

# Kiwanis

**KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN**

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## **NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2010**

### **March 11, 2010 meeting:**

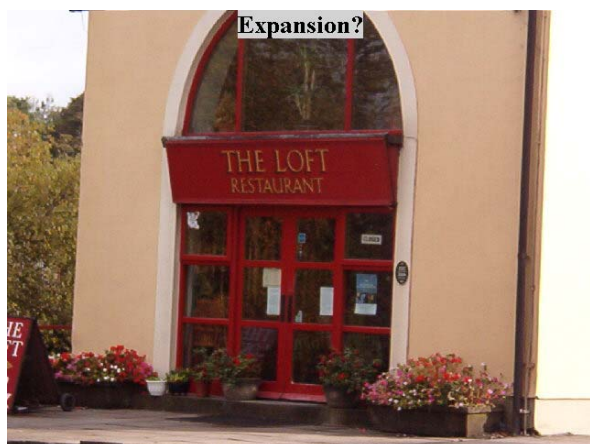
Fourteen members and seven Key Clubbers welcomed guest Rebeccah Malott, former Key Clubber.

Happy \$\$ - PLG Allen was happy that Genoa Kiwanian Jim Firestone's surgery went well and he was also happy to have had Key Clubber Andrew Wood join him at Division 3 Caucus where Andrew represented Key Club and Key Leader well. \$ - Kiwanian John Case was happy to have had lunch with Kiwanian Bill Johnston recently and Bill paid! \$ - President Debbie was happy to have attended a great forum at the Pennsylvania District mid-winter conference – a forum on chocolate. She shared what she learned with members - several varieties of Hershey Kisses. \$ - Key Clubber Brittany was happy to be leaving on Sunday on a trip to the UK and she was happy that she has been accepted into three colleges for next year. Congratulations Brittany. \$ - Key Clubber Amanda was happy that she will be able to play hockey next week following her knee surgery. \$ - IT Dr. John was happy for a great Pennsylvania District mid-winter conference and very successful meetings in Houston where members of the WSP steering committee interviewed the three finalists for the new WSP. PP Craig was happy for something (I can't read John's writing!)

Aktion Club – Treasurer Gary reported that at their recent meeting the Aktion Club's programme was a representative from Ronald McDonald House in London and the Aktion Club donated \$575.00 to Ronald McDonald House.

Key Club – President Brendan reported that the Key Club will be hosting the Spring Fling dance on April 1. They will be holding their club elections soon.

In preparation for St. Patrick's Day, PLG Allen led us on a pictorial tour through Ireland. He showed us beautiful scenery, a tour of the Waterford Crystal factory and just a few pubs! I don't think the method of payment at the Waterford factory – paid per team of workers – would go over with our unions. We saw pictures of Cobb – the last stop of the Titanic before it headed out to sea, the narrow roads of the Ring of Kerry and much more. Thanks PLG Allen for a great tour.



**Roles & responsibilities of Board Members** – taken from the club Bylaws and the Leadership Guide issued by Kiwanis International

**Directors:**

The Bylaws of our club provides for eight directors for a two-year term. The terms have been staggered so that each year four directors are elected to a new two-year term and four directors are completing their second year of the two-year term. This allows for continuity on the Board. Directors, along with the executive of the club oversee the operations of the club. The Board determines the policies of the club, elects and disciplines members, approves the budget, determines cheque signing authority and have general management of the club. Directors are encouraged to attend Board meetings called by the President.

**Secretary:**

The club Secretary is appointed by the President and the appointment ratified by the Board of Directors. The term of office for the secretary is one year. Duties of the secretary include: attend the training conference, keep the club books and records and at all times make available the records for inspection by the President or the Board of Directors, keep minutes of the club and Board meetings, submit to the proper officers, committees or members all communications received, submit official reports to Kiwanis International or the District, and other duties that may be assigned. The secretary works closely with the President and the Board. The secretary is encouraged to attend District convention to keep informed of changes to reporting.

**Treasurer:**

The club Treasurer coordinates the collection and disbursement of money. Duties of the treasure include: receive all funds paid to the club and promptly deposit them in the official accounts, disburse funds on order of the Board of Directors, maintain the club financial accounts and records and at all times make available the financial records for inspection by the President or the Board of Directors, make a financial report to the Board at their meetings, work with the President in the preparation of the annual budget and present the budget to the Board and the membership.

**Vice-President:**

Perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President or President-elect. The Vice-President is on their way to becoming club President. Serving as Vice-President is an opportunity to observe the operations of the club, committees and the Board.

**President-elect:**

The President-elect is the sole nominee for the office of President. Duties of the President-elect are: prepare for service as President the following year, attend the club officer training conference, district and international conventions if possible and preside at all meetings of the club or Board of Directors in the absence of the President. The year serving as President-elect is a time for planning for the next year as President.

**President:**

The President is the executive officer of the club. Duties of the President are: preside over all meetings of the club and the Board of Directors, promote the Objects of Kiwanis International and the positive image of Kiwanis in the community, be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees, promote membership growth, be one of the club delegates to the International and District conventions, establish a vision for the club and motivate members to meet that vision, in consultation with the Board establish goals for the club, facilitate fun, educational and efficient club meetings, ensure a successful club experience by providing new member induction and communicate regularly with club members.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Summer meetings are hosted by members at various local addresses.**

### Membership Drive

Kiwanis International has designated May as membership month. Our club's membership committee has developed a plan for a membership drive for May. Our club has been very fortunate to have added great new members over the past few years. New members bring new ideas to our club and more hands to help with our many projects. We all know our club is the best in town but we need to let the community know. Keep telling your friends and colleagues about your Kiwanis membership and keep asking them to join us.

Here is the membership committee's plan:

- 8 week plan to begin with 4 weeks of advertising in the Ridgetown Independent
- members will be asked to provide contact information for prospective members
- each week of advertising will focus on a different aspect of Kiwanis
- weeks 5 – 8 will focus at our club meetings with personal invitations to prospective members to attend
- on the final night of the four weeks of meetings, a special night is planned to include spouses, guests and honorary members

To help the committee with this project, please contact PLG Allen or Kiwanian John Case.

### MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

March 18	Julie & Wentworth Newman – aid to Christiana Jamaica – update & thanks
Mar 20 & 21	Spring Craft Show
March 25	Chatham-Kent Health Team – Marjorie Fair, Laura Johnson & Bob Fletcher
April 1	Business & Board meeting
April 8	Highway Cleanup
April 15	Annual club elections Gail Stucke, Administrator, Lambton Kent District School Board
April 22	Margaret Anderson – Ronald McDonald House in London
April 23–25	Key Club Convention in Niagara Falls
April 29	Key Club chairs the meeting and induction of Key Club Officers
May 6	Laurel Quinlan – Victim Services, Chatham-Kent

**Board members: Note the change in the next Board meeting from March 18 to April 1. There will not be a board meeting following the March 18 meeting.**

### Easter Egg Hunt

April 3 will be the town wide Easter Egg Hunt. Once again we will be hosting at Ridgeview Moravian School.

Eggs will be cooked on March 26 at the Legion from 9:00 am to noon. If anyone can help with the eggs just show up at the Legion.

#### 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