

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 22 JUNE 2009

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Twenty-two members and three Key Club members welcomed Peewee Fowler, Jim Firestone, Angie Firestone, Bob Kirchbaum, Paul Beamer and Kirk Heiss, from the Kiwanis Club of Genoa. Two from Genoa joined four Ridgetown Kiwanians on the golf course and four from Genoa joined Ridgetown Kiwanians Larry and Stan on a local tour. Thanks to the work of PLG Allen and Jim Firestone from Genoa, our interclub will continue. All present were happy to celebrate Peewee's birthday. PLG Allen has August 22 planned for our trip to Genoa. Thanks to PP June and Treasurer Gary for hosting the dinner.

June 25 meeting – plan to attend to welcome Mike Jay, former Key Club LG back to speak on his exchange in Turkey.

July 2 starts our summer meetings. We will be at the home of Bill and Margaret Johnston, 11966 Rose Beach Line. Our summer meetings are very casual, no name badges or Kiwanis pins required. Bring a lawn chair with you and enjoy good food and fellowship.

We still have open spots for meetings. If you have an idea for a summer meeting place or activity, please contact VP Alan Bloomfield.



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Club Website: <http://www.ridgetownkiwanis.com>

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

Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org



DIVISION 4 KIWANIS ROBERTS GOLF

DAY: At the golf day banquet, the following letter from Dr. Henry Barnett, the first Scientific Director of the Roberts was read:

Dear Eb,

For many years I came to your golf games that were set up in support of Roberts Research Institute. I have to tell you that I enjoyed all these experiences and never did learn to “keep my head down” as Ramsay Gunton and Don Atkinson kept advising me. I was counting on attending the dinner after this year’s game but my dentist misbehaved. I needed a couple of those special tortures known as root-canals and suddenly they asked for more time to complete what was left of the job, and to get it done and completed they are conflicting with your date. Alas, I had made elaborate plans to be there but they are now shattered. If there is to be one next year I hope you will ask me again.

All of this support had come about because you, Cal Stiller, Charlie Drake and I had met over dinner and you pledged that the Kiwanis Clubs of southwestern Ontario would try to put your hearts into supporting research at this then newly-founded and autonomous research endeavour. You kept your promise and your pledges kept rolling in. In total, more than half a million dollars that Kiwanis clubs have given us has been an integral part of our success over all those many years. I do hope that what came from the work at Roberts has been regarded as important to you and your colleagues. When you accepted the suggestion of annual help we were unproven and in our infancy. Without being boastful about it, we can tell you that as we matured some significant things came about. Because of our existence the practice of medicine changed for the better and some of these changes were felt all around our world. We are proud of what happened in terms of new methods of imaging the various parts of the body, and also because of disciplined clinical trials the guess work was removed from how physicians and surgeons treat certain common diseases. We moved from “Anecdotal Medicine” to “Evidence-Based Medicine” because of what a variety of our scientists were able to accomplish. When we got into an awkward position last year financially, the Premier of Ontario came down himself and said that this Institute was too important to this province to countenance its closing and provided significant assistance to keep its doors open.

We can promise our loyal supporters that we are doing very well and that we will continue to pursue our science and make sure the people of Ontario benefit from it.

In closing, let me repeat my heart-felt thanks to you and your colleagues. When next you make your annual tour of Roberts, I hope to be asked to give you my personal expression of gratitude.

Sincerely,

Barney

DONATIONS OF BOOKS TO SCHOOL LIBRARIES COMPLETED



RDHS

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St. Michael’s School

“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.

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Ridgetown Public School

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Ridgeview Moravian

The librarians in each school was very appreciative of the donation. Each school received \$500.00 to spend on books for the library. In each school Treasurer Gary and I visited, the students were anxious to read the new books.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

June 24 – 27 International Convention
June 25 Mike Jay - presentation on his time in Turkey
July 2 Summer meetings
July 2 Bill and Margaret Johnston
July 9 open ? picnic in Kiwanis Park
July 16 open
July 23 PLG Allen Ure
July 30 open
August 5 – 8 E.C.&C. District Convention
August 6 open
August 13 Dave Vaughan & John Wright
August 15 Downhill Derby
August 20 open
August 27 President Debbie & PG Dr. John
October 29 Quiz Night
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February 11 Quiz Night

SUMMER MEETINGS

Contact VP Alan if you are able to host a summer meeting or have an idea for a meeting.

E.C.& C. DISTRICT CONVENTION



The host committee has a great convention planned. Visit the District website www.ecckiwans.org for online registration.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Debbie Button Past President: June Guyitt
Vice-President: Alan Bloomfield
Secretary: Barb Doxtater Treasurer: Gary Guyitt

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Dale Smith, John Button, Brad Carnie, John Case, (1 year)
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