

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 13 APRIL 2009

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Eighteen members and Key Clubbers Brendan and Rebecca welcomed PLG Ken Montheith and President Tom Hughes from the Kiwanis Club of St. Thomas. It was great to have our friends from St. Thomas join our special meeting – it would have been even better if they had left empty handed. It seems our “pig” made its way back to St. Thomas with our visitors. We have an interclub to plan!

Happy \$\$ - PLG Pete was happy to be back from Florida and happy to see PG Milton and Joan Peach from Newfoundland in a flea market in Florida. \$ - Key Clubber Rebecca was happy for a great convention. \$ - Past President June was happy to be Past President. \$ - PG Dr. John was happy to welcome PLG Ken, happy to be inducting a new member and was happy that the MRI Campaign received a cheque for \$365,000. \$ - PLG Allen was happy to see how the new President would do controlling PG Dr. John. \$ - PLG Ken was happy for a number of reasons, one being that PG Dr. John's daughter was now President of the club. \$ - President Tom Hughes was happy to be at our meeting, happy to meet the people at his table including the two Key Club members and happy to report that the 15th annual Trivia night held by the St. Thomas club raised approximately \$10,000. \$ - Kiwanian Brad was happy for the great job Kiwanians did of cleaning his front yard during our highway cleanup. \$ - Kiwanian Larry wanted to know who would be paying PG Dr. John's fines now.

VP Rebecca reported that Key Club members had a great time at their convention. They are looking forward to Governor Sheron's visit on April 28. They have a KIVA presentation planned and will be serving lunch.



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E.C.& C. District Website: www.kiwanisecc.org

Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org



FROM PAST PRESIDENT JUNE

Kiwanians, Key Club Members, guests and friends,

Eighteen months ago you gave me the opportunity to assume the role of President. Being in this office gives you a unique perspective of this organization and yourself. It also makes you aware of the importance of you, the members. Without you, there is no fellowship, no service and no fun. I hope you are as impressed with yourselves as I am with each of you.

You have improved the lives of Key Club and Aktion Club members. You have helped this community in countless ways. You have changed and improved the lives of people all over the world. And you have changed my life.

When I began the Presidency 18 months ago, I was opinionated, stubborn and outspoken. I am even more so now. Being President has made me stronger, more self assured and more determined. I do not regret anything I have said or done. If I had it to do over again, the only thing I would change is that I would do more.

There have been people who have made a great impact on my life during the past 18 months. Four of these people are PP Charlie Evans, PP Henry Neutens, PP Gord Shaw and Kiwanian Betty Ure. WE have lost their physical presence but their spirits are the spirit of Kiwanis. These 4 served this community in different ways and were examples for us all. When each of them was weak, tired and sick – they attended and they participated. They cared and they understood that Kiwanis needs to be taken care of and they knew that things don't just happen – they are made to happen.

For those of you who have ever considered being President – stretch yourself and do it. In some clubs, holding office would be difficult if not impossible. But not in this one. You will be astounded at the support and encouragement you will receive. For those of you who do not wish to hold office – stretch yourself and do one thing which you have never done before. I know the things we can accomplish when we take one more step.

Vice-President Alan – you are fortunate – your predecessor is dedicated, ambitious and extremely knowledgeable. Spend the next 18 months listening to and learning from her.

FROM PAST PRESIDENT JUNE

I think Past President June has a nice ring to it, but I think President Debbie sounds even better. Gary and I promise to support and assist you in whatever way you need during this coming year.

I thank Debbie for sharing this year with me, I thank Barb and Gary for their diligence and their hard work. I also thank PG Dr. John for agreeing to be my adviser. Because all of you believed I could do it, so did I.

I now intend to retire to the back row where I am most comfortable. I promise I will attend every meeting and event I possibly can.

Again, consider doing more. There is no downside. You will only be changed for the better.

And my last words are for you new President- “Enjoy the journey, my friend.”

I thank you all.

OUR NEW MEMBER, GREG ROBERTS

Greg was born and raised in London, Ontario. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto. He has lived in Toronto and Newmarket for the past 20 years and is happy not to be living there now. He moved to Ridgetown with his wife Marian Visser and their two children Owen (8) and Talia (6). Greg has worked in the publishing and software development industries and is currently R&D Business Analyst for Advanced Utility Systems Corp, a Toronto based company that develops billing and customer information software for utilities in North America and the Caribbean.

Welcome to the club Greg!

Kiwanian Greg is sponsored by PG Dr. John. Thanks to PLG Allen for his presentation of Kiwanis International history, VP Alan for his presentation of club history and Kiwanian Kevin Hoskins for his presentation of the Objects of Kiwanis.

“ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

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The Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown meets weekly at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Mount Zion Presbyterian Church, 59 Main St. E., Ridgetown, every Thursday, from September 1st through June 30th each year. Summer meetings are hosted by members at various local addresses.

THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



We start with breakfast



Aktion Club members hiding the eggs



Line up before the hunt

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Apr 16	Ridgetown Rejuvenation Committee
Apr 23	Key Club chairs the meeting
Apr 25 – 28	Governor Sheron's visit to Division 4
Apr 28	CHANGED MEETING TO TUESDAY Governor Sheron will attend our meeting
Apr 30	Canada/U.S. joint Kiwanis meeting, Port Huron, Michigan
May 1	Kiwanis Club of Windsor 90 th anniversary
May 7	Annual meeting, club elections and Board meeting
May 14	LG Jim Garey
May 21	Key Club trounces Kiwanis at ball game
May 23	Teddy Bear Picnic
May 28	Business and board meeting
June 4	A famous "mystery tour"
June 11	Car rally
June 18	Business and board meeting
June 24 – 27	International Convention

Please note the change of April 30 meeting from Thursday to **TUESDAY**, April 28.

ANNUAL CLUB ELECTION

May 7, 2009 will be the annual meeting of our club. Elections for the 2009-2010 officers will take place at that meeting. Attached to this week's newsletter is the Club Officer Nomination form. Please complete and return to PG Dr. John by April 16, as indicated on the form. See the bottom of this page for the current members of the Board.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Debbie Button Past President: June Guyitt

Vice-President: Alan Bloomfield

Secretary: Barb Doxtater Treasurer: Gary Guyitt

DIRECTORS:

Dale Smith, John Button, Brad Carnie, John Case, (1 year)

Kevin Bartlett, Chris Arneill, Abdi Yuya, Kevin Hoskins (2 year)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Sheron Cameron-Dunn

Governor Elect: Gary Levine

Immediate Past Governor: Chuck McIlravey

Div. 4 Lt. Gov. Jim Garey

Div. 4 Past Lt. Gov. Randy Ross