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NEWSLETTER February 7, 2016

Hello Members.

Please note our next meeting will be held on Sunday March 6, 2016, 10 a.m. at the Teutonia Club. Our guest speaker will be Colin McKillop, Executive Director, Windsor Essex Capital Angel Network (WECAN).

The February 7, 2016 meeting began with Gunther Wolf thanking everyone and our guest speaker, Marty Martinello, owner of Summit Floor and Wall Coverings, for attending.

The following agenda items were discussed;

1. Hospice Donations:

To date we have raised \$165.

Raffle prizes for our monthly meetings are needed. Please contact Gunther Wolf if you wish to donate a prize or if know of someone who may wish to donate a prize.

2. General Meeting Dates for 2016:

March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, Father's Day Picnic June 19, 2016.

3. Upcoming Guest Speakers:

Guest speakers are needed for April 3, May 1 and June 5

If you know of someone who may wish to be a guest speaker please contact Gunther Wolf.

4. Correspondence:

The Teutonia Club mortgage holders were paid out in February 2016. John Ganjo presented a cheque from the Teutonia Club for \$6,700.48, which represented the payment in full, principle and interest, of our \$5,000.00 loan proceeds to the Teutonia Club.

As at our meeting the future of the Teutonia Club was not yet known.

5. Other:

Form Letter Requesting Prize Donations: Members were informed that they were available from Gunther Wolf

Positive Publicity and Alternative Fund Raisers are in the capable hands of our secretary Rudy Feimer. He will keep us updated.

Our Future: Who knows? We all hope it will be positive. Gunther Wolf is reviewing the Constitution of our organization to determine what we can and cannot do. Also, depending on the situation of the Teutonia Club we may have to find a new location for our meetings.

Annual Membership Dues: Annual Invoices have been handed out by our Treasurer, Franz Hauser. Please forward the annual \$150.00 to Franz. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated. Thank you to all the members who have submitted their dues.

The University of Windsor contacted us to thank us for our annual bursary and to let us know no one has applied.

Effective February 7, 2016 the cost of the brunch has increased to \$15.00.

Rudy Feimer then introduced our guest speaker, Marty Martinello, who gave a very informative and interesting speech about The Siro Martinello Memorial Bursary. Siro Martinello was Marty's father who died at 49 years of age and the bursary has been in existence for 34 years. To date the bursary has donated over \$250,000. Six high school students on an annual basis, all from Essex County, who are either attending St. Clair College or University of Windsor are awarded. The scholarships are available to every high school student in Essex County; not just athletes or not necessarily "A" students. Siro Martinello immigrated to Windsor from Italy at 6 months old who played fastball and basketball. He was the first President of Windsor Minor Hockey which he held for 22 years until his death and was also the Manager of Windsor Arena. He was inducted to the Windsor-Essex Sports Hall of Fame in 1993 and the first of four from the Martinello Family.

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