

2008 Starts with a Bang for the SecurTek Pioneers

The first four months of 2008 have been jam-packed with celebrations, fundraisers and projects for the SecurTek Pioneer club. We wrapped up our very successful Maternity Ward project, through which the group raised \$8500 in about a year to buy much-needed equipment for the maternity ward at the Yorkton Regional Health Centre. Before the dust was settled on that project, the Pioneers signed on to help Lynn Walker, a Pioneer member, raise money for the Palliative Care Centre. And that's not all we've been up to. Here's just a quick snap shot.

❖ Literacy Project

The SecurTek Pioneers got to spread the joy of reading to both young and young at heart with their Literacy Project donations. The \$1500 that was allocated for the project went to three groups:

- \$500 cash donation to the Health Foundation Alzheimer's Ward for purchase of books
- \$700 cash donation to the Yorkton Community College ESL Program for the purchase of *My Canada* Software and *Step Forward Canada* workbooks & CDs
- \$300 worth of children's books donated to Shelwin House

❖ We See You Project – Mozambique

SecurTek employees once again showed their generous spirit by donating 17 boxes of toys, clothing and toiletries for the We See You Project.

❖ Heart and Stroke Month Cupcake Sale

SecurTek employees once again got a chance to satisfy their sweet tooth with the annual Heart and Stroke Month Cupcake Sale. This popular fund-raiser generated \$130 for the popular charity.

❖ St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Green was the colour at SecurTek again, but this time it was in celebration of St. Patrick's Day (although we all hope to pull out the Rider gear again for another successful year!). Green drinks and popcorn was handed out to appreciative staff. On top of that \$172.50 was raised through a 50/50 draw with the proceeds going to the Hair for Palliative Care project.

❖ Telemiracle Fundraising

Fifty-six Telemiracle hands decorated the walls of SecurTek through this annual fundraiser. Amanda Kahoot was the winner of the Telemiracle goody basket.

❖ Masters Golf Draft

Would it be Tiger? Maybe Weir could find glory again? Or would a newcomer wear the coveted green jacket? Barry Rogers' annual Masters Golf Tournament attracted participation from golfers, hackers and the generally curious. In the end, \$185 was raised for the SecurTek Pioneers, in addition to an equal amount for the Bell Walk for Kids.

❖ **SPCA Donation**

The SPCA project is one of the most popular at SecurTek. Each year we raise money and collect food and toys for the animals at the shelter. Please see the separate article for more information.

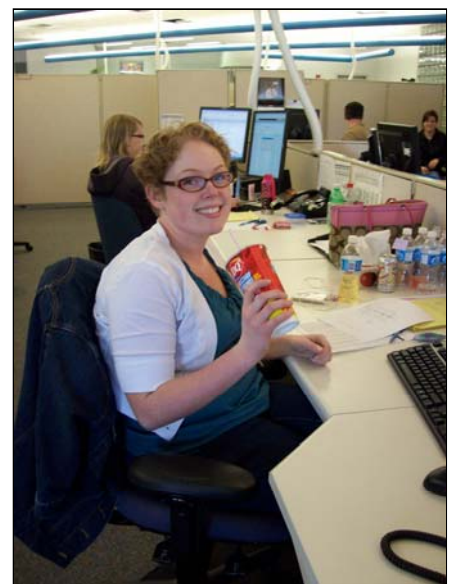
❖ **National Volunteer Week**

While stores, houses, businesses and recreation facilities make up the frame of a community, volunteers are truly its heart and soul. National Volunteer Week recognizes the many long hours volunteers put in to help improve our communities, often while juggling work and family commitments.

The SecurTek Pioneers handed out delicious milkshakes as a thank you for all the hard work and dedication the members have contributed to the organization over the years. As well, a BBQ was held with proceeds going to the "Hair for Palliative Care" project. (See below for more details.)



Karsten Wagner, left, and Kelly Anderson, right, enjoy the refreshing milkshakes handed out to Pioneer members during National Volunteer Week.



❖ **The Palliative Care Project**

Lynn Walker could be shopping for hats soon as the SecurTek Pioneers get closer to their goal of raising \$1200 by the end of June. If the goal is reached, Lynn is going to shave her head and give her hair to Locks of Love. The proceeds from her fund-raising efforts will go to help support Palliative Care in the Yorkton area.

Over \$330 of that total came from a BBQ held during National Volunteer Week. As of May, the group has raised just under \$800 with a few large projects yet to



Above, Joran Weber and Maggie Taylor mug for the camera. Top right, Lynn Walker (still with her hair) prepares for the onslaught of hungry patrons. Bottom right, Karsten Wagner, Barry Rogers and Brett Nagy compare barbeque prowess.

