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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2010

Happy New Year and all the best in 2010!

December 30, 2009 meeting:

Fifteen members, eleven partners and four guests enjoyed an evening of fellowship at the home Dr. John and Debbie. Guests were Zack and Ethan Hoskins and PP Catherine Moore, now a member of the Oakville Club and her sister Margie Seliga. Thanks to all who joined the holiday celebration.



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

FROM KIWANIAN BARB:

Ridge Marsh Manor funds

By deadline of August 31, 2009, I completed PIF's (Project Information Forms) for the following list of projects at Ridge Marsh Manor.

- 1) New fridges - 10
- 2) New stoves - 11
- 3) Vinyl flooring - in 5 apartments (to cover asbestos containing flooring) and in five areas on the common level - laundry, electrical, and janitor's rooms, plus each of the north and south end entrances
- 4) In-Suite sounders to improve existing fire alarm system in the building - which currently consists of one bell in each of the upper and lower building hallways.
- 5) Garden Doors to replace patio door - in each of the 12 units
- 6) New UPPER and replacement lower kitchen cupboards (complete with new countertops) in every unit
- 7) New METAL roof on the entire building

The program is called "SHRRP" - Social Housing Renovation & Retrofit Program - and it is 50% provincially and 50% federally funded.

In order to apply, for EACH PROJECT, I had to gather THREE estimates, so that I knew approximately what dollar amount to apply for, in order to complete the project. I also had to choose which year, of the two year program, each project could be begun and completed within. Year One projects must be started and completed between January 31, 2009 and March 31st, 2010. Year Two projects between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011. By the time the application and approval process was completed, essentially Year One projects must be begun and completed between late November 2009/and March 31, 2010. (That's why the first FOUR items above are our "Year One" projects!).

Chatham-Kent Social Housing had to collect ALL applications for CK, sift through them, and come up with which warranted receiving money under the program. Council then had to approve CKSH's proposed submission ~ then off to higher powers for more consideration & approval! Project criteria were to improve any or all of: energy efficiency, health and safety, or accessibility.

Total dollars applied for AND approved is \$113,850.00. (FREE MONEY!!!!)

However, project funds are distributed at very defined intervals and in specific percentages - 20% at start up - 50% during project and final 30% when project is completed. LOTS of paperwork to complete at each step!

In order to approve and release money on any project, CKSH must be provided with:

- a) Either THREE quotes from suppliers (if under \$15,000.00 project)
- OR
- b) Submissions from competitors in response to a PUBLIC TENDER BID PROCESS - if over \$15,000.00 project

Thus, the first four items are reasonably easy.....but the three Year Two projects must be publicly tendered. I'm not really looking forward to specifying and writing the Request for Proposals (Public Tender) Package for each of projects 5, 6 and 7. I'm sure I'll be REALLY glad that CKSH has hired an Engineering Technician (Brandon Bechard) to help each housing provider with this process, and to oversee the paperwork of each project submission.

Ridge Marsh Manor's committee have chosen among quotes and I will be ordering the fridges and stoves on Monday, December 14th. (Maybe for pre-Christmas delivery?)

I'm awaiting pricing from three flooring contractors.

I'm still chasing down three prices on fire alarm equipment upgrades AND three prices from specially qualified electricians to install the new equipment.

I'm learning LOTS about contracting and construction.

Our current tenants (10 of 12 units occupied) are all aware of the news, and are excited for the improvements in and around their homes!! They have been and will hopefully continue to be very accomodating and understanding of the "uproar" in order to get these projects from the drawing board to completion.

Also, at our Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, on December 1st, a much needed increase to the building's market rent was approved. MAXIMUM monthly rent at January 1, 2010 will become \$450.00 per month (All utilities included).

Barb

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.

RIDGE MARSH MANOR

Kiwanian Barb has supplied information on Ridge Marsh Manor and the recent approval of funds for major repairs to the facility. Thanks to Kiwanian Barb for the information and more importantly for all her work on the application for the funding. As you will see from her information, this was not a quick and easy application. Also thanks to all the members of the Ridge Marsh Manor committee. These members spend a great deal of time monthly at the facility. There is an on call schedule that each committee member is assigned for tenant problems, minor repairs. Thanks to those members who give a great deal of time each month to this facility – Kiwanians Mike Mervin, Jim Doxtater and Barb Doxtater.



JANUARY 7, 2010

We are back meeting at the Church this week. Our speakers this week are Lars and Elsa Natvik – their trip to Bolivia. They will be showing a presentation on their work with street kids in the city.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

January 7 Lars & Elsa Natvik
 January 14 Annual Club Auction
 January 21 Brad Carnie – sailing the North Shore
 January 28 Kiwanis anniversary & education night
 Business & Board meeting
 February 18 Quiz Night
 March 20 & 21 Spring Craft Show

JANUARY 14 MEETING

Annual Club Auction – for our newer members what is this? Each year members bring an item to be auctioned at the meeting. One member acts as an auctioneer and members bid and purchase the items. These items are always sealed – that’s correct – you have no idea what you are bidding on and the items are always of “questionable” value. In the past auction items have ranged from unique statues, a box of batteries to a box of stones. This is a great place to re-gift that item you have no idea why you received or what you are going to do with it or to give away some of those things sitting on your work bench taking up space. This is sort of like a blind garage sale. No one knows who brought the items, unless you want to fess up.

It is a fun evening. Don’t sweat over what to bring. Just grab something, wrap it up and come out to enjoy the fun.



A past auction steal

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