

## MAIN LINE KIWANIS

# Education and guidance on display at MLA

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The aim remains the same, to make a positive impact on the life of a child. In turn the ripple effect will spread the change throughout a neighborhood and into a community, from there it just keeps on rolling. However, this wasn't the original intent of the organization known as Kiwanis.

In the mid-teens of the 20th century, a group of Detroit men got together to promote commerce amongst themselves. It was an early version of networking and though successful, met its demise after only a four year run of being a club. Through-out that time the gents saw to giving back by providing food baskets to the needy during the holiday season. At that point several participants decided it was better to give all their energies to being philanthropic. The commercial end would then care for itself. The formula has worked well since.

Now having spread itself out with branches expanding to 80 locales around the globe, Kiwanis' first foreign partner was a group from Hamilton, Ontario.

The ground-breaking inclusion of bringing females into the fold didn't occur until the latter part of the '80s but has been a boon for all concerned in the equation.

Chartered in 1926, the Main Line chapter is involved in 24 programs that include aiding education to those who are physically or mentally impaired, are homeless but working a program to get permanent shelter, are involved with students at local high schools, distribute clothing to the needy and support initiatives of the American Cancer Society.

With all the outreach going on, members of the Kiwanis Club of the Main Line, still found time to congregate for their cause by partnering with the Main Line Art Center in Haverford. Guests wine and dined on appetizers and fruits from the vine while perusing the Face Value exhibit along with a one woman show by Kathryn Lee.

If being involved in the lives of youth is an item on your New Year's resolutions list, look no more for that opportunity. Contact Kiwanis Club of the Main Line at [www.mainlinekiwanis.org](http://www.mainlinekiwanis.org).



One of the event's organizers, Raymond Hoffman of Berwyn, goes over last minute details with Mary Hanna of Bryn Mawr and Hugo Jeker of Astin.



Maria Goodine of Downingtown runs into



Sponsor Haverford Trust representatives Sara Nelb of Narberth and Anita Zippert of Wayne take in the Face Value exhibit.



It's a "night at the museum" for Sue Ann Thornton of West Chester, Sarah Nuzzo of Glen Mills, Mary Arthur and Wendy Mills also of West Chester, Regina Furdy of Drexel Hill and Downingtown resident Melinda Kotler.



Main Line Kiwanis president John Dempsey of Drexel Hill (center) thanks Tricia Winton of Devon, Gary Carbo of Springfield, the Hannas' Rosemary and Jim of Devon and Hugo Jeker, for their support of the fundraising event.



Kevin McCormick of Springfield encounters Isabel and Leo Dolan of Haverford.



Michael Evans and Meaka Richie are on hand to thank Main Line Kiwanis for its support of their family.