

January 2004



# The Builder

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

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Welcome to January's edition of *The Builder*.

January was named after the Roman God Janus, who was their God of gates and doorways – literally, the 'God of Beginnings'.

As 2004 begins, this edition of *The Builder* features what is hoped will be inspiration for our members to fuel our efforts in the coming new year – feedback from the people and community we serve.

From our largest and most visible projects to our smallest gestures of goodwill, everything we do makes a positive difference to someone.

We Build.

## A FEW WORDS OF THANKS

***Following yet another highly successful Santa Claus Parade, former Owen Sound Mayor Richard Beaney wrote to the club to say:***

"Dear President Paul and Members:

On behalf of City Council, I am writing to thank the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound and in particular, the Santa Claus Parade Committee, for the excellent parade which was produced for 2003.

The Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound has a long and proud history and a major part of the history is the hosting of the Annual Santa Claus Parade. The residents of Owen Sound and of Grey and Bruce Counties and countless visitors to the City, young and old, are entertained each year.

We applaud your efforts and thank you for your years of commitment to the children of our area."

***And from Priyal Trewal, a student at O.S.C.V.I.:***

"I was a recipient of your proficiency award recently at O.S.C.V.I.'s

awards night. I would like to say that I appreciated the award and think that it is very kind of you to contribute to the school's awards."

***And from the Student Council of Derby Public School:***

"On behalf of the staff and students of Derby Public School, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of school supplies for children who may need them. We greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of the Kiwanis Club and will ensure that the supplies are given to those children who will benefit from them. Once again, we thank you."

***Margaret L'Estrage, Executive Director, St. John Ambulance – Owen Sound & North Grey-Bruce writes:***

"It is always a pleasure to serve the community and we are sincerely appreciative for the donation you have kindly made so that we may continue to keep the community safe. Thank you again and our volunteers look forward to your next event."

## Your Kiwanis Calendar For January

### January 15

Meeting @ The Rusty Gull – speaker T.B.A.

### January 22

Business Meeting @ The Rusty Gull

### January 29

Meeting @ The Rusty Gull – speaker Glenn Estill

### February 4

Meeting @ The Rusty Gull – speaker Judge Norman Douglas on the topic ‘reasons for the underlying decline of respect in today’s society’.

*The Club board has resolved that as from January, the third meeting of every month will be a business meeting with no speaker.*

## SPEAKERS NEEDED

Past President Don Sweatman needs help finding speakers for meetings. If you know of someone who has an interesting story to tell or is involved in an interesting project please let Don know.

## ROBBIE BURNS DINNER

Our Robbie Burns night is next Saturday, January 17th at the Legion beginning at 6pm.

As President Paul stated in his recent email, this is not your typical Robbie Burns event for it will be attended by Robbie Burns – in guise of Christopher Timm, a world renowned Burns re-enactor.

He will portray Robbie Burns, an honoured guest at a 1780's Scottish Dinner attended by the local gentry. The evening features a full pork dinner (and haggis for those brave enough), poetry readings, pipers, dancers and a silent auction

This is a joint venture between our club, the Golden K and the Legion and provides us all with a unique fund raising opportunity.

Tickets are \$30 and places are limited to 300. We are looking for a great turnout.

*For those unfamiliar with Robbie Burns and the Burns Night tradition, a ‘beginners guide’ is included on page three of this newsletter*

## TV AUCTION

*"Listen to the bargain holler  
Listen to the barter holler  
Listen to the auctioneer"*

Chair of TV Auction, Goldie Ronald, needs some information from you so organizing for the Annual Kiwanis TV Auction can begin.

1. Will you be in the area and able to take an Auction Canvassing Kit? You will have all February to canvass.

2. Are you able to work one or both nights of the Auction on March 30th and April 1st?

Please respond to Becky either by e-mail or telephone 371-5473.

## CHRISTMAS TREES 2003

### WE SOLD OUT!

900 trees sold, making the club \$9,000 profit!

A big “thank you” to everyone who braved the weather and took a shift – and, of course, to everyone who bought as tree



