



FUN-RAISING NEWS!

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KANATA UNITED CHURCH

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Well, here we are into April, and KUC members have been mega busy over the past 4 months. Kathy Beamish (who I will nickname the "instigator"), has a way with people. She should have been in politics!! Because of her, I am writing little excerpts over the year, to remind the congregation how ingenious, and giving you all are.



COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

In February, on the 26th, Youth, and their families, braved the elements to walk around Beaverbrook. Janet Currie-Kelk and Melissa Beck arranged the walk on behalf of "The Coldest Night Of The Year" with a team name "United We Walk", to benefit The Ottawa Mission. KUC raised \$1,029 that night, and in total, across Ottawa, \$113,000 was added to the Mission's coffers, to provide food and shelter. The Mission wanted people to know that funds are important in January and February after the generosity at Christmas.

P-I-E DAY



On March 13th, the Affirm Team organized "Pie Day" for Operation Come Home. What I didn't realize, was that in 1971, the City of Ottawa became the birthplace of Operation Go Home. Reverend Norman Johnston recognized the need to assist runaway youth across Canada in returning home to their families. On June 18th 2009, the name change to OPERATION COME HOME was made. Hundreds of at risk and homeless youth can access support to make changes in their lives.

Many of our congregation at large donated 40 dozen baked goods, and 20 packs of masks to the youth and staff at OCH. Brittany Moore, the Case Manager, sent a huge note of thanks.

MURDER AT WINCHESTER MANOR

The last fundraiser was held over the first weekend in April.

A murder mystery set in England (1946), was organized by Andy Carran, (writer/director/sound consultant), with lots of help from Janet Currie-Kelk, Tricia Carran, Audrey Wanner, and Nick Busch. "Murder at Winchester Manor" raised \$1458, and the actors were 9 young people aged 16 to 22, plus three adults. Sorry not to get more info for this exciting venture, but kudos were passed on to me by ticket-holders!



SILLY SOCKS

Donna Caron, and the energetic youth of the church started the "Youth Lenten Giving Project", which ran until Palm Sunday. People were asked to donate new "silly socks" and write a letter of encouragement. The 79 pairs of socks were sent to Jessica Baird of Ottawa. Jessica has an auto-immune disease, and started the project so that other similar sufferers could wear these brightly coloured socks to medical appointments.... and feel special!! With the goal of 365 pairs of socks (one for each day of the year), the end result was in the thousands.

Amazing what one person can do!



The next big event will be the Book Fair in May.

Please feel free to email me at heatherpettipas@rogers.com with any upcoming fundraisers, either large or small. I hope to see you all at the Book Fair.

Heather