it has been necessary to add to, or amend parts of the Constitution to suit growing and changing conditions, but

it is significant to realize that so well were the "Six Objects" of Kiwanis chosen, that over a period of fifty years, it has not been necessary to change so much as a punctuation mark. These "Six Objects", or "Kiwanis Commandments", which have served so well, not only in the over all guidance of all Kiwanis Clubs, but also in the everyday conduct of all individual Kiwanians, that it has meant much in the solid growth and development of Kiwanis. We have no doubt that these Objects will be as important fifty years from now as they are today. As our International President suggests in the December-January issue of Kiwanis Magazine, "Perhaps it is, today, more fitting than ever, that we observe this Anniversary and rededicate ourselves to the principles for which our Objects stand!" We, in Canada, feel very proud that two Canadians, Past International President Henry J. Elliott of Montreal and Past International President George Ross of Toronto, acted on the committee which drew up the By-laws and Constitution.

Each Kiwanis club has its elected officers and directors and appointed committee chairmen. Occasionally, the work of different committees overlaps to such an extent that these committees are combined; while on the other hand, it is sometimes necessary to create new committees to suit the growing need. Generally a vice-chairman is appointed, along with the chairman, in hopes that he may be able to carry on the work another year, when the chairman may be moved to another committee. Members may act on several different committees, thereby gaining a thorough knowledge of the operations of the club. Of course, when a committee promotes a project that involves the entire club, then everybody works along with that committee.



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February 26, 1974

Dear Bruce:

March 10 is a banner day for the Kiwanis Club of Orillia, and I know that you and your members will appropriately recognize the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of your club. Please accept my sincere congratulations and best wishes on this occasion.

Your club may well take pride in the projects and activities carried out over the years for the betterment of your community. The years ahead promise even greater opportunity for Kiwanis service. I am sure that the club will continue to render significant service, while at the same time providing an opportunity for an increasing number of dedicated men to become actively involved in community affairs.

Again congratulations upon reaching this important milestone.

Sincerely,

Bill

WILLIAM M. EAGLES, M.D.
 President

Mr. Bruce Waite
 President
 Orillia, Ontario



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

I am very happy to extend warm greetings to all in attendance at the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrations, April 15, 1974, of the Kiwanis Club of Orillia.

The Kiwanis Club, the first service club in Orillia, has donated much time and effort to humanitarian services, to crippled children, to selling Easter seals, to music festivals and to the arts.

I hope that you will continue to be a vital and involved community making your valuable contributions to society.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau

Ottawa,
 1974.



The Premier
of Ontario

Parliament Buildings
Queen's Park
Toronto Ontario

It is a pleasure for me, on behalf of the Government of Ontario, to extend heartiest congratulations to the Orillia Kiwanis Club as it marks its 50th Anniversary.

For 50 years the members of the Club have made a significant contribution to the growth and development of their community. Representing a cross-section of the businesses, trades and professions, and highly respected in their own fields, they have found the time to initiate and carry out humanitarian and community programs and projects which have typified the high ideals of Kiwanis International and enriched the quality of life in their town.

As a proud fellow-Kiwanian, I extend very warm greetings to President Bruce and all the members of the Orillia Club. May they have every success in their future endeavours as they enter the second half century of service to their community and as they continue to contribute to international goodwill.

William G. Davis,
Premier of Ontario.



City of Orillia

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OFFICE
OF
THE MAYOR

March 1, 1974

Mr. Bruce R. Waite
President
Orillia Kiwanis Club
Orillia, Ontario

Dear President Waite:

On behalf of City Council and all citizens of Orillia, it is an honour and pleasure to offer our best wishes and congratulations on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Orillia Kiwanis Club, Orillia's first service club. This Community will be forever grateful to this great service organization for the benefits of your Easter Seal Campaign and the joy and recreation of your Music Festival and Travelogue Series.

To you and your membership, we salute you on this occasion and may you always be part of this Community.

Yours sincerely,

Jack V. Andre
Mayor

JVA:ph.



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March 4, 1974

Dear Bruce:

Sincere greetings to you and your fellow members on the fiftieth birthday - the Golden Anniversary - of the Kiwanis Club of Orillia, Ontario, March 10, 1974.

The achievement of your fiftieth milestone is a dramatic tribute to the strength of the Kiwanis ideal, for the years have seen you, like Kiwanis International itself, grow bigger, stronger, and more important.

Today you and the rest of your members are living examples of the desire for, and appreciation of, communities to have groups of men like Kiwanis, who are willing to go the extra mile. We hope that the club will move ahead to ever greater service to youth, to the community, and to Kiwanis International.

On behalf of the General Office Staff, it is a pleasure and privilege to extend heartiest congratulations and sincere good wishes on this very special Golden Anniversary milestone.

Cordially,

R. P. "RPM" MERRIDEW
International Secretary

Mr. Bruce Waite
President
Kiwanis Club of Orillia, Ontario, Canada



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have just reviewed the history of our club as it is going to appear in this book. What a wonderful thing George Boice and Dr. Jim Hill, with the assistance of Burt Wray, have done for the members of our club.

Although blessed with a charter member and seven very active fellows who have belonged to the club more than a quarter of a century, the majority of our members joined within the last 8 years. Until now, Kiwanis in Orillia to them has been the current activities and a few stories of the past. This history illustrates for them the tradition of outstanding service to the citizens of Orillia that the Kiwanis Club has developed during its 50 years.

A fire several years ago, which destroyed most of our records, seriously hampered George and Jim in their efforts to gather material, but they dug and questioned for months to produce this delightful reflection.

On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Orillia I wish to pledge the support of all its members, present and future, to the service of our community over the next 50 years.

R. B. Waite

R. B. Waite
President
Orillia Kiwanis Club

CHARTER OFFICERS

W. O. Tudhope, President
W. C. George, Vice President
A. C. Harris, Secretary
Geo. Rapley, Treasurer
J. W. Mercer, Dist. Trustee

CHARTER DIRECTORS

R. H. Starr
A. Weatherwax
D. A. Macnab
Gordon Millar
Dr. W. H. Hunter
Dr. C. G. Kirkpatrick
Wm. J. Boyle

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Anderson, Dr. John L.
Bacon, Perce W.
Beaton, John Lewis
Blackburn, Fred J.
Blackstone, George A.
Boyle, Billy J.
Brown, Robert A.
Brown, Tom
Carter, Archie T.
Chalk, George
Dick, Clifford
Donaldson, T. Ossie
Doolittle, Lorne W.
Dunbar, Randolph C.
Eaton, Ed. R.
Farwell, Ed. B.
Frost, Will S.
George, W. Cecil
Gilroy, Perce A.
Good, Ed. H.
Guy, George L.
Harvie, Dr. Horace
Harvie, Dr. C. Albert
Harris, Albert C.
Hinds, J. Ed.
Horne, Frank H.
Hunter, Dr. W. Harold

Janes, Charlie B.
Jones, Charles B.
King, Thos. G.
Kirkpatrick, Dr. Kirk
Lewers, Richard T. W.
Lloyd, A. James
Macnab, Don. A.
Macnab, Godfrey E.
Madden, George T.
Mercer, James W.
McGillivray, Rev. N. H., Padre
McIntyre, Archie C.
McPhail, Neil
Millar, Gordon
Miller, Jack C.
Mullins, Stanley H.
Mundell, John A.
Patterson, Rev. J. R., Parson
Pearce, Chas. L.
Price, Boe H.
Quibell, Bill A.
Rapley, Geo. A.
Starr, Ronald H.
Stover, Peter
Swinton, Robert
Therrien, James
Tudhope, Mel. B.
Tudhope, Will. O.
Vollans, Fred. W.
Weatherwax, Andy
Wainwright, Dr. Claude
Webb, Edw. E.
Wood, Ed. C.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ORILLIA INCORPORATED

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WE BUILD

Dinner Menu

Champlain Onion Soup
with
Croutons and Parmesan Cheese

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Big Chief Salad

*

Couchiching Prime Ribs of Beef — Au Jus
with

Severn Pudding

and

Trent Creamed Horseradish Sauce

Buttered Roasted Simcoe Potatoes

Cahiague Garden Green Peas

and

Cauliflower — Au Gratin

*

Orillia's Famous Rolls and Honey

*

Huronie Creme De Menthe Parfait

*

Brewery Bay Coffee

Leacock Mints

Programme

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

TOAST TO CANADA

AMERICA

TOAST TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

*

GRACE

*

DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE
& SPECIAL GUESTS

President Bruce Waite

GREETINGS FROM DIVISION 8

Lieut. Governor George Hosie

GREETINGS FROM E.C.C. DISTRICT

Governor Hedley G. Ivany

TOAST TO THE LADIES

Chairman Andy St. Germain

RESPONSE TO TOAST

Mrs. Bruce Waite

PRESENTATION TO CHARTER
MEMBER

Lieut Governor Elect
Sherman Fysh

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST
SPEAKER

Governor Hedley G. Ivany

ADDRESS BY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT

Dr. William Eagles

APPRECIATION

Past International Trustee
Jack Linklater

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CLOSING REMARKS

*

O' CANADA

*

ADJOURNMENT FOR DANCE

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen;
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrims' pride!
From ev'ry mountain side,
Let freedom ring!

Meetings were held at the Y.M.C.A. until October 7, when the club moved to Archie Carter's Candy Shop, later known as Carter's Restaurant. An early account of this first meeting says that "The club was provided with a chicken dinner and a number of members expressed their satisfaction at being able to smoke." At this meeting, the club was entertained by a Welsh Chorus which the club was sponsoring at the Opera House that evening.



Cecil George, Charter Vice President and Orillia's first Lieutenant Governor.

Another first, recorded in November of that same year, was when the first Hunter's luncheon was held, the venison supplied by the Mighty Hunters of that era; Bill Tudhope, Cecil George, Bert Harris, George Rapley, George Guy, R. A. Brown, Bo Price and M. B. Tudhope.

Regular meetings on Monday noon, and Directors' meetings on the first Thursday of each month were held at Carters' until their

disastrous fire in 1962, which not only destroyed the building but also all Kiwanis records. The Club then met at the Y.M.C.A. and at the new Sundail Restaurant until they moved to the Birchmere where they have met ever since.



An early picture of the Birchmere Hotel.

MOTOR CAMP PROJECT

The Orillia Club was not long idle. Even before their Charter had been granted, a major project was undertaken which involved the entire club. At an April meeting it was suggested that the club work with the Motor Club in establishing a tourist camp ground, the camp on Bay Street having been sold. The matter was given to the Public Affairs Committee for further investigation. At the next meeting, R. E. Starr, chairman of this committee, reported that a portion of Barnfield Point had been leased from J. B. Tudhope at a rental of \$100.00 for the first year, \$200.00 for the second, and \$250.00 for the third and subsequent years, with the Town having the option of purchasing the property with all rentals paid, to be applied to the purchase price. The Orillia Water, Light and Power Commission had agreed to extend its power line to the 'Point' and the C.N.R., and C.P.R. Railroads had agreed to establish

a public crossing over their railroads into the property. Mr. Starr and his committee had been very active.



"Yes, I think that would be a good location for a summer camp for the kids."

It remained now only for the land to be cleared. So the Kiwanians doffed their coats, rolled up their sleeves and in spite of aching backs, blistered hands, sunburn and blackflies, after a few "Bees" and many hours of hard work, had the place ready to hold picnics that summer. On one occasion, they brought their families and more than 150 underprivileged children.



Orillia Kiwanis Boys Camp 1939.

Not only was this effort the start of establishing one of the finest Motor Camps in the province, but was the beginning of the work of crippled and underprivileged children which was to bulk so largely in the club's programme for the whole half century of its existence.

Christmas parties were held for several hundred children at which time toys, candies, oranges were passed out. Saturday afternoon matinees were held as a Christmas treat.

DEPRESSION YEARS AND LATER

The Orillia club, as did most other clubs, suffered because of the Depression: membership fell off, money was scarce, while the need for service increased. In spite of these setbacks, the club and its members met this new challenge in true Kiwanis spirit. As the Depression tightened, the scope of its work increased monthly. A 1931 report shows that over 500 Christmas parcels were sent to needy families; nearly 2,000 pints of milk were distributed; hundreds of articles of clothing and shoes purchased for needy children. But the individual was not forgotten. Glasses were supplied to four children; braces bought for a crippled child; an operation for a teenaged boy paid for by the Club; and a bill paid to the Hospital for Sick Children. The Depression ground its way slowly over the ensuing years, increasing the need for the club's assistance. Each year saw the need for glasses, shoes, X-rays, clothing, milk, food and Christmas baskets, operations, trips to the hospital growing, and being met by the club in a heroic effort to make its shrinking resources stretch to cover the ever expanding needs. Perhaps the Depression, more than anything else, did much to exemplify the true meaning of Kiwanis.

Many were the deeds of kindness done by the club and its members. Doctors and Dentists gave freely of their services to the needy; transportation to and from the Sick Children's Hospital was supplied by members, countless hours were spent by committee members in dealing with cases and working with health and welfare agencies.



Orillia Kiwanis Boys Camp 1939.

One Christmas Eve, the President and Child Welfare Committee Chairman gave up the evening with their own families, drove to the Sick Children's Hospital to deliver a doll and carriage to a sick child so that her Christmas might be a little brighter. "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!" During all these hectic and trying times, the club managed to pay for an ambulance for the hospital which they had purchased.

As the Depression years slowly passed, a change came in the club's welfare work. Dire poverty passed away but other needs came to take its place. More and more, the efforts of the club came to centre on crippled children and their desperate needs.

In the early war years, the club began to take crippled children to the Barrie Clinic for examination and to the Sick Children's Hospital for treatment.

Special boots and braces were still supplied and children still needed glasses or operations which parents could not afford. It was in these days that the club began sending groups of boys to the Y.M.C.A. camp at Breezy Point. Later, groups were sent also to Blue Mountain Camp at Collingwood.

A fully equipped Dental Clinic was set up by the club for school use under the Department of Health. An Audiometer was presented to the Orillia School Board and the club paid for its operation. Over 1,000 children had their hearing tested during the first year it was in use.

AGRICULTURE AND CONSERVATION

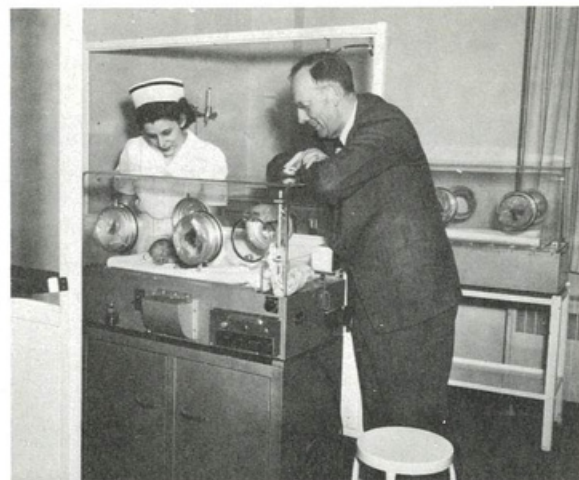
One of the objectives toward which the club has always worked is the establishment of better relationship between rural and urban residents. Thus, as far back as 1926, we find the Board of Trade and Kiwanians celebrating "Alfalfa Day" with a banquet, attended by 155 farmer guests from the immediate district. Some 100 Kiwanians and members of the Board of Trade were in attendance at the event at which the guest speaker was Professor Buchanan of the Ontario College of Agriculture. In June of 1927 the farmers, not to be outdone, entertained the Kiwanians and their ladies at a banquet, held at Lakeview House on Sparrow Lake. Almost 300 people were present at this event, at which Walter Powell acted as Master of Ceremonies. The speakers of the evening included R. H. Starr, Club president, Mayor Sinclair of Orillia, The Honourable William Finlayson, The Rev. A. L. Atton of Coldwater, and M. B. Tudhope. These events did much to cement the already fine relationship

between these two groups of people. In subsequent years, the farmers enjoyed boat trips on the Muskoka Lakes with members of the Kiwanis Club. During the war years, when farm help was scarce, the Kiwanians quite often helped the farmers in their farm work.

OUR WAR EFFORT

Five of our members: Harold R. Campkin, Frank J. Daniel, George M. Pinkerton, Dr. Charles V. Scott, and J. Clarke Wallace were classified as "Military Service Members".

At home, the remaining members were very active. They helped farmers with the harvesting, supplied radios and furniture to the Basic Training Centre which had been established in Orillia, made bi-weekly visits to their military hospital with cigarettes, books and other comforts, sent over 1,000 parcels annually to troops overseas, and supported such activities as Red Cross Blood Donor Service, Bond Drive and the like, also provided an active committee to assist in Veterans' rehabilitation.



Past Lieut. Governor Dr. Bob Hipwell smiles his approval as some new equipment is put to use in the Childrens' Ward.

The club also made liberal cash donations to various groups, organized to promote the war effort.

4H CALF CLUB

In 1950 the Oro Dairy Calf Club, sponsored by the Orillia Lions Club and the Orillia Calf Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, were formed and on December 11 of that year a joint meeting was held, at which time prizes and awards were presented to the members. The Orillia Kiwanis Club has been happy to sponsor and lend support to this 4H Calf Club ever since. One of the highlights of the year is the day the club has the privilege of entertaining the 4H members and their parents at a club luncheon when prizes and awards are given out. These young people, not to be outdone, invite the Kiwanians and the Kiwanians' children to a corn or wiener roast at one of their several farms.

CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT

In 1953, the club, acting on the recommendation of the Agriculture and Conservation Committee, purchased an abandoned fifty acres of land at Sadowa. Here the club members planted 15,000 trees. These were mostly Scotch Pine and eventually sold as Christmas trees. Not only were these trees planted by the members, but the early pruning was also done by the members. However, as the trees became marketable, the buyer preferred to do his own pruning. The members did not argue.

After the best of the trees were sold, the land was sold to the Township. The profit from this venture was earmarked to be available for needy students to further their education. Acting on the advice of the chairman of the Vocational Guidance Committee, varying sums of money were loaned without interest to different students. It is worthy of note that all the money was paid back to the club as agreed. When the Dominion Government adopted the practice of lending money to students, the club discontinued doing so, and the money involved put to other uses.

SERVICES RENDERED OUTSIDE OF THE CLUB

Besides being busy with Kiwanis work, many of our members have found time for service outside of the club. We note that our roster has included two members of our Provincial Government, Mayor of our City, Deputy Reeve, Reeve, members of the Council, Commission, School Boards and Y.M.C.A. Board. Besides this, all worthwhile projects have been supported by individual members: Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., Big Brothers, Community Drives and others.



Our club assisted the Barrie club in 1929 when they acted as hosts to the O.Q.M. Convention, held at Bigwin Inn in Muskoka. Later, in 1942 and 1953, Orillia acted as host when the Conventions were also held at this popular resort. Past Lieut. Governor, Robert Hipwell, Sr., acted as Chairman on each of these two latter occasions.

In 1927, George L. Guy was elected to act as Lieut. Governor but, as he was obliged to move to Montreal for business reasons, W. C. George completed the year. Others of our club who have had the honour of being Lieut. Governor are Dr. R. E. Hipwell in 1932, Dr. S. J. W. Horne, 1941, Lloyd Boddy in 1950, Robert McIntosh in 1955 and Robert Hipwell, Jr., in 1965. We are one of the few clubs in Kiwanis which has had both a father and son act as Lieut. Governor. Past President, Sherman Fysh is Lieut. Governor Elect in 1974. Jack Linklater, although not a member of our club at the time, was Lieut. Governor in 1943, Governor in 1944, and International Trustee in 1948-50.

WAYS AND MEANS

In order to operate the club over the past fifty years, money has been required; much money. The chief duty of the Ways and Means Committee has been to plan and organize some method of raising that money. Of course, we had to turn to the public and because of its generous response, we have been able to raise sufficient money over the years to carry on our various projects. It might be well to note that all the money received from the public has, in turn, been spent on the public. We are merely "trustees" of these funds. All the money required to operate the club is raised by club members' fees, not one copper of public funds being used for any other purpose but to help some unfortunate person or persons.

Over the years, the club has turned to various methods of raising money. One of the early ones, and a very popular one, started in 1927, was the "Winter Skating Carnival". This was a gala occasion, preceded by a parade through town, headed by the Orillia Kiltie Band. During the evening the capacity house would be entertained by a broom ball game between two costumed teams of Kiwanians; a parade around the rink in which many picturesque and humorous costumes vied for the prizes offered; and many other skating events took place.



Past Presidents George Fitzpatrick and Ralph Lang with "Timmy" and his dog.

The club also organized New Year's Eve dances, sponsored outstanding choirs, soloists and concerts. "The Village Fair," generally held in the Market Square, was a popular event for many years. There followed - raffles, radio bingo and the sale of roses. In the sale of roses, the Club members took orders for roses in half dozen or dozen lots, to be delivered on a certain date. When the orders were completed, they were forwarded to Dales in Brampton, and the truck-load of freshly cut roses was delivered to the old Curling Rink, the club having very kindly granted us the use of the building for the time necessary. Then followed a very busy day for all Kiwanians to get the roses delivered while they were still fresh. Any roses left over were generally sold on the street corners the same evening.

In 1950, the club organized and adopted the "Radio Auction" method of raising money. Again, the public proved to be responsive and with the facilities of the Bell Telephone and our local radio station

Jack Mundell on top of the world.



George Grinyer and Jed Church doing their part.

and the hard work of our members, we were able to turn this into a profitable venture and, with the exception of a couple of years, this has been an annual affair ever since.

Floates MacLean raising extra money for a 1968 radio auction.



Skid Watson and Russ Jerome "helping" Frank Gold keep his windows sparkling.

Jim Doolittle and Bob Switzer turning in money from one of our early Easter Seal projects.



Bill Clarke, chairman, Easter Seals, with "Timmy" and friends and some of the donations.

In 1967, the club organized yet another method of raising money: "The Travelogue". This brings to the Opera House in Orillia, six evenings of fine entertainment each year. The many patrons of these highly educational and entertaining affairs become world travellers for the evening, seeing and hearing detailed descriptions of many places they could never hope to visit.

Perhaps our biggest money raiser has been the club's sponsorship of the Easter Seal Campaign which was adopted in the late Forties. Half of the proceeds from this venture is sent immediately to the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, the other half being kept and spent on the crippled children in our own vicinity. The club members were thrilled when the proceeds of the early years amounted to \$2,500.00. This volume increased each year until a few years ago, when a near miracle happened. We had tried Walkathons, Swimathons, in fact, almost every "thon" imaginable; we adopted a Timmy each year and paraded him, along with the Chief of Police, to almost every function



Bob Bowland of C.F.O.R. Radio and Chief Bill Blanche escort our 1972 "Timmy," Doug Westenfelt, to a Kiwanis luncheon marking the end of another successful campaign.

where a few dollars might be raised. But it took RUSTY DRAPER, the ace broadcaster of our local radio station C.F.O.R., to come up with a novel idea which caught on like wildfire. Rusty suggested that he stay on the air for sixty continuous hours, broadcasting on behalf of all the crippled children in Ontario.



Chairman, Harold Sharp, tired but happy after a successful 60 hour radio marathon.

Because of Rusty's wide popularity and magnetic personality which exudes over the air waves, this venture which became known all over C.F.O.R.'s coverage area as "Rusty's Marathon" was very successful. He extended his continuous time on the air each year until this year, 1974, he completed 70 hours.

People came from near and far to take part in the programme. So crowded did the studio at C.F.O.R. become, that the

Some of the talent during the broadcast marathon.



Kiwanians taking pledges and receiving donations for the Rusty Draper Crippled Children's Marathon.

broadcasting facilities were moved to larger accommodations at Birchmere Hotel. Of course, the proceeds also grew and reached the unheard total of almost \$20,000.00! The Bell Telephone again installed phones and the facilities of C.F.O.R. were used and all Kiwanians were very actively engaged, but to Rusty Draper must be given the bulk of the credit for this very creditable effort.



Life guard, Floats MacLean, congratulating President Andy St. Germain after a fantastic 60 yard swim to raise money for Crippled Children.

CITIZENSHIP SERVICES

In following the first Kiwanis Object - to give primacy to the human and spiritual values - Kiwanis aims are aligned with those of the church. In support of these aims, many Kiwanians have served individually as officers or leaders within their respective churches. The committee promoted a programme of church attendance when members and their wives attend a local church or Salvation Army Citadel, with some members participating in the service. We supplied directories of all church services and had them placed in different hotels and resorts.

Our Club has donated furnishings to Senior Citizens' Homes and on occasion, has visited these occupants; has supplied transportation to church services or to an evening at our Travelogue. Occasional picnics or outings have been arranged for them as well.



Feb. 21st. 1966
Brotherhood Week was symbolically observed at the Orillia Kiwanis Club in an interdenominational head table at the regular Monday luncheon. From the left, Kiwanis President Frank Gold, Larry Temple, Presbyterian minister Rev. Eric Beggs, guest speaker Rabbi Albert Pattenheim, Monsignor F. K. Lee and Leo Cassidy.

A group of diabetics pay an annual visit to the Birchmere and on this occasion, the Club provides transportation to and from church.

In 1951, the Key Club Committee, with Chairman, Harold Reynolds, and members J. C. Hill, C. L. Whitney and R. A. Dykes, was successful in forming a Key Club in the Orillia District Collegiate. Much preliminary work had been done and finally, with the help of the District Key Club Officials, arrangements were completed and the Charter Night was held at Carters' Grill on the evening of November 21, 1951, with Harold Reynolds in the chair. Past Lieutenant Governor Lloyd Boddy performed the induction ceremonies; the Charter was presented by Lieutenant Governor Dr. Carlyle Clemence and accepted by the Charter Key Club President, Bob Robinson.

A Key Club is administered and operated similar to Kiwanis and is staffed by students who have satisfactory scholastic records. Our Club provides assistance and guidance; Key Clubbers participate in service projects within the Collegiate and often assist the Kiwanis Club in its work.

This year's Key Club Committee is working hard and hopes to establish another Key Club at the Twin Lakes Collegiate.

The Club has always had a Vocational Guidance Committee and has been fortunate in having a collegiate teacher to act as its head during most of the years.

This committee, besides assisting all students recommended to the Club, helps those students deserving of financial aid to further their education.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' COMMITTEE

The Boys' and Girls' Committee has long been a very active and important one. After the Barnsdale property was cleared in 1924, many picnics were held here, especially for the children; playground equipment was presented to the City for use in Couchiching Park, and support was given to the Junior Lacrosse League. For several years, bicycle rodeos were held. Here, with members of the police force in attendance, each bicycle was given a safety check, riders were given safe driving instructions and each bicycle was equipped with fluorescent tape.

Bus loads of children were transported to see baseball games when the Toronto team was performing in that city.

The club supplied material and manpower to build the "Kiwanis Lodge" at the Y.M.C.A. Camp at Breezy Point. Later, the kitchen facilities were improved. Arrangements are made each year for Kiwanians and parents of campers to visit the Y.M.C.A. while the campers are in attendance.

Sports equipment was presented to the Y.M.C.A. and to the elementary schools' programme. Organizational luncheon meetings were held with sports representatives, teachers of elementary and secondary schools, members of the Royal Canadian Legion and representatives of the Orillia Recreation Commission, to arrange inter-school tournaments in soft ball and volley ball; and to coordinate and advertise all activities, so there would be no overlapping and also that nothing important would be omitted. This committee also conducted track and field training sessions during the summer, plus four track meets in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Legion for all age groups from six years to seniors; organized and held a track meet

for all at the end of the season and supplied trophies and ribbons to the winners in each age group; supplied finances and manpower to help organize the Orillia Track and Field Club, members of which eventually won many awards in Ontario and the U.S.A.; shared expenses for several years with the Royal Canadian Legion to transport athletes to the Canadian National Exhibition track and field meets.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

"The Music Committee, Tom Green, Chairman, is to be highly commended for the wonderful Musical Festival. It is the best thing the Club has done in years."

The above appeared in the Club bulletin dated May 14th, 1959, and heralded our first Music Festival. Although some of our members had talked "Music Festival" for some time, it remained for Dr. Tom Green, ably assisted by Bill Hume, to get together with the local music teachers, discuss, promote and organize this venture.

The first festival had over 300 entries and lasted three days. This worthwhile project has grown until it now lasts for two weeks and has had almost 1,000 entries. Not only has the number of entries increased, but also the number of different classes. Following each festival, a concert is held in the Opera House with outstanding contestants as participants.

The Music Festival is not just a project of the Kiwanis Club: this is an effort of our Club and the music teachers of the City with many other people involved before this effort is a success. Again we have had to appeal to the businesses and individuals for financial aid, and again we have received bountiful support; so much so that we are able to provide scholarships, trophies, awards to the contestants, pay adjudicators, hall rentals and other expenses. Besides this

support, we are deeply indebted to the various churches for the use of their assembly halls, to the many ladies who have given so freely of their time to assist during the judging of the contestants, to West End Radio for installing a loud speaker system, to C.F.O.R. for taping and broadcasting some of the numbers, to our local newspapers for the very favourable press coverage, to the school teachers who have so well prepared and conducted their choirs, to the many pupils who have taken part and departed themselves so well, both on the stage as participants and off the stage as observers, to the kindergarten teachers, especially, who seem to vie with each other in seeing that their pupils are dressed in such colourful costumes (the teachers who do not work to rule), and lastly, to the parents who have shown their interest and cooperation.

Again, this becomes a project involving the entire Kiwanis Club with perhaps more man-hours expended here than in any other venture.

The untimely and sudden death of Dr. Tom Green was a shock not only to the Kiwanis Club but to the entire City. Tom, a pianist of no mean ability, had been a member of our Club for many years. He had a great love for good music and was the spearhead and driving force behind the organization and conduct of our Festival. Much of its success is due to Tom's leadership. The Club has instituted an award in memory of Tom to be competed for annually.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Being a Kiwanian does not always mean work and no play. Even before the Club had received its charter, a Ladies' Night had been held.



"I think it is fascinating how you personally held your club together during those rough years."



Our ladies join us for an evening of fun at a member's cottage.

In the early years, it was customary to hold a birthday party in March and a Ladies' Night during the summer months. These two events were eventually combined, and because of the large attendance, it was necessary to hold these affairs at one of the several resorts: on Sparrow Lake, Fern Cottage, Orchard Point Inn, or Owaissa Lodge. Since the Stephen Leacock Pavilion has been in operation, the Club has used these facilities on a few occasions. Of late years, a social evening has been held in the autumn, generally a fowl supper, provided by the ladies of one of our several neighbouring farm communities or at the Birchmere Hotel, our regular place of meeting.



Lieutenant Governor George Hosie discussing plans with President Bruce Waite.

Perhaps the most memorable social event was our Twenty-fifth Birthday celebration, which was held on June 8th, 1949, at the Rainbow Room with Kiwanian Joe Cullon and his wife, Thelma, doing the catering. This meeting was chaired by past Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Bob Hipwell. Features of the evening entertainment were a sing song led by Harry Williams with Tom Green at the piano, solos by Miss Jane Allen, a winning contestant at the Kiwanis Music Festival in Toronto, and violin selections by J. E. Thackeray.



Arrangements are almost completed for a monstrous Fiftieth Anniversary celebration to be held at Fern Resort on Monday, April 15th, when we hope to have in attendance, among other notables, our International President, William M. Eagles, M.D. Plans also include special entertainment for the ladies. An alumni night will be held later in the year.

The speaker of the evening was past International President, George H. Ross, who was introduced by Ken Loheed, Lieutenant Governor of the O.Q.M. District. This long to be remembered gala evening was followed by a dance, the music being supplied by Ray Cole and His Merry Men. At this meeting, 25th Anniversary Legion of Honour Awards were presented to four of our Charter Members who were still active members of the Club: W. C. George, A. C. Harris, P. L. Stover, and W. O. Tudhope.

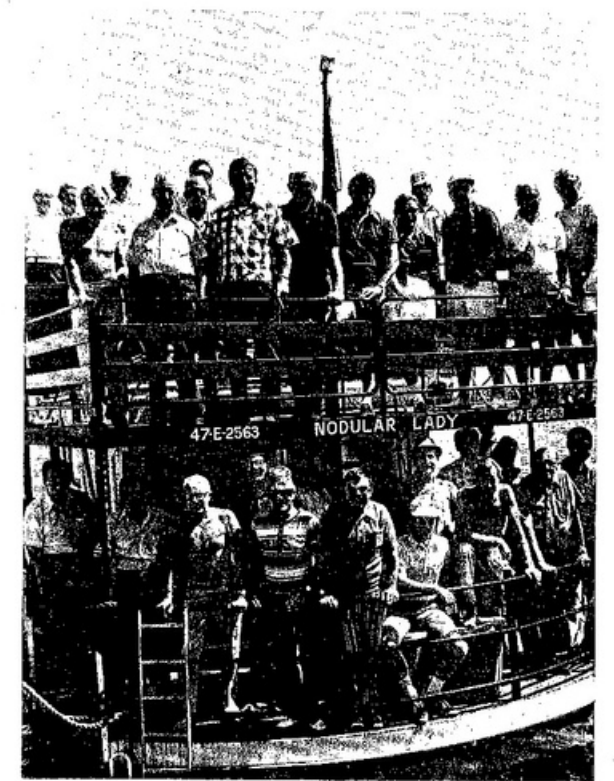
INTERCLUB

Kiwanis International has long encouraged interclubbing - - visiting other clubs. This practice does much to promote good fellowship and better understanding. Quite often a club will visit another club and supply the programme for the occasion; the speaker and song leader. It is the hope of the Orillia Club that we visit the clubs in our own division at least once a year, and also that each club will be able to visit us.

Perhaps our most important Interclub affair is when we play host to so many clubs when we hold our annual bonspiel. This popular event has been held for over forty years and it is not unusual to have over 100 Kiwanians representing more than twenty-five clubs from various parts of the district in attendance. After a day of curling, an evening banquet is held at the Birchmere Hotel where good food and good fellowship is rampant.

Kiwanis International has erected monuments, peace tablets and peace gardens at various crossing spots on our undefended border to help cement good will and understanding between our two countries. We have set aside one week each year which is known as "Canada-United States Good Will Week." During this week we have exchanged taped programmes and gestures of good will with different clubs across the border.

Our most outstanding interclub visits are with the Kiwanians from Austin Town, Ohio. One of their members, Gil Schnurremberger, owns a cottage on the Severn River, and he brings some of his Kiwanian friends there for a holiday. Being anxious to keep up their attendance, these men attended our club meeting. That was a start of an annual visit from many of these Kiwanians over a twenty year period.



Our great friends from Austin Town, Ohio join us for an August cruise on Lake Couchiching in 1973.

Quite often, these people bring along a speaker and put on an interesting programme for our Club. On occasions we have had boat trips, fishing trips, a golf tournament and steak fries. We, in turn, have the pleasure of visiting their clubs and enjoying their hospitality.

AND ALL THE PAST IS FUTURE

"And all these tidal gatherings, growth
and decay
Shining and darkening, are forever
Renewed; and the whole cycle impenitently
Revolves, and all the past is future."
Robinson Jeffers (1887 - 1962)

Fifty years is merely an expression of time; in history, but the blink of an eye or the snap of the fingers and rarely mentioned; for an individual, it represents a working lifetime; to the Orillia Kiwanis Club, it means so very many different things. It means that some six hundred different individuals have been members of our Club for varying lengths of time; that more than 2,500 regular weekly meetings have been held; more than 600 monthly Directors' meetings and more committee meetings than can be counted; innumerable man-hours spent in organization and actual work; thousands of dollars collected and wisely spent on needy people or causes. This work, like Tennyson's "Brook" goes on forever.

Never in its history has the Club been blessed with so many fine young Kiwanians as now: young men who have become endowed with the spirit of Kiwanis early in their careers; who have new ideas and are not afraid to work on them; who are aware of tradition of the past, but not bound by it; who are vigorous and energetic with a profound faith in the future. It is hard to believe that our dynamic, hard working President joined our Club only in 1969.

We have every confidence that more similar young men will be attracted to our ranks from year to year. It is significant to note that, of the new members this year, one is a third generation Kiwanian: Bob Brown is a grandson of Tom Brown, a Charter Member and president in 1928. So we have great faith in the future. We predict

that in year 2024, a really big celebration of 100 years of service will be held by Kiwanians, just as enthusiastic as they are today.

We hope that wheel chairs and leg braces will have become extinct, and that every Tiny Tim will be able to observe,
"God bless us everyone!"



"Listen, if you join that will personally give me 15 new members this year."

CANADA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Canada's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated on July 1, 1927, with the first coast-to-coast radio broadcast. Beacon lights were ignited in every city, town and village across the country at the same hour in the evening. A great national banquet with the Prince of Wales, Prime Minister of Great Britain, the Right Honourable Stanley Baldwin, and Prime Minister Mackenzie King in attendance, was held in Ottawa.

The idea to hold this great celebration on a national scale was first proposed by the Kiwanis Club of Orillia. The Orillia Jubilee Executive sent letters to all service clubs in Canada, public men, educational heads and many other influential people in every city and town in the Dominion. The project was

presented to the District Convention in Toronto where the idea was accepted. The response was hearty and unanimous. The Orillia Club was given full credit for promoting the idea.

THE FIRST LADIES' NIGHT

The first Ladies' Night was held at Orchard Point Inn on June 16, 1924, actually before the Charter had been presented. The reason for this early meeting was to enable the Orillia Club to take part in the "Zero Programme." This programme was being carried on by all Kiwanis clubs in Canada and the United States between 9:45 and 10:00 for the purpose of promoting unity and the realization of belonging to a wide-spread organization. The programme opened with 30 seconds of silence, followed by our National Anthem. President W. O. Tudhope then read a message from the International President, F. Arras, who himself, at the same moment, was reading the message to delegates at the Denver Convention. The "Zero Hour" closed with the singing of "Onward in Kiwanis".

LADIES' NIGHT AT JARRATT

From a bulletin dated November 23, 1953:

"Our hats are off to Don Martin and the House and Reception Committee. Yes, to everyone who aided in putting across the most successful and enjoyable Ladies' Evening at Jarratt's Community Hall last Tuesday evening."

"One hundred and thirteen sat down to a sumptuous repast of turkey with all the trimmings, put up in country style. We put the caterers on the spot as we had only estimated that eight-five would be in attendance. The ladies must have suspected this and an ample supply was produced.

Everyone must have sensed it was going to be a real evening of fun, which it was."

"The highlight of the evening was a presentation to Bob Hipwell Sr. of an oil painting of his summer home on Bay Street. President Bill Clarke paid tribute to Bob for the work he had done in the organization and direction in connection with the O.Q.M. Convention at Bigwin Inn."

"The master of ceremonies, Les Clarke, took over and directed the group through a full evening of dancing. Everyone who attended has expressed his satisfaction of the 'Do'. It was really great! Let's do it again."



"This could be a really great club if you guys could sing."

MANNING THE KETTLES

For many of its earlier years the Kiwanis Club made up and delivered Christmas baskets to needy families; this also included presents for the children. Since the other service clubs and benevolent agencies adopted the same practice, it was quite natural for mistakes to be made. In some cases, there would be duplications, and also, in some cases, some families were overlooked.

It was decided that instead of delivering baskets ourselves, we would make a donation to the Salvation Army and assist in the actual work. Other clubs adopted the same idea and with the assistance of our local newspaper, a Christmas fund was established. All collections went into this fund and used to make Christmas a little more cheerful for the needy.

The idea that members of our Club manning the Salvation Army Kettles on the main street during Christmas week was adopted by the Kiwanis Club, and very shortly the other service clubs followed suit. In our Club, it has become an annual and friendly contest. Sides are chosen and after much friendly bickering, either side of the main street is selected. It then remains to see which side can collect the most money.

A NEAR CALAMITY

Shortly after one of our more successful "Rusty Draper Radio Marathons," the Club members were motoring to Austin Town to hold an Inter-club meeting. As there was room for one more on the bus, Rusty Draper was asked to go along.

Rusty, being a conscientious employee, was concerned about his early morning broadcast. Dr. Don Richardson who can turn his hand to almost anything (it is rumored that he can cook), and who had been a great help during the Marathon,



Rusty Draper, C.F.O.R., with a very happy "Timmy."



Our 1974 "Timmy" with his friend, Rusty Draper.

promised Rusty that he would look after the early morning broadcast. Don himself was flying down later in the day.

With this assurance, Rusty was happy to make the trip, but he took along a transistor radio and tuned in to C.F.O.R. when the programme was to start. He was rather amazed to hear coming in loud and clear, "Good morning, radio audience. Welcome to the Don Richardson broadcast". On Rusty's return to Orillia, he offered to assist Don in his next appendectomy.

THE ANNUAL STEAK FRY

This popular event was not originally organized as such. When we worked at our Sadowa Tree Farm, it was customary for each individual to take along his own lunch. The Club provided pop or coffee.

Someone came up with the bright idea of bringing a steak instead of a lunch. This idea was readily accepted and was continued long after the Christmas trees were disposed of. In fact, it has been an annual event ever since and has been held at members' cottages or at the Y.M.C.A. camp and is looked forward to each year with a great deal of anticipation by the members and their friends.



"If I play two more songs, can I be president in 1975?"



"Actually, it is not exactly transcendental meditation."

BONSPIELS

One of the many events inaugurated by the Orillia Club is its annual Bonspiel. This affair was started many years ago growing in popularity amongst the clubs in the District whose memberships include curlers.

However, an incident which happened in the early years almost spelled doom to this popular day. It seems that during one spiel, a snow shovel mysteriously disappeared. One club was suspected, but certainly not accused. At the next spiel, the aforementioned shovel reappeared, brought along by members of the Midland Club (our sister club just a few months younger). The shovel was raffled off that night at the banquet, the proceeds to be used in the war effort, and we are the proud possessors of a receipt for \$27.50 from the British War Relief Fund. Boys will be boys!

THE UNVEILING OF THE CHAMPLAIN MONUMENT

The Champlain Monument was unveiled during the summer of 1925. Great were the preparations for this historical event. One important feature was to have a few canoe loads of Indians from across the lake paddle into the picture at a given time. All went well until just before the celebrations were to commence when something had happened to displease our Indian friends. They refused to take part.

Nothing could be done to appease them. However, the Kiwanis Club came to the rescue. Retiring to a tent or "tepee" erected at the Park, they donned Indian costumes, war paint, head dress, or whatever was necessary, climbed into the waiting canoes (fortunately some could paddle) and on went the ceremonies. So well did these Kiwanians play their roles, that not only were the spectators unaware of the hoax, but also were the noted movie camera crew who had been sent to record this momentous occasion on film.



