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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2010

April 15, 2010 meeting:

Twenty-two members and six Key Clubbers welcomed guests Jen Vaughan and our speaker Gail Stucke.

Happy \$\$ - PP Randy was happy to be back and happy to be sitting at the smart table. \$ - Kiwanian Larry was happy that his son won at the World Duck Calling competition. \$ - PLG Allen was happy for the performance by Sgt-at-Arms Dale two weeks ago and he was happy that the corvette will be back at the beginning of May. \$ - Kiwanian Kevin Bartlett was happy to see PP Randy at the meeting. \$ - Key Clubber Amanda was happy for her hockey team! \$ - Kiwanian Bill Johnston was happy for the highway cleanup even though there was a miscommunication between the bus and the pick-up crew. Jen Vaughan set him straight. \$ - PP Ron was happy to see Kiwanian Dave Vaughan pay Amanda's happy \$.

Aktion Club – the members of the Aktion Club, advisor Darlene and parents enjoyed helping with roadside cleanup. The Aktion Club held a bowl-a-thon and raised over \$800.00. Wow! These members work hard.

Key Club – Ten Key Clubbers and Advisors PP June and Elsa Natvik will be heading to District Convention on April 23 in Niagara Falls. Key Club will be chairing our meeting on April 29.

Kiwanis Club of Genoa, Ohio – PLG Allen has been corresponding with Jim Firestone of the club to continue our annual golf days. Genoa will visit Ridgetown on June 17 and Ridgetown will visit Genoa on Saturday, July 24.

Membership – this is still time to suggest potential members to the committee for membership consideration. Contact PLG Allen or Kiwanian John Case.



Past President Randy, President Debbie, Gail Stucke, PE Alan

Lambton-Kent District School Board

Gail Stucke, the Director of Education for the Lambton-Kent District School Board was our guest speaker for the evening. Gail has been the director for over six years. Prior to that she taught at both the elementary and secondary school level as well as held position of Vice-Principal at the secondary school level. Gail lives in Wallaceburg, making travelling to the main office of the Board in Sarnia and the satellite office in Chatham easier. She will be retiring from her position in June of this year. The Lambton-Kent Board has 11 trustees and has over 24,000 students in the system. Gail spoke to us about the strengths and challenges of the school board.

Strengths – the 3 p's:

People – teachers who have been recognized across our province - students who are recognized as being well prepared for post secondary education – trustees from all walks of life and all eleven are there for the right reason.

Programmes – so many things to engage students. Student participation outside of the classroom such as Key Club is key to their success. The Lambton-Kent Board has excellent special ed and tech programmes. Partnerships – the Board values their partnerships with service clubs, (such as ours) agriculture (Ag in the Classroom program), business, industry, parents and volunteers. They will be looking to these partnerships for the proposed new track and playing field at RDHS.

Challenges:

Declining enrolment is a challenge throughout rural Ontario. This decline has funding implications and challenges programme delivery. E-learning courses have been developed to offer all students the same access to courses.

Union environment – can be counter productive and has the potential to influence the delivery of programmes. The Lambton-Kent Board has a good working relationship with the various unions represented.

Gail urged communities to support their local schools or they will be gone. Students have other options which accelerates declining enrolment.

Gail invited Key Club to speak at a Board meeting. This may help to expand Key Club within the Lambton-Kent Board.

Gail was thanked for her presentation by PP Randy Campell, a trustee on the Lambton-Kent District School Board.

Donation to Robarts



Dr. Ravi Menon and Tara Kenney from the Robarts Research Institute accept a donation from Don Crowe, Kelly MacMillan, Beth Goldhawk and Dorothy Hughes. Mt Zion Presbyterian Church held a concert and donated the evening's offering to the Robarts in memory of Eberle Goldhawk. Over 200 people attended to hear the Sarkany Piano/Cello Duo and Ridge Players perform music from their recent production Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. Over \$2,700 was raised for Robarts. Kiwanians Ron Fuller, Peter Guyitt, John and Debbie Button helped with the evening. Thanks to those Kiwanians who helped and attended in support of Robarts.

The Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown meets weekly at 6:30 pm in the basement of 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.

Club Election Results

Positions Unopposed:

President	Alan Bloomfield
President-elect	Allen Ure
Vice-President	Brad Carnie
Treasurer	Gary Guyitt

Directors:	John Henderson
	Brian Hoskins
	Greg Roberts
	Gary Wake

Thanks to the members who allowed their names to stand for election.

Meals on Wheels

Treasurer Gary attended a meeting with the local Meals on Wheels committee. They are looking for groups to take on the preparation of meals for the summer months. The meals are prepared at the Legion on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. The preparation would take from noon to 4:00 pm each of those days. If you are able and interested in helping, please contact Treasurer Gary. To date he has heard from five members.

Robarts Kiwanis Golf Day

Mark your calendars for June 9. The annual Division 4 golf tournament in support of Robarts Research Institute will be held at the Ridgetown Golf and Curling Club. The committee is working on the details of the day and will have more information and registration forms soon.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

April 22	Margaret Anderson – Ronald McDonald House in London
April 23–25	Key Club Convention in Niagara Falls
April 29	Key Club chairs the meeting and induction of Key Club Officers Board meeting following
May 6	Laurel Quinlan – Victim Services, Chatham-Kent
May 13	Tim DeActis
May 20	Mark Brewer, Division 7 LG
May 27	Key Club vs. Kiwanis ball game
June 3	Debbie Comuzzi – CEO Children's Health Foundation for Children's Hospital of Western Ontario
June 10	William Bossence – tour of duty in Afghanistan
June 17	Genoa visits Ridgetown
June 24 -26	Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas
July 24	Ridgetown visits Genoa
August 4 – 7	District Convention in St. John, New Brunswick

Interclub opportunity

On Monday May 3rd internationally acclaimed Dr. Yong Kang from the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, U.W.O. will discuss "The Development of HIV/AIDS Vaccine; the most challenging problem of our time." Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Forest City London the meeting will be held at the Mocha Shrine Temple, 468 Colborne Street, London from 12:00 to 1:30. The cost of lunch is \$14.00. Contact President Debbie if you are interested in attending.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Debbie Button	Past President: June Guyitt
President-elect: Alan Bloomfield	Vice President: Allen Ure
Secretary: vacant	Treasurer: Gary Guyitt

DIRECTORS:

Kevin Bartlett, Chris Arneill, Abdi Yuya, Kevin Hoskins (1 year)
Shawn Hoskins, Craig Mitton John Wright, David Vaughan (2 years)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Gary Levine
Governor Elect: Paul Toussaint
Immediate Past Governor: Sheron Cameron-Dunn
Div. 4 Lt. Gov. Jim Garey
Div. 4 Past Lt. Gov. Randy Ross