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*"Serving the Children of the World, one child, one community, at a time"*

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### **Members & Spouses February Birthdays**

**22 Russ Gonder, 23 Jean Norry, Ken Keith, David Harman, 24  
Lee Wilson**

### **Members & Spouses February Anniversaries**

**23 Tom and Helen Hawke**

### **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

**Jim Scott, President Kiwanis Canadian Foundation**

### **15 February 2018 MEETING NEWS**

**Attendance: Graham Laing reported guests: Virginia Hannay, Bruce Lundgren, Glen Pearson. Welcome back: Frank Heisz, John Lawrence, Yke Rusticus, Jim Walker, John Wilkey,**

**Sing along: Ed Schweitzer led the sing along with help of Lee Wilson and Bruce Lundgren at the piano.**

#### **Greeters:**

Feb 22 – Charlie Jackson, Bob Jellous

Mar 01 – Ken Keith, Avo Kingu

Mar 08 – John Lawrence, Joe Leatham

#### **Chesley Park Bingo**

February 26 – Don Sutherland

**March 05 – Andre Cote**  
**March 12 – George and Mary Jane Mudge**  
**March 19 – Paul Fish**  
**March 26 – Don Sutherland**

### Program



John Lawrence introduced our speaker Glen Pearson who began by bringing greetings from his wife Jane Roy who along with Glen is co-executive director of the London Food Bank. He thanked us for our donations to the Baby Food Program. The London Food Bank help about 9,000 people per month, along with another 10,000 through other organizations such as The Salvation



Army and the Boys and Girls Club. Only about 3% of the people using the Food Bank use it every month. Funding from other sources include: \$130,000 raised at the Grand Theatre during the performance of A Christmas Carol, CBC Sound of the Seasons Christmas show and London Business Cares Program. Other statistics include: 90% of the food at the Food Bank is fresh produce, 50% of food bank users are in precarious jobs, 20% own their own homes.



Glen also talked about another project he is passionate about- South Sudan which he said the UN has classified as a failed state after about 60 years of war. However, the Sudanese people are a noble people. A high school has been built there, the first one in about 600 kms. Volunteers are still trying to help e.g. Denise Pelley did a music camp. With an inflation rate of about 800% it is difficult for the Sudanese to get ahead. Bob Curtis thanked Glen.

### Sunshine Reports

Bob Curtis reported Tom Hawke hopes to return to club meetings soon Sandra Collier said Ray Day has just gotten over a viral infection and hopes to be back to the club meeting today.

### Life in Florida by Russ Gonder

Another good day in Florida where I did a bit of SLUMMING today that I thought might be of interest to you.

You see as a Kiwanian, my slumming was attending a Rotary event !!!

The event was the annual Craft Brew and Wing Fest put on by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Vero Beach. It is an event that takes over one of the more scenic routes out to the lagoon that was attended by over a 1000 people. One paid \$20.00 for admission and was provided a sampling glass (about 6 oz ) that you could use to obtain as many samples you wished. The beers were mostly commercial products provided to various organizations to advertise their organization and serve the product. Rinsing stations were readily available to wash your glass between brews. Lots of food available at \$1.00 per serving. Beer also available in full glass portions at \$6.00. A number of amateur brewers served their wares and one of the more outstanding was a brew made by the minister of the local Episcopalian church. I spoke to a couple of amateur brewer to get some insight into the situation in USA. I used this event as one to sample the fruit and candy beers that are appearing more often at craft beer events. This appeared to be an excellent event for the Rotary club in terms of funds raised and the exposure they gained. Have attached is a copy of their promo for this event. OPPORTUNITY FOR LONDON?

#### DIRECTORS' REPORTS

##### Collection for the Mission Store

Ken Keith announced that at the meeting on February 22 (TODAY), there will be a non -perishable food collection as well as for any items which can be sold in the Mission Store.

##### Annual Lewis Coray Trailblazer Awards

To be held Friday, 23 February, 6 pm at the London Police Service Headquarters. Keynote speaker: Stacey Coray, Lewis' son.

##### Meals-on-wheels Fundraiser

John Wilkey said he is collecting funds for the annual Meals-on-wheels walk at the Covent Garden Market on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Please make your cheque payable to Kiwanis Club of Middlesex Charitable Trust Account. You will receive a tax receipt. Talk to John if you have any questions.

##### Spring Luncheon

Millie Norry told us she is planning the spring lunch and several members have suggested the Mandarin Restaurant on Hyde Park Road. Date to be confirmed.

50/50 winner – Andre Cote

##### Future Programs:

08 March – Alzheimer Society

## Doug Porter's visit

**Bob Curtis announced Doug Porter will make his annual presentation to our club on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Doug is the chief economist for the Bank of Montreal and this is the 17<sup>th</sup> year he has spoken to our club.**

**Sgt-at-Arms – George Mudge**

## EDUCATIONAL SPOT FOR FEB 22, 2018

**Every child should experience the joy of reading. Kiwanis members believe this and have long been dedicated to Kiwanis' Read Around the World program. What began as a month-long focus on reading to children has extended to year-round projects that encourage reading and get books into the hands of children everywhere**

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**The Kiwanis Club of Middlesex (London) Inc. meets every Thursday at  
Kiwanis Seniors Community Centre,  
78 Riverside Drive, London, Ontario**

**Coffee and Friendship at 9:00 AM; program from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

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