Salute to Whitby Community Organizations....

The Kinsmen Club

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the last two months, the Whitby Free Press has been publishing a series of articles in its "Salute to Whitby Community Organizations."

This week, it is our pleasure to feature the Kinsmen Club of Whitby which is currently celebrating its 39th year of service to our community.

The purpose of this series has been to introduce our readers to the many and various community organizations that operate in our town. Far too often, the fine work that they do goes unannounced in the public press and they receive little recognition.

This is an attempt by this publication to correct this situation.

We are pleased to have the Kinsmen Club as part of our presentation.

By ROSS FITCHETT
Second Vice-President

This year, the Kinsmen Club of Whitby is in its 39th year of community service in Whitby.

And like the town, the club has grown, prospered and changed with the times.

The initial names such as Gartshore, Curtis, Agg, Martin, Hawes and Twist have turned the club over to the Davidson's, Patton's, Hewson's, Stratton's, and Hughes'.

In the early years, the members devoted their time and efforts toward National Kinsmen projects to aid the war effort.

Many long-term residents of Whitby may recall Whitby Kinsmen collecting magazines of all types which were forwarded to the Merchant Marines. (Over 22 million magazines were collected by Kinsmen across Canada); soliciting funds for a Kinsmen Dental Clinic which served Allied Forces in Italy; and organizing a contribution to the "Milk for Britain" campaign which, nationally, supplied some 50 million quarts of milk to Great Britain children during the War.

Not all efforts were directed external to the community however. In 1943, the club chartered the Kinsmen Club of Ajax. Initial membership in Ajax was 90 which is the largest in Kinsmen history. Today, that club is one of the strongest and most active in Ajax.

In the late 1940's, Whitby Kinsmen purchased the site of Perry's Castle and converted it into the Kinsmen Park. In 1950, six Kinsmen personally backed a bank note for the purchase of the old Taylor Arena. The club operated the arena for two years and then donated the land and building to the Whitby Arena Board.

In the late 1950's and through the '60's and '70's, Kinsmen in Whitby migrated to community participation and activity projects. Fund raising projects such as donkey baseball, Kinsmen Carnival, rodeos, sports celebrity nights and skate-a-thons attracted large crowds.

The thousands of dollars raised was turned right back into the community. For example, playground equipment has been installed in Centennial Park and Peel Park; minor sports have been assisted financially by the Kinsmen; senior citizens have been assisted via bus tours and "Slave For a Day" projects; school crossing guards have been equipped with special jackets; Santa Claus Parade and County Town Carnival participation has been a regular activity; and scholarships which have been presented to deserving students are but a few examples.

In more recent years as community service work expanded and additional community needs were identified in Whitby, other fund raising projects were pursued. For example, Kinsmen are active in the weekly bingo nights at Heydenshore Pavilion with other town service clubs and lawn fertilizer is sold door-to-door each spring to raise money.

Without the support and help of the wives of Kinsmen, many of these projects would not have been possible. In fact, by 1959, the wives, feeling there were enough local needs that needed additional and specific attention, formed the Kinette Club of Whitby. Active in many areas, one of their most long standing and important projects is the Christmas food and gift basket which distributes dozens of packages to needy families each year.

By 1973, Kinsmen activity and interest grew to the extent that the Whitby Club chartered a strong club in Brooklin.

Cystic Fibrosis is the Kinsmen's national project. Through the efforts of the Whitby Kinettes and Kinsmen, thousands of dollars have been raised to find a cure for this disease that afflicts children around the world. The generous donations by the citizens of Whitby have certainly played a major part in a most expensive research program that has been ongoing at Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital over the past decades.

"Serving the Community's Greatest Need" is the slogan and objective of Kinsmen and Kinettes - the single service association that is Canadian only and not international in membership.

The generosity and support of the people of Whitby has made Kinsmen and Kinettes in our town healthy and active and has made Whitby a good place to live, work and play.

DeVille Produce

From the Tropics
Bananas .86 k/.39 lb.

Coca Cola or Tab
case of 24 cans
5.49 250 ml limit 3 cases

Coca Cola or Tab
.39 bottle 750 ml
Plus deposit 12 limit

Silverwood Dessert style
Yogourt
500 g .79
Strawberry
Raspberry
Plain

We reserve the right to limit quantities.

Butter 1.99 lb.
Canada No. 1 Grade 454 grams or lb.

Chateau
Ice Cream 1.99
2L carton 2 carton limit

2% Milk
1.69
Reg. Price 1.99
with this coupon
2 coupons per family

Product of U.S.A. Canada No. 1
Asparagus
250 grams .99 bunch

Polish Sausage
3.29 k/1.49 lb.

Baby Siena Mortadella 1.69
Buy 1 get 1 free

Canada No. 1, Product of Mexico
Tomatoes
Size 5 x 5's
1.85 k
extra large .84 lb.

DeVille Produce
Produce specials in effect
Wednesday to close Sunday
Hwy. 12 north of Rossland
south of Taunton

Other specials continue
till closing Tuesday.
Hours: Mon. - Wed. 9 - 7
Thurs. & Fri. 9 - 9
Sat. & Sun. 9 - 6

Spencer wins speech contest

By
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Whitby Toastmistress

The Whitby Toastmistress Club held its annual speech contest on Tuesday, March 2, 1982 at the Earl of Durham Restaurant. President Althea Darwen welcomed members and guests.

The evening's program was presented by Toastmistress Lee Hewitt, who was last year's contest winner. Hewitt set the theme for the evening which was say "I Will" and win. The six contestants and three judges were introduced, instructions for the timing procedures were established, and the contest began.

After all the speeches had been made, judges Marjorie Burgess (Whitby Free Press), Janice Williams (Pine Ridge Toastmistress Club) and Sandra Peters (First Oshawa Toastmistress Club), set about their difficult task of selecting a winner - indeed it was a difficult task. The tellers then retired to count their ballots.

Dinner was served, then the moment of truth arrived. All of the contestants had been very well prepared and polished in their presentations, and in fact, they were all winners.

However, there can only be one official winner and that honour went to Nancy Spencer, with her speech entitled "Needle in the Sky". Spencer was presented with the Rose Bowl trophy, which she will keep for one year, and now goes on to represent the club at the council level speech contest to be held on Saturday, April 18, 1982 at the Holiday Inn, Oshawa..

First runner-up was Myrna Picotte with her speech entitled "The Seasons" and second runner up was Audrey Beard with her speech entitled "Hope for Success - my day in court". They were both awarded special certificates. Congratulations to all contestants on a job well done.

Bridge results

The following are the results from last week's play at the Whitby Duplicate Bridge Club.

North and South: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wharrie, 99½; Mrs. John Frost and Mrs. Beatrice Phillips, 95; Derreck Alstein and Paul Beischlag, 82½; and, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Baker, 82.

East and West: Don MacLean and John Titherington, 98½; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Winter, 89; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Vrengdenhil, 88; and, Mrs. Ben Harlander and Mrs. Larry Ruest, 85½.