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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20, 2011

June 16, 2011 meeting:

Twenty-two members and Key Club Governor Jordan were present for the presentation on the new Kiwanis International World Service Project.

Happy \$\$ - President Alan was happy to recognize Treasurer Gary receiving 35 year service award with Royal Canadian Legion Branch 243 in Ridgetown. Congratulations Treasurer Gary and thanks for your service to our community. \$ - PP Ken was happy to pay his pity fine. \$ - PLG Allen was happy that IT Dr. John was bringing the MNT message to the club. \$ - Kiwanian Bill was happy that he and PP Ken were free tonight.

Congratulations to the members of the Kiwanis Aktion Club of Ridgetown. At the recent Aktion Club day in Toronto they received the award for outstanding fundraising. The money they raise goes back to our community. Thanks to all the members for all they do for our community. A special thanks to Kiwanis advisor Gary and Community Living advisor Darlene for all their help with the Aktion Club.

Congratulations to Division 4 PLG Ken Monteith on receiving the Farm Credit Canada alumnus lifetime achievement award for his work with the Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph. Ken, class of 1957, was recognized for his "significant contribution to agriculture and his rural community and his tireless fundraising and service to the campus". Thanks Ken for your service to Kiwanis and our community.

June 23 meeting will be the annual Lazzara Cup car rally. We will have dinner at the church at the usual time then head out on the road. A reminder to all members – the car rally does not exempt you from the rules of the highway traffic act. Obey the laws for a safe and fun evening.

June 30 meeting will be a business and board meeting. July 7 meeting will start the summer meetings. If you can host a meeting please contact DP June.



The smiles of children around the world living without tetanus!

THE ELIMINATE PROJECT

IT Dr. John gave a presentation on the new Kiwanis International World Service Project – The Eliminate Project (MNT).

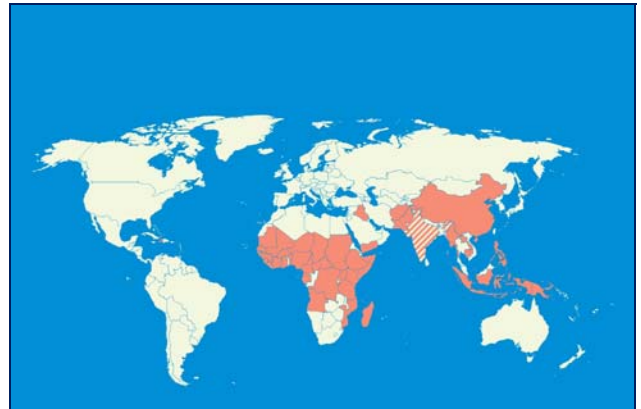
Maternal and neonatal tetanus is caused by bacteria that gain entry into the body during the birthing process due to contaminated and unsafe birthing facilities and practices. Once established in the body, the bacteria multiply rapidly and produce a poison that specifically attacks the nervous system, making those affected extremely sensitive to all external stimuli. Any stimulus can cause agonizing and prolonged seizures, seizures so strong as to cause excruciating pain for a tiny baby.

Tragically, the kindest treatment for a newborn suffering from tetanus is also the saddest treatment – sensory deprivation. And so as it suffers one of the most painful deaths known to man – the baby cannot see the look of concern in a mother’s caring eyes, hear her tender murmurings or be cradled in her loving arms. Every nine minutes, somewhere in 38 countries around the world, a newborn baby dies a horrific death. A significant number of mothers die as well. A mother’s death from tetanus is no less painful and no less tragic.

Maternal and neonatal tetanus are markers of poverty and health care inequity. Around the world, it is a woman’s basic right to have access to clean and safe birthing practices and facilities. No woman should have to accept less.

The answer is so simple. We, in industrialized countries, have taken this answer for granted for decades. Three shots of tetanus vaccine administered to women-at-risk and the provision of clean and safe birthing facilities and procedures, along with education in safe birthing practices, will make maternal and neonatal tetanus history.

Following IT Dr. John’s presentation members discussed the project and then voted in favour of pledging model club status.



Countries around the world with MNT in 2008

A Partnership to Change the World



- Kiwanis’s strength in reaching leaders and communities
- UNICEF’s global staff and unbeatable supply chain
- Reaching those not served by anyone

Babies and Mothers are Dying but There is a Solution



- Highly preventable
- 3 doses of a 60-cent vaccine
- Immunity passed on to baby

This is a five-year program starting in 2010-2011 Kiwanis year. At our 100th anniversary in 2015 Kiwanians around the world will celebrate 100 years of success and our gift to the world – the elimination of tetanus!

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.

DIVISION 4 TOURNAMENT FOR ROBERTS



Thanks to Greg Hetherington for his time and golf talents. Helping Greg was Tara Kenney, Development Officer for the Roberts Research Institute.



A fine looking foursome – but not the winning team!

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

- June 23 Car Rally
- June 30 Business & board meeting
- July 7 Summer meetings start
- July 6 – 9 Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva
- July 14 Barbeque at the Kiwanis gazebo at The Village
- Aug 4 Kiwanis Club of Genoa visits for a day of golf and touring
- Sept 1 Dr. John & Debbie – partner guest night

Club Officer Training

- June 25 Division 4 club officer training in London

This is training for the 2011-2012 officers, most importantly President, President-elect & Secretary. The cost for either session is \$10.00 payable by participants the day of the session.



Kiwanians Brian & Wendy at training in Chatham

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Alan Bloomfield Past President: Debbie Button
 President-elect: Allen Ure Vice President: Brad Carnie
 Secretary: John Henderson Treasurer: Gary Guyitt

DIRECTORS:

Shawn Hoskins, Craig Mitton, John Wright, David Vaughan (1 year)
 Brian Hoskins, Greg Roberts, Gary Wake, Bill Johnston (2 years)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Paul Toussaint
 Governor Elect: Janet Atkinson
 Immediate Past Governor: Gary Levine
 Division 4 Lt. Governor: Jim Scott
 Division 4 Past Lt. Governor: Jim Garey