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Fort Frances Citizen of the Year Diane Maxey directs the Fort Harmonies at the KCFF annual Good Friday Breakfast.

Kiwanis host 16th Good Friday Breakfast

BY RONALD WOLF

THE grey skies of April were raw and cold which threatened either snow or rain as the early morning broke from the darkness of the night. But it didn't really matter what the weather was doing outside since most Good Friday festivities were inside.

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Frances (KCFF) 16th Annual Good Friday Breakfast kicked off at the La Place Rendez-vous in Fort Frances with the ringing of the bell by KCFF president **Angie Korzinski** shortly after 8 a.m. The festivities began with the welcoming remarks from Korzinski followed by the introduction of Kiwanians and companions.

The national anthem was sung by all, with the blessing of the meal followed by consuming the awaiting feast.

Young and old showed their support by purchasing tickets for \$8 each which allowed them to feast on pancakes, potatoes, breakfast sausage, scrambled eggs, bacon, coffee and juice.

All were truly blessed by the heavenly voices of the Fort Harmonies, directed by Citizen of the Year **Diane Maxey**. Maxey joined the Harmonies for two songs.

Maxey enthusiastically described the event as, "wonderful. It was a beautiful day. I'm very pleased with the choir and the attendance."

Maxey added that she meets with the choir every two to three weeks and had a few practices for the event.

Pastor **Ken Johnson** from the Evangelic Covenant Church of Fort Frances gave the closing sermon.

Kiwanis International is an international, coeducational service club founded in 1915. It is headquartered in Indianapolis. It comprises about 8,000 clubs in 96 countries with more than 260,000 adult members.

The name Kiwanis means "we trade" or "we share our talents" and was coined from an American Indian expression, Nunc Kee-wanis. This was originally the motto of Kiwanis, translated as "We build." The current motto is "serving the children of the world".

The organization was founded on Jan. 21, 1915, in Detroit by Joseph G. Prance, a tailor, and Allen S. Browne, a professional fraternity organizer. In August 1914, Browne suggested to Prance the idea of a business and professional men's club with social and commercial benefits. Prance was sold on the idea, and in 1915 the Kiwanis Club of Detroit



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Kiwanis Club of Fort Frances president Angie Korzinski welcomes breakfast guests.

was founded.

Kiwanis became international with the organization of the Kiwanis club of Hamilton, Ont., in 1916. Kiwanis limited its membership to the United States and Canada until 1962, when worldwide expansion was approved. Since then, Kiwanis has spread to all inhabited continents of the globe.

The original purpose of Kiwanis was to exchange business between members and to serve the poor. The debate as to whether to focus on networking or service was resolved in 1919, when Kiwanis adopted a service-focused mission.

Each year, clubs sponsor nearly 150,000 service projects and raise more than \$107 million. As a global project in co-ordination with UNICEF, members and clubs have contributed more than \$80 million toward the global elimination of iodine deficiency disorders, the leading preventable cause of mental retardation.

Until 1988 the organization accepted only men as members. By action of the international convention in 1987, the rules were changed to admit women. Women now make up 22 per cent of total members.

Ronald Wolf's column appears every other Tuesday.