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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2010

April 22, 2010 meeting:

Nineteen members and six Key Clubbers welcomed guest speaker Margaret Anderson. Thanks to PE Alan for chairing the meeting and DP June for taking notes in my absence.

Happy \$\$ - PP Craig was happy for all the tulips growing in Kiwanis Park. \$ - PE Alan was happy that he made the meeting in 15 minutes from Rodney. \$ - Kiwanian Brian Dunlop was happy because Jordan was going away for the weekend. \$ - Key Club PE Jordan was happy to be going away for the weekend.

The fine pot is heavier thanks to Kiwanian Bill Johnston who was fined for: no pin, no name badge, eating before our guest and taking dessert from other Kiwanians. Thanks to the Sgt-at-Arms.

PLG Peter reported on Teddy Bear Picnic. Tickets will be ready soon.

PLG Allen reported on Genoa – Genoa will visit Ridgetown on June 17. DP June and Treasurer Gary will host the dinner and Kiwanian Larry will arrange a tour for the non-golfers.

PLG Allen reported on the membership drive – the 1st ad will appear in this week's Independent News. If anyone has names for potential membership submit to PLG Allen.

PLG Allen will be conducting an HST Seminar on May 8. The cost is \$50.00 per person with the proceeds being divided between our club and Church of the Advent, location of the seminar. If you wish to register please phone Treasurer Gary at 519-674-2805.



Key Club PE Jordan, Margaret Anderson and Kiwanian David

Ronald McDonald House

Key Club PE Jordan introduced our guest speaker. Margaret Anderson is the Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House in London. She was formerly the chair of Public Relations and Fundraising for the VON – Geranium House in Chatham. She lives in Chatham with her husband of 38 years.

Ronald McDonald House is known as “The House that Love Built”. Margaret showed a short video about the house and the people it serves. Margaret gave a very informative talk about the house and the services it offers to the people of Southwestern Ontario.

Four hundred families per year stay at the house. The cost to families is \$10.00 per night – the same fee for the past 25 years. The House is for use by families from outside of London who have sick or injured children being cared for at The Children’s Hospital of Southwestern Ontario. \$.10 from the sale of every Happy Meal at McDonalds goes to the Ronald McDonald charities. Meals at the house are supplied and prepared by service groups. The House in London can house 17 families at a time. The House is being expanded and with the new addition they will be able to house 34 families. The cost of the new addition will be \$8 million. Some families stay for days while others may stay up to 3 months.

There are 4 Ronald McDonald Homes in Ontario and 14 throughout Canada. These homes are not owned by McDonalds but McDonald’s is a supporter and donor to the homes. McDonalds does own the licensing to the homes. Many of McDonalds suppliers support the homes – Cargill, Coke and Sealtest (supplies all dairy products for the homes). The homes are financed by fundraising and grants. The current \$8 million project will give them 30 new bedrooms, 30 new bathrooms and a 3 story building with storage, boardrooms, media room, craft room, lounge and bigger kitchen.

Currently in London there are 12 families waiting for space at the home.

While waiting they are housed in hotels – the families pay \$10.00 to Ronald McDonald House and the house pays the hotel.

Families staying at the house receive support from other parents, volunteers and staff. This is something they can’t get while staying at a hotel. The house is located on Baseline Road in London across from the Staples Store.

Our club was invited to a tour of the facility at any time. Margaret was thanked by Kiwanian David. David and his family used the house several years ago.

Spring in Kiwanis Park

These photos of Kiwanis Park were taken last week. The trees in bloom were beautiful.



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.

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.

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.

April 29 meeting

Key Club will be chairing the meeting. Bring your change!
There will be a Board meeting following the regular meeting.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

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 – Gary & June hosting dinner
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
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