



From the Office

The warm weather is coming! If you are anything like me, it cannot come fast enough. Since our next newsletter wont be until around May lets review our dress code. Collared shirts must be worn at all assignments. If your group provides charity vests, a collared shirt must be on underneath. We do not allow shorts or capris. Please make sure that you are wearing black pants or skirts during your assignment. Flip flops or open toe sandals are also not permitted. You will be walking around for a couple hours, be comfortable and wear running shoes. For the most part, volunteers are doing an exceptional job not only with being in proper dress but fulfilling their roles and responsibilities. Keep up the great work!

As most of you have seen for yourselves, the Charity office went through quite the makeover. Fresh coat of paint, new countertop and a few new pieces of furniture. As we expect our volunteers to look good, we felt your office should look good as well. Thank you to Mary Sue, her husband Mike and our Board member Ron Hopper for helping me prepare the room for painting and installing the countertop. Mary Sue, even though she has stepped away from the day to day duties of the Association has been a huge help volunteering her time for the betterment of the Association. Thank you Mary Sue!

The newest calendar will be out by March 9th the latest. Sorry for the delay, there has been some unexpected circumstances this month. It will be a 6 month calendar. I have spoken to many volunteers and the consensus is they really like the 6 month schedule, so that's what we will do moving forward. If there are problems with any of your dates as they may fall on events of your own, don't panic, just contact me for a trade. For the most part the calendar will be set with your preferences, so please make sure you review the calendar carefully and ensure proper coverage. Unless indicated, your group will receive 2 assignment s a month with the odd month getting a third. This is why you need to review the dates carefully so you don't miss one.

The next few months are going to be very busy with the preparation of our "Minute to Win It!" Charity Night and our volunteer week in April. Once things calm down I will be making a push to get multimedia from all of you that have yet to submit it. It is a requirement that every Charity has a poster and video. I will create the posters and make the videos, but you need to provide me the information and pictures. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me any time.

Lastly, I really enjoy my conversations with you in passing and when I am in the Charity Office, please feel free to bring up anything positive or negative that you think I need to know. I am here for you, remember that.

Thank you everyone for all that you do!
Kevin LeClair
Charity Coordinator

Message from our Board of Directors

Your Board and the Hall are working well together as you can see on our monthly reports. We are pleased with everyone's great effort in coming in the proper outfits and your care of the customers. We usually hear the worst but in this case we need to thank everyone for the great effort. Please make note of the upcoming events because we are planning an interesting few months. Please let us know if you have any ideas. No idea is a bad idea. We are looking forward to some interesting times. See you at the Hall. Have fun and good luck.

OCGA News

A.O.D.A. requirements have been a major task across the province. It is not easy to get thousands of volunteers trained in a short period of time. I can say here in Chatham that we are in complete compliance as we move forward to getting all signatures. Deadline to have your volunteers sign the AODA book is May 1, 2018. I will be sending out a list of volunteers in April that have not signed the book. Please be patient as this will take some time to complete.

Fundraisers

2018 fundraisers are booked and a waiting list for 2019 has begun. If you know of a group that would like to get on this waiting list, have them contact me. Its better to be on the list and not want it then to not be on the list and want one.

Our recent fundraiser had all 200 tickets sold, and about 75% new players. We had a great time and these kind of efforts will ensure that our fundraising dollars will continue to increase.

Kevin LeClair 519-818-6209

Charity Night

Charity Night stats are now available on the Charity information website. Visit our website to see how your Charity did.

www.riverviewcharities.com

January and February Charity Nights brought in a total of 118 participants. Well done!

Earning free assignments from our January and February Charity Night are:

St. Peter's Church (2)
Thamesville Sertoma
New Beginnings
Mental Health Network
Kiwanis Club
George P Vanier
Community Living
Chatham Youth Bowling



Our March Charity Night will feature "Minute to Win It!". If you are not familiar with the gameshow, check it out on line. We will have a bunch of activities for participants to play for prizes. We will have these activities available throughout the month to try out in preparation of Charity Night.

April Volunteer week is fast approaching and we are starting to prepare. There will be \$4000 in volunteer prizes given away that week. Details on how to get coupons and enter the draw will be out in the next month. Thank you to the Riverview Gaming Centre and our Board of Directors for acknowledging that our volunteers deserve a great week with great prizes!

If you haven't been to one of our Charity Nights, what are you waiting for? We have a lot of fun and it helps support our own cause. Hope to see you all there.



Charity Night

Wednesday, March 28th
at 6:30pm

All Charity Members and Friends are Invited

Join Us and **HAVE FUN !!!**

This is your opportunity to support E Bingo Sites, While earning money for your Charity and a chance at an extra assignment.



For each charity member registered on site you will receive:

\$10.00/Person for your Charity!

Riverview Bingo Palace - 497 Riverview Drive

MINUTE TO WIN IT

A few lucky participants through random draw will get an opportunity to play "Minute to Win It" based on the popular gameshow. We will have a bunch of fun challenges to complete in order to win some GREAT PRIZES.

This is a team challenge, so anyone who has their name drawn will be able to choose a partner to help complete the challenges.

More details to follow!

**\$15 Charity Packages!
"3 of each game"**

Upcoming Charity Night:
Thursday, April 26th

Charity participants in attendance must purchase a book individually. As per Terms and Conditions, players cannot share a book.

Training Dates

C-Gaming – Volunteer Training

You MUST register in order to attend a training session. There is limited seating and not registering could result in being turned away. I would hate to see a volunteer drive out to the gaming center just to be told there is nowhere for them to sit. It only takes a simple email to register your volunteers. You can check the status of training sessions on our website:

www.riverviewcharities.com

Upcoming Training Session:

Friday, March 30, 2018
6:30pm to 8:00pm
Riverview Bingo Palace
Charity Office

Thursday, April 18, 2018
6:30pm to 8:00pm
Riverview Bingo Palace
Charity Office

Tuesday, May 8, 2018
6:30pm to 8:00pm
Riverview Bingo Palace
Charity Office



Featured Charity

The Dresden Rotary Club has been a local Service club for 26 years. Object of Rotary To encourage and foster the ideal of service as the basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service.
2. High ethical standards in business and professionals, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of their occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian in their personal, business and community life.
4. The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service. - See more at: <http://dresden.ca/places/canada/ontario/dresden/service-clubs/dresden-rotary-club/#sthash.gur81qEw.dpuf>



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Kevin LeClair
Charity Coordinator