

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 20 APRIL 2009

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Twenty-one members and Key Club members Rebeccah and Brendan welcomed our guests Division 4 LG Jim and Sue Garey and Marlee Robinson.

Welcome back to Rob Beavis returned from the south and Bill Johnston feeling better.

Happy \$\$ - Kiwanian Bill Johnston happy to be back. \$ - LG Jim Garey happy to be in Ridgetown. \$ - PLG Peter happy to have the mystery Kiwanians in the newspaper identified. \$ - PP Craig happy to offer PG Dr. John a ride home any night should the President leave him behind. \$ - Kiwanian Kevin Hoskins happy for another great Easter Egg Hunt and thanks to all who helped. \$ - PG Dr. John happy to have son Tim home from his tour of duty in Afghanistan. Thanks to Sgt-at-Arms Dale for his work through the rather uproarious fine session. It may be a long 18 months!

It was a pleasure to welcome Division 4 LG Jim and Sue Garey to our meeting. LG Jim was making his official visit to our club. He thanked our club for our generous donation to the District HIV/AIDS program. The District has announced the first project will be a mobile clinic in Guyana concentrating on education and prevention of transmission from pregnant mother to child. To date the District project has raised \$303,000 of the \$1 million goal. LG Jim also reminded us of the fetal alcohol spectrum disorder program supported by our District.

President Debbie announced that International President-elect Paul Palazolla will be attending our District Convention in Trois Rivieres. District conventions are a great place for making and renewing friendships, Kiwanis education and a lot of fun. Members are urged to give consideration to attending.

APRIL 23 – Key Club chairs our meeting with induction of their new executive. Bring your fine \$\$!



Vice-president Alan, Marlee Percival Robinson and PP Craig

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

Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org



RIDGETOWN REJUVENATION ASSOCIATION

PP Craig introduced Marlee Percival Robinson here to speak on behalf of the Ridgetown Rejuvenation Association. Marlee is an art historian. She was born in Windsor and received her formal training in art history at the Tate Gallery in London England. She has lectured on art history in England, Scotland, Germany, Hong Kong and Japan. Marlee returned to Canada almost 2 years ago to become the fourth generation on the family property south of Morpeth. She is currently the Vice-Chair of the Chatham-Kent Community Strategic Planning Committee and is Vice-President of the Chatham-Kent branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. She sits on the Advisory Committee for the Thames Art Gallery and has joined the Board of the United Way in Chatham.

Marlee spoke to our group on the changes planned for Main Street in Ridgetown. The art windows in vacant stores has been a project of the committee. The committee is holding a competition for artisans to design street furniture for our Main Street. The theme will be Victorian Garden with a panel of four jurors judging the designs. They will be working with students at the high school and University as well as the merchants. Bicycle racks and new trash containers with recycling included are also planned for the Main Street. The committee is planning various projects to get people to come downtown. One such event will be the "Festival of Porches and Verandas" being held July 25. The committee has received a grant of \$15,000 from the Community Partnership Fund with matching funds coming from service clubs and fundraising events. Store front improvement grants are available to merchants wishing to redo their store front.

A viable and vibrant Ridgetown is important to our club as well as town residents. Members are encouraged to support our local merchants and projects of the rejuvenation committee.

Vice-president Alan thanked our speaker.

KIWANIS TRAILER

A big thanks to Kiwanian Brad for his work on our new Kiwanis Trailer. Brad has worked with Paul Kelly on the lettering for the trailer and it looks just great! If anyone has ideas on venues where we might show off our trailer and Kiwanis, speak to Kiwanian Brad.



“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.

KIWANIS PARK

Thanks to members June, Gary, Dr. John, Bill Johnston and Allen Ure who worked at Kiwanis Park on Saturday, April 18. They collected twelve large bags of rakings and reseeded some grass.



On Saturday, 401 traffic was routed through Ridgetown due to an accident. Someone had to give them directions!

More pictures from the work crew in next week's newsletter.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Apr 23	Key Club chairs the meeting
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 10	Division 4 golf tournament
June 11	Car rally
June 18	Business and board meeting
June 24 – 27	International Convention
October 29	Quiz Night
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February 11	Quiz Night

Please note the change of April 30 meeting from Thursday to **TUESDAY**, April 28. Eastern Canada & Caribbean Governor Sheron Cameron-Dunn will be speaking that evening. Plan to attend.

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