

**University of Ottawa CKI Club Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 2007**

**Our next meeting is Monday October 15th, 2007 in CBY E016.**

**Agenda:**

1. **Meet “n” Greet**
2. **Co-curricular Record (CCR)**
3. **September 28<sup>th</sup> BBQ/Bake Sale – The 6 cent initiative**
4. **Long-Term Projects**
5. **Upcoming Events**
6. **Luncheons**

**1. Meet “n” Greet**

Our club is essentially a non-profit service club that is dedicated to helping out the community through fundraising and volunteer for local charities and organizations as well as internationally. We try to help out the community whenever/wherever we can. We have some long term projects, some events that are run by other organizations which we help out with and some of our own events. There's no minimum amount of service you need to do when you join the club, just whatever you can (although of course, the more, the better!) Timings and location of for the bi-weekly (every two weeks) meetings will be held at Colonel By (CBY) E016 at 11:30 am.

We do collect **membership dues** (\$10.00) which you can pay anytime between now and the end of January to be considered an "official member." The benefits to membership include access to FREE Chateau Laurier luncheons with our sponsor club, registration for the co-curricular record (more details below) and you'll be able to put the club down on resumes, etc. If you prefer not to pay the fee but would still like to receive information and participate in events that are also fine as well.

**2. Co-Curricular Record (CCR)**

The Univ. of Ottawa began this CCR Program last year. Its an official document that looks like a transcript which records your volunteer activities and hours. Its signed by the Dean of the University himself!!! The only catch is that you must have a minimum of 20 hours by the end of the school year. A little incentive for those that are passionate about volunteering within the community. Who knows, this may actually come in handy in the future when applying to Medical School, Graduate Studies, Law School, etc. For more information about this you can visit the Student Academic Success Service (SASS) at [www.sass.uottawa.ca/ELS](http://www.sass.uottawa.ca/ELS)

**3. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> BBQ/Bake Sale – The 6 cent initiative**

It was a success! We raised approximately \$350, which will go to “The 6 cent initiative” charity. Thanks to all who helped out and supported the event.

**4. Long-Term Projects**

- **The Piano Program**: This was started by the past-past president Bettina Choo. There are now 7 schools and 100 kids involved. This year's Program Directors are Sarah Saliba and Christine Lavolette. if you have Grade 8 level piano skills your welcome to join - this involves going to

the elementary schools which are nearby. I believe its once a week and teaching kids to play the piano all of whom might not otherwise have a chance to learn. It really is a great experience. If interested please send an email to Sarah and Christine at [ottawaheartofthecity@yahoo.ca](mailto:ottawaheartofthecity@yahoo.ca)

- **The Mission:** This is a homeless shelter in which we offer our services by volunteering in the kitchen. If interested you will be able to begin volunteering from the 7-10 am shift on Saturdays or Sundays on a trial basis or if you prefer during the school week depending on your schedule for 4 hours as well. If interested please send an email to myself at [info@circleclub.com](mailto:info@circleclub.com) with **Subject Heading: The Mission.**
- **The Reading Program:** This is done through Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation (OCRI). It involves reading to elementary school kids at York Street Public School once a week. A lot of the kids come from families where learning English is difficult so this program is really great. Its flexible and you can choose your own schedule so that it won't coincide with any classes. If interested please send an email to myself at [info@circleclub.com](mailto:info@circleclub.com) with **Subject Heading: The Reading Program.**

## **5. Upcoming Events**

- **World Teacher Day: October 5th**

Another project this year I would like our club to get involved is called **Project Love**. CODE, an organization here in Ottawa assembles packages of school materials called Project Love kits and Teacher Kits and send them to countries in the developing world. The selected countries this year will be Tanzania (English) and Senegal (French). A Project Love kit contains a notebook, a pencil a ruler an eraser - all in a Ziploc bag. It's pretty basic to us but extremely costly and rare to a student in the developing world. CODE pays for all the shipping costs in Canada and overseas. All they ask is that we pay \$2.50 per kit that covers these costs. Anyhow, as it turns out, The Faculty of Education at the University of Ottawa is organizing an assembly of teacher kits on World Teacher Day - October 5th in the foyer of Lamoureux Hall. If you would like to participate in this event, Please email the club at [info@circleclub.com](mailto:info@circleclub.com) with **Subject Heading: World Teacher Day.**

- **The Children's Wishmaker Parade: Sat. October 13th.**

The Children's wishmaker Foundation is having their annual Wishmaker Parade on October 13th at Major Hill Park. They are looking for volunteers to collect pledges beforehand and participate in the walk and celebration. It's a lot of fun. This is a club event and I would like to have as many members as possible participate. I've started a team for CKI Members called the University of Ottawa Kiwanis CKI Club. If interested let me know by replying to [info@circleclub.com](mailto:info@circleclub.com)

I'd like to have an idea of how many people are interested in this event ASAP.

You register by going to [www.childrenswish.ca](http://www.childrenswish.ca) (see bellow for more instructions). The link to the registration page is as follows:

<https://secure.childrenswish.ca/NetCommunity/SSLPage.aspx?&pid=1002&srcid=1002&tab=2>. Upon completion of registration, you would have to use your username and password that you just created and then it will prompt you to join a team. Find Univ of Ottawa Kiwanis CKI Club.

There is no minimum pledge requirement, although I think \$50 is a reasonable goal. Also, you can send emails through the Children's Wish Foundation website once you're registered and your family

can friends can donate/sponsor you online. This means that you don't have to ask in person, which makes it more comfortable for you and less obligatory for those that you are asking. If anyone would does not wish to participate but would like to support those that are, please contact me at [info@circleclub.com](mailto:info@circleclub.com) Last but not at least, last year's theme was centered around fairies. If anyone has any ideas for a theme this year let us know as long as it's cheap and easy to do!

### **Instructions for Registration:**

(L = left panel, C = Centre panel, R = right panel on the website)

go to <http://childrenswish.ca> and click on the following in this order:

1. Wishmaker parade (L)
2. Register today ( C)
3. Ontario (in red) ( C)
4. NCR-Ottawa "Get more details" ( C )
5. Ottawa – Major's Hill Park ( C)
6. Register today ( R )
7. Repeat steps 1-5
8. Login

- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Ottawa: Strides for Change

MADD is hosting a Strides for Change 5km walk/run on Sunday October 14th. This event is held at the arboretum. They need many volunteers for this event. The run begins at 10:00 am but if your not available for the entire event you are welcome to come for a few hours and help out. If interested please send an email **with the Subject Heading: MADD Ottawa.**

Also, Red Ribbon Campaign is on November 17th (Saturday). MADD Ottawa needs help distributing coin boxes and attending several of the local Santa parades to distribute red ribbons. I know that this event is still far away but if interested please send the club account an email **with Subject Heading: Red Ribbons.**

- Possible movie night (proceeds towards local charity) oct 17th??
- Trick or eat Oct 31<sup>st</sup> – interested? Let us know!

### **6. Luncheons**

If anyone is interested in attending the luncheons starting next Friday Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, check out the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa website for upcoming guest speakers