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# The Builder

*Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound "Serving the Children of the World"*

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## **CONTRIBUTION IS EVERYTHING**

Welcome to the new edition of *The Builder*.

The hope is to give members the opportunity to gain a greater knowledge of the club's activities by focusing more on the 'day-to-day' goings on of the various projects – current, upcoming and proposed - and of the work of the various club committees.

To fulfill that ambition we *need* contributions – all ideas, reports, observations and criticisms gratefully received.

To contribute to *The Builder* please contact Kiwanian Simon Cooper or admin assistant Becky Azzano

# THE YEAR AHEAD

**By President Paul Neville**

The coming year is going to be a very exciting one for the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound.

This club has a proud tradition of making substantial contributions to our community; a tradition magnificently reflected in our three current major funding projects – Kiwanis Music Festival, Kiwanis Soccer Complex and OSCVI.

During my tenure as our President I look forward to not only continuing our support for these projects, but to expanding our horizons further to take on new challenges.

Over the coming year the Club will be embarking on a number of smaller projects with shorter timelines that will allow us to touch the lives of even more children.

The first two new projects – the K-Paks and F.A.N Club puppets – are outlined on the next page and, given final approval by the board, will be launched immediately.

Both projects partner us with other substantial voices in the region: the Children's Aid Society and Canadian Mental Health Association respectively.

Smaller, quick turnaround, projects such as these will serve as vehicles not only for continued and enhanced fundraising, but also as a means of keeping the club visible in the community.

This enhanced visibility will, I hope, lead to more members joining.

Recruitment is one of the key objectives of my Presidency – the more members we have, the more we can do.

By taking on more projects and members we reaffirm our commitment to the true principle and spirit of the Kiwanis.

We Build.

Let's never forget that.

## Your Kiwanis Calendar For December & The Holidays

**December 4 – 6.30pm**  
Holiday Social @ Highland  
Manor.

**December 11**  
Cards & Poems Meeting  
@ The Rusty Gull

**December 18**  
Cards & Poems Meeting  
@ The Rusty Gull

**December 25**  
Merry Christmas!!!!

**January 1**  
Happy New Year!

**January 8**  
Business Meeting  
@ The Rusty Gull

## SANTA CLAUS PARADE

**This year's parade was  
another great success, with  
many excellent floats and a  
perfect day weatherwise.**

**A big thank you to all those  
who made it possible.**

## PRIORITY ONE PROJECTS

### Two New Projects for 2004

#### K-PAKS

When children are taken into emergency foster care, many times they arrive at their new family's door with little more than the clothes they stand in.

The Pak idea is the brainchild of Owen Sound foster parents Carla and Tom King

K-Paks are 'survival kits' for foster kids; backpacks filled with items that a child will find both necessary and comforting – a teddy bear, toothbrush and paste, coloring books, story books, pencils etc.

The K-Paks are tailored to boys and girls and across the age ranges from toddlers to teens.

The club, subject to final board approval, is committing to provide at least 150 K-Paks over the coming year– with the first 25 ready by December 15.

The filled K-Paks will be given to Children's Aid and, eventually, the emergency services, to be given to children in need.

Kiwanian Barry Ballantyne is Chair of the K-Pak committee. Initial funding of \$500 will be drawn from the Christmas tree sales revenue, but the plan is to partner with local business over the coming year to provide the raw material (backpacks, toiletries, books etc) creating a project with very low overhead and very high impact and visibility.

#### F.A.N Club Puppets

Subject to final board approval, the Cub will provide \$1,500 to allow Grey Bruce Friends And Neighbors (F.A.N) Club to buy two puppets. The puppets are used as part of a mental illness prevention program aimed at children.

A full story will be featured in the next *The Builder*.

## CHRISTMAS TREES 2003



Volunteers are still needed to take shifts selling Christmas trees. This is one of the major fundraising events of the year for the club, so please help if you can spare the time.

Please contact Kiwanian Kevin Dandeno, Chair of Christmas Tree Sales, @ 376 3721 to book a shift

