

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 23 FEBRUARY 2009

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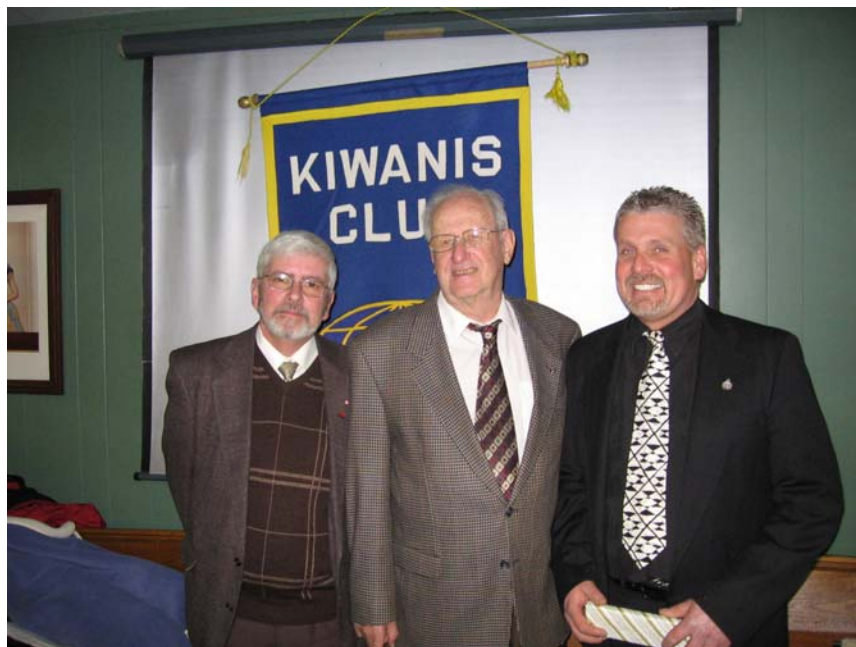
FEBRUARY 19, 2009

Sixteen members and Key Club President Brendan welcomed three guests – Councilors Jim Brown and Steve Pinsonneault, our guests speakers and Greg Roberts, new to Ridgetown and hopefully a new member.

Happy \$\$ - Councilor Jim Brown was happy to tell of Kiwanian Mike Mervin's honesty, and he was happy to explain that 148 viruses have been removed from his computer and he was sure most of the viruses came from Kiwanian Bill Johnston. \$ - PG Dr. John was happy to report on behalf of Kiwanian Bill Johnston the great turnout for taking down the Christmas lights, but he wished if Kiwanian Bill was inviting the workers back to the shop for coffee he would stop recycling motor oil through the coffee maker – and PG Dr. John was happy to have our guest with us.

Key Club – President Brendan reported that the officers have been elected for next year – President will be Brendan returning, VP Jordon Dunlop, Treasurer Sony Beck and Secretary Julie Deprez.

Aktion Club – Treasurer Gary reported the Aktion Club's sale of Valentine's chocolates was very successful. Effective March 4, the Aktion Club will be meeting at the Legion.



Past President Ron thanks our speakers.

KIWANIS is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

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

Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org



CHATHAM-KENT COUNCILORS

Kiwanian Chris introduced our speakers for the evening – our ward councilors Jim Brown and Steve Pinsonneault. Jim was born and raised in Ridgetown and has owned the Ridgetown Independent newspaper for the past 18 years. He served on the Town of Ridgetown council for many years. He is married to Edna and they have two children. Steve is from Thamesville and this is his first term on council representing East Kent. He is the owner of The Sign Shop in Thamesville and has been a volunteer firefighter for 18 years. He is married to Jane and they have 3 children.

Jim and Steve gave members the opportunity to ask questions – about local issues or issues involving the entire municipality. Jim spoke to our group about the rental of public buildings, specifically a reduction in rent to service clubs using municipally owned buildings. Council has appointed a committee to study the financial impact of such a reduction. User fees of municipal properties currently accounts for a large amount in the municipal budget. Also at the committee level is the study of the Kinsmen Auditorium – upgrade the facility or build a new recreation/convention facility.

Locally members asked about the status of Ridgetown's main street – the work will be completed this summer. Members were also informed of a meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 4 at the municipal office in Ridgetown. Representatives from MPAC and the municipality will be on hand to discuss the recent assessment notices received from MPAC.

“What about your job surprised you?” Steve – at the end of the day you are only one vote on the council – it is difficult to have a large impact. Jim – the time commitment – you are approached by residents throughout the municipality, not just your own ward.

They both talked about the challenges of such a large municipality. It is difficult to be informed in all areas of the municipality, so they rely on the representative from that area for input on issues relating to another area of the municipality.

KIWANIAN BETTY URE



We join Allen, Krista, Karen, Karolyn and their families in mourning the passing of Betty after a spirited and courageous fight. Very, very few knew how much this remarkable lady had been hurting. That was her style. Her hurting is now over.

Betty has been a Kiwanian for as long as Allen. She was a thoughtful, energetic and enthusiastic participant in all aspects of our club's life – from caring for Santa Claus, to hosting Genoa days, to sharing her gift of music. Nothing seemed too much and if it was, she didn't say. Such was Betty's grace.

In October 2006, she made it official by joining our club. She was a proud Kiwanian dedicated to the Objects of Kiwanis International. In fact, she was the embodiment of them in so many ways.

Betty's community commitment was not limited to Kiwanis. She was devoted to her church and devoted to improving the lives and opportunities of Ridgetown's young people.

Her crowning achievement, I believe, was the restoration, rejuvenation and redesign of the garden in Kiwanis Park – Betty's Garden – a lasting legacy.

Thank you, Betty. We will miss you.

PG Dr. John

“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.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO'S 1878 SOCIETIES

The 1878 Societies, named for the year of Western's founding, honour Western's most generous donors: individuals who have given \$25,000 or more and organizations that have given \$100,000 or more.

To the Kiwanis Clubs of Division 4:

"As Chair of Western's 1878 Societies, it is a pleasure to welcome your organization as the newest member of the Societies and thank you for the significant support to Robarts Research Institute. These contributions ensure that Robarts continues to produce medical advances that significantly improve human health.

As a result of your past support of Robarts, I am pleased to welcome your organization to the W. Sherwood Fox Society within Western's 1878 Societies. The W. Sherwood Fox Society (donors with a cumulative pledge of \$100,000 - \$499,000) is one of 11 donor groups in the 1878 Societies. Dr. William Sherwood Fox was Western's third President (1927-1947). Dr. Fox established the French language summer school at Trois-Pistoles. He also brought a broad knowledge of academic history to the campus from his teaching experience in Europe and the United States.

Thank you for your generous support. I look forward to continuing to communicate with your organization about current activities at Western and Robarts."

Kelly Meighen, Honorary Chair
The 1878 Societies

The Kiwanis Clubs of Division 4 have a long history of supporting the Robarts and clearly our support is greatly appreciated. That support continues with the 20th annual golf tournament being held on June 10 at the Ridgetown Golf & Curling Club.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Feb 26	Business & Board meeting
Feb 28	Division 4 DCM
Mar 5	Chili cookoff – Kiwanians Kevin & Debbie defend their title
Mar 12	St. Patrick's Day program – Green?
Mar 19	Greg Hetherington – Mt. Kilimanjaro climb
Mar 26	Business & board meeting
Mar 28 & 29	Spring Craft Show
Apr 2	to be determined
Apr 4	Kiwanis One Day – highway cleanup
Apr 9	President June hands the gavel to PE Debbie
Apr 16	Ridgetown Rejuvenation Committee
Apr 23	Business and board meeting
Apr 25 – 28	Governor Sheron's visit to Division 4
Apr 30	Key Club chairs the meeting
May 7	Wind turbine tour
May 14	Fun night
May 21	Key Club trounces Kiwanis at ball game
May 28	Business and board meeting
May 30	Teddy Bear Picnic
June 4	A famous "mystery tour"
June 11	Car rally
June 18	Business and board meeting
June 24 – 27	International Convention

KIWANIS CLUB OF BRANTFORD

Saturday, March 21 the Kiwanis Club of Brantford celebrates their 90th anniversary. The celebration will be held at the Best Western Brant Park Inn, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford. Kiwanis International President Don Canaday will be speaking. Cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30, cost is \$50.00 per person. RSVP by March 10 to PG Joanne Murray.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President June Guyitt
Past President Randy Ross
Secretary Barb Duxtater

President-elect Debbie Button
Vice-president Alan Bloomfield
Treasurer Gary Guyitt

DIRECTORS:

Dale Smith, John Button, Brad Carnie, John Case, (1 year)
Kevin Bartlett, Chris Arneill, Abdi Yuya, Kevin Hoskins (1 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