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PLEASE, GIVE WHAT YOU CAN TO HELP.

Chatham Goodfellows - Celebrating 61 years of helping local families in need



‘No Child Without a Christmas’

LaSertoma Club



LaSertoma members L-R Mary Williston, Roy Lumley, Jessica Osbourne, Helen Williston, Deanna Rilett, Betty Swatuk, Janet Taylor, Linda Shomaker International President, Diane Handsor, President of Chatham LaSertoma, Lisa Knight, Barb Rilett International Director Canada Region, Julie Handsor, Joan Deshaw and Bev Rilett.

Since 1962, no matter the circumstances Chatham LaSertoma has not missed a year of donating to The Chatham Goodfellows.

International President of LaSertoma, Lynn Shomaker of Ohio, attended the Chatham Goodfellows 61st Annual General meeting to celebrate Chatham LaSertoma’s 53 years of dedicated service with Chatham Goodfellows.

Chatham LaSertoma received their charter in 1959. Originally, the club was a totally female club. As time went on, men became active within the club.

LaSertoma’s mission is: To enhance the lives of all persons and to promote youth and education through public awareness as we strive to be “Leaders in service to Mankind.”

Chatham LaSertoma’s first donation to Chatham Goodfellows in 1962 was \$75.00. The proceeds came from a fashion show sponsored by the Chatham LaSertoma at Kinsmen Auditorium; the Admission \$1.00.

No matter the circumstances, Chatham LaSertoma has not missed a year of donating to The Chatham Goodfellows. Beginning in 1985 Chatham LaSertoma were donating \$1500.00 annually. Even though the economics and membership levels fluctuated the club remained committed, and strong. Chatham LaSertoma have proudly donated in excess of \$50,000.00 to Chatham Goodfellows during their 53 years of involvement.

Volunteering has also been a priority each year with several members packing toys, food, selling papers, etc.

Chatham LaSertomas’ wish is that in some small way they have done their part in ensuring “No Child Without a Christmas”.

Union Gas Continues to Support Chatham Goodfellows



Chatham Goodfellows is indebted to Union Gas and the dedicated staff for 61 years of on-going unwavering support. Bridget Cox, Brian Cox, David Yakubowich, Paul Rikley, Angela Scott, and Emily Pavli from Union Gas help celebrate the beginning of the 61st Chatham Goodfellows campaign of “No Child Without a Christmas” by presenting Chatham Goodfellows with \$7,000.00 from the proceeds of the 7th annual Spooktacular, and \$5,300.00 from the first of many fundraising events.

Goodfellows’ Code

Goodfellows follow a simple code
It’s helping the chap who’s bearing a load.
It’s bringing a smile to a youngster’s face,
Restoring his trust in the human race.
It’s sharing the warmth of year-end joys,
With thousands of worthy girls and boys.
It’s helping the young and old to know
That someone cares when ill winds blow.
It’s smoothing the way when the road is rough.
It’s understanding a neighbour’s plight,
And caring enough to do what’s right.
It’s living again the ancient law
When the Good Samaritan came and saw,
And did not pass on the other side
But offered his hand, a friend to guide.
This, in the Goodfellows’ Code is writ:
The best of life and the worth of it
Is not, how much can I get for me
But what I have done to be neighbourly.

President’s Message

Chatham Goodfellows is preparing to begin our 61st year of ensuring “No Child Without a Christmas”. We had a humble beginning in 1954, a few volunteers worked tirelessly during the first Goodfellows campaign to provide food and toys for slightly over 100 families in the City of Chatham.



Today over 1500 volunteers will raise funds, donate, pack and deliver food and toys for over 1400 families in Chatham and the former townships of Chatham, Dover and Harwich, as well as partnering with the Merlin Legion to provide for those in need in the Merlin area.

The Williston family have been involved with Chatham Goodfellows for parts of seven decades. Chatham Goodfellows is important to my family, and it is an honour for me to serve as the President of Chatham Goodfellows during our 61st anniversary.

The Chatham Goodfellows motto, “NO CHILD WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS” resonates as much today as it did 61 years ago. We will continue to provide food and toy boxes for those families in need at Christmas time to ensure that “No Child Without a Christmas”.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, we once again ask the citizens of Chatham-Kent to consider donating to ensure there will be “No Child Without a Christmas. Have a safe and joyous Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Scott Williston
President Chatham Goodfellows*

Scott Williston Mr. Goodfellow 2015



Scott Williston receives the 2015 Mr. Goodfellow award from Tim Mifflin, Rose Reseski and Tim Haskell.

At the Goodfellows' 61st Annual General Meeting on November 5, 2015 President Scott Williston is introduced as Mr. Goodfellow for 2015.

The Mr./Mrs. Goodfellow Award is presented annually to an individual who embodies the spirit of the organization. Goodfellows distributes food and toys to needy families in greater Chatham at Christmas time. Scott has been involved with Goodfellows for his entire life. The Williston family legacy began in 1959 when Scott's father, Phil invited Mary, Scott's mother on a date to #1 scout hut to prepare gently used toys for Chatham Goodfellows. Not long after their first date Phil and Mary were married. The Williston family grew and every member of the Williston family, including Scott had a role with Chatham Goodfellows. As Scott became older his responsibilities increased. Scott has been a member of Chatham Goodfellows all of his life. He has done every job with Chatham Goodfellows. Scott became a member of the Board of Directors ten years ago, and in 2011 was elected President of Chatham Goodfellows. Along with being President, Scott also directs food packing and delivery.

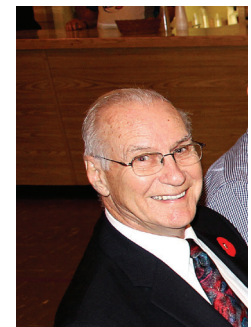
Dedication of former Goodfellow



Ralph Fanelli
Certificate recipient 1994 and 2009
(Maple City Bakery)



Bill Harper
1976 President



Ray Martin
President 1983-85,
Mr. Goodfellow 1985

President Award



Linda Niven, Mary Frances Kluka and Tylene Lorenz of Boston Pizza receives the President's Award from Scott Williston.

This year's award winner has had a long relationship with the Chatham Goodfellow's through the great contribution of the staff that donate a day of their tips received. These funds are used by Chatham Goodfellows to buy toys for the children of Chatham and surrounding areas in need at Christmas which is the main purpose of the Chatham Goodfellow's "NO CHILD WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS". The ladies and gentlemen of Boston Pizza Chatham are this year's recipient of the President's award. We are presenting this award to the Staff and Management of Boston Pizza Chatham.



Message from Mayor Randy Hope

On behalf of Council and the Citizens of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, it is my honour to recognize the Chatham Goodfellows and their steadfast efforts year after year to ensure that "No Child is Without a Christmas."

Members of the Chatham Goodfellows dedicate their time to organize, canvass and collect donations through the Porchlight Campaign, newspaper sales, toy drives and other events so that gift baskets with food and toys can be delivered to those in need throughout the community.

Thank you to all who continue to support the efforts of the Chatham Goodfellows in the "true spirit of the season."

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Sincerely,

Randy R. Hope, Mayor/CEO
Municipality of Chatham-Kent



On behalf of Chatham-Kent Council:
Mark Authier, Michael Bondy, Darrin Canniff, Joe Faas, Bryon Fluker, Karen Herman, Leon Leclair, Brock McGregor, Carmen McGregor, Bob Myers, Steve Pinsonneault, Derek Robertson, Doug Sulman, Trevor Thompson, David VanDamme, Frank Vercouteren, Jeff Wesley.

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Certificate Award Presentations



Craig Williston presents a Certificate of Achievement to Garry Borrowman while Marv Merritt looks on.



Scott Williston presents a certificate of achievement to Jim Blake with Tim Mifflin.



Corry Putters receives a certificate of achievement from Linda Haskell and Judy Bagley.



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Scott Williston and Tim Mifflin presents a certificate of achievement to Bruce Corcoran.



Craig Williston presents a Certificate of Achievement to Dan Bunning while Marv Merritt looks on



Linda Haskell presents Margaret Van Patter a certificate of achievement while Judy Bagley looks on.



Bailey Peseski receives a certificate of achievement from Tim Haskell and Rose Peseski.



Matthew Peseski receives a certificate of achievement from Tim Haskell and Rose Peseski.



The Lewis Family received a certificate award for their dedication to toy packing and delivery. L-R Colin, Alicia, Ally, Jacob, Shawn and Colleen receive the award.

Key 2015 Campaign Dates

- November 5 – 61st Annual General Meeting, Spirit and Life Centre (the former St. Joseph Auditorium 6:30 pm.)
- November 9 – Goodfellows office opens at the Spirit and Life Centre, Telephone 519-354-1146.
- November 30 – Porchlight Campaign from the Spirit and Life Centre beginning at 5:30 pm. Contacts Dawn Allott, Judy Bagley and Craig Williston.
- December 7 – 10 – Toy packing from 6 – 8 pm, Sunnen Guspro, Grand Avenue East. Contacts Rose Peseski and Tim Haskell. Toys will be delivered on Monday, December 21, 2015.
- December 11 and 12 – Street Sales. Contacts Marv Merritt and Mark Kloostra.
- December 21 and 22 – food packing, Spirit and Life Centre. Contacts Scott Williston, Kevin Shaw and Bonnie Regnier.
- December 4 – last day for applications.

Applicants are asked to call for food or toy baskets themselves. Referrals are not necessary.

Goodfellows investigates applicants to ensure there is a need for assistance. All applicants are cross-referenced with the Salvation Army and other area groups who provide Christmas hampers to ensure there is no duplication.

Applicants are asked to be home, or have someone at their home on the evening of December 21st for toy delivery and on December 22nd from noon on to accept the food baskets.

Toys and food can be dropped off at the following depots:

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| • SunMedia (Chatham Daily News & ChathamThisWeek) | • Pennington's | • The ChathamVoice |
| • CanadianTire | • RCSS (Real Canadian Super Store) | • TD CanadaTrust Branches in Chatham |
| • Heritage Savings & Credit Union | • Riverview Bingo Palace | • Tepperman's |
| • Food 4 Less, 470 St. Clair St. | • Rona Cashway | • Holiday Inn |
| • LCBO - St. Clair Street & Wellington Street | • ScotiaBank Branches in Chatham | • Winners |
| • Maple City Residence | • Staples | • Whittall and Company 43 Victoria Avenue |
| | • Blackburn Radio (CFCO, CKSY & the Rock) | • Wish Centre |

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