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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2010

June 3, 2010 meeting:

What a great meeting! Twenty members and three Key Clubbers welcomed forty-one guests for a total of 64 attendees. The interclub of 14 from Chatham-Kent Golden K included President Ken Cucksy, Lena Robertson, Lois Mitchell, Roberta Veroba, George Service, John and Marie Tole, Jim and Eunice Robinson, Mary Alice Marchand, Barb Adams, Carolyn Scoyne, Jean Trudell and Phyllis Lyon. The interclub of 11 from Tillsonburg included PLG Peter and Vivien Ayling, Ralph Vine, Norm Smith, Mike Dean and guest Dale Besenyod, Gerry Carter, Ron Bates, Mike Coombes, Denis Hallet and President Rosemary Couture. Guests of Ridgetown were our speaker Debbie Comuzzi, Wendy Millyard, Allan Gillard, David Ladoer, Heidi Little, Fred Graves, Lynn Beavis, Shelly Bloomfield, Bethe Carnie, Karen Dunlop, Maxine Guyitt, Shannon Hoskins, Margaret Johnston, RoseMary Mitton, Pat Rumble and Rebeccah Malott. Thanks to all our guests for joining us.

Happy \$\$ - PP Craig was happy for the free advertising from PP Dale. \$ - IT Dr. John was happy to run out a double at the ball game. \$ - VP Allen was happy to have such a great evening for the last night of the formal membership drive. \$ - Kiwanian Brian Dunlop was happy he won a bear at the Teddy Bear Picnic and happy to have joined the Big Bike Ride. \$ - Guest Rebeccah was happy for her first day on her new summer job. \$ - Kiwanian Bill was happy to report the smell of dead fish is gone. \$ - PE Alan was happy to have joined the Big Bike Ride. \$ - PLG Peter Ayling was happy to report that Tillsonburg had 9 members and 2 guests attending. \$ - Kiwanian John Wright was happy to have joined the Big Bike Ride. \$ - President Debbie was happy to report that the K-Aktion Big Bike team raised \$1,393.00. \$ - PP Ron was happy that PP Dale had stopped talking. PP Dale was happy to report witnessing the Big Bike Ride. He tried (with the help of Kiwanians John and Brian) to accuse President Debbie and PE Alan of not peddling hard enough and just sitting back and relaxing on the bike. I believe that false accusation was put to rest!



Key Club President Jordan, President Debbie, Debbie Comuzzi, Kiwanian Kevin Bartlett



Key Club President Jordan presents a donation of \$300.00 to Children's Health Foundation.



Debbie Comuzzi holds the teddy bears won by Kiwanian Brian Dunlop and his brother. They generously donated the bears to the Children's hospital.



A full house.

The new Children's Hospital of Western Ontario

Debbie Comuzzi, CEO of Children's Health Foundation gave a great presentation of the progress of the building of the new Children's Hospital. Debbie has been with the Children's Health Foundation for 15 years.

The new women and children's hospital is one of only five in Ontario. It is currently about 68% complete. Levels 1, 2 and 3 are currently occupied by ENT clinics, orthopaedics clinics and nuclear medicine. Occupancy of the top half of the tower is to be completed by December 2010. The hospital will be connected to the Thames Valley Children's Centre and Ronald McDonald House.

The façade of the building is all glass, with each patient room having windows. The main entrance is a six floor atrium and in the atrium there will be a healing garden with benches, pergola, trees and water. The theme of the entire building is nature. Each level is designed around a natural element – level 1 & 2 stone, level 3 & 4 water, level 5 & 6 grass, level 7 & 8 sky, level 9 sun and level 10 space.

Level 6 will house the paediatric inpatient unit and the offices of the Kiwanis Kids' Care Centre. The Kiwanis Kids' Care Centre addresses the emotional, psycho-social and spiritual needs of sick children and their families. There will be three distinct play areas on the 6th floor – one for each age group – 3 – 7 year olds, 8 – 12 year olds and 13 – 18 year olds. All inpatient rooms will have a day bed allowing parents to stay with their sick children. The 6th floor will also have a Ronald McDonald family room where parents can go to shower, do laundry and have time to themselves.

A great deal of planning by many different groups, including children, will make this hospital a state-of-the-art facility. As Kiwanians we can be very proud to be a part of such an incredible facility.

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.

Teddy Bear Picnic



MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

- June 10 William Bossence – tour of duty in Afghanistan
New member induction
- June 17 Genoa visits Ridgetown – Gary & June hosting dinner
- June 24 -26 Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas
- July 1 No meeting – Statutory holiday
- July 8 Brad & Bethe Carnie & Mike & Joanne Mervin
- July 15 Car rally
- July 22 Bill & Margaret Johnston
- July 24 Ridgetown visits Genoa
- July 29 Rondeau Joe's – partner night
- August 4 – 7 District Convention in St. John, New Brunswick
- August 5 Greg & Marian Roberts
- August 12 Kevin & Shannon Hoskins
- August 19 John & Janice Wright & David & Jen Vaughan
- August 26 Dr. John & Debbie Button – partner night

Painting the Pool Building

Thanks to Kiwanians Gary Wake, Kevin Hoskins, Adam Larkin, Brad Carnie, Bill Johnston, Gary Guyitt, June Guyitt, Dr. John and Debbie Button for their work on Saturday painting the pool building inside and out. The group finished all the areas we were requested to paint in record time. Thanks to PP June for the great lunch.

Pictures in next week's newsletter.

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
 Immediate Past Governor: Sheron Cameron-Dunn
 Div. 4 Lt. Gov. Jim Garey
 Div. 4 Past Lt. Gov. Randy Ross