

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 2 MARCH 2009

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Nineteen members and Key Club VP Rebecca enjoyed an informative business meeting. Members received a report on the November 2008 craft show fundraiser and the annual report from the Kiwanis Foundation of Ridgetown.

Happy \$\$ - PLG Randy was happy for the great turnout of Kiwanians attending Kiwanian Betty's memorial service. \$ - Kiwanian Bill Verlaan was happy to have received a free pop at the Loft, only to have it eventually cost him \$7.00 during the meeting. \$ - Kiwanian Chris was happy to receive a thank you letter from World Vision for our donation of clean water to families in need. The letter explained how and where our donation was used. \$ - PG Dr. John was happy for the very successful "Dancing for the Stars" fundraiser – raising \$15,000.00 for the MRI Campaign.

Key Club – VP Rebecca reported members of the Key Club will be very busy for the next two weekends with the coat check and concession stand at the Ridge Players performances. Rebecca also reported that Key Club will be entering the chili cook-off - but winning?

Aktion Club – Treasurer Gary reported the next meeting of the Aktion Club will be March 4 at the Ridgetown Legion at 4:00 pm. All Kiwanians are welcome to join their meetings.

Division 4 council meeting was held February 28 at the St. Thomas Seniors Centre. Ten of the twelve clubs were represented. LG Jim was elected to continue as Division 4 LG for the 2009-2010 Kiwanis year. Thank you to LG Jim for your commitment to Division 4 and Kiwanis. Tillsonburg PE Bill Mates gave two informative presentations on Planning for Club Succession and Roles and Duties of the Club President. LG Jim gave another two informative presentations on Membership Growth and New Club Development. Lloyd Finley from the Kiwanis Club of Ingersoll and representatives from the Oxford and Middlesex Health Units gave a presentation of FASD – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. FASD is part of the EC&C District's YCPO projects chaired by PLG Ralph Porter of the Kiwanis Club of Belleville. Plans for Governor Sheron's visit to Division 4 were discussed. The divisional banquet will be held on Monday, April 27 at West Haven Golf and Country Club, London. The divisional caucus will start at 5:15 pm and the dinner at 7:00 pm. LG Jim will be sending further details to clubs. Governor Sheron will be in Ridgetown on Tuesday, April 28. She will attend the Key Club meeting at 10:30 am and then tour some local projects. Members are welcome to attend the Key Club meeting and join the tour of our projects.

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

Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org



ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Wednesday, March 5, at the Highgate Legion, setup at 5:00 pm, serving the public begins at 5:30 pm. Contact Treasurer Gary if you haven't signed up to enter your chili. As of our February 27 meeting we had eight entries – more are needed. The cost is only \$10.00 to enter. Invite your family and friends to come and taste all the chili they wish and vote for their favourite.

What does it take to win the cook-off?



A new meat?



The hat may make the man, but not the chili!



An invitation to the London M or is it the baking?



What will it take to beat last year's winners?

VP Rebeccah claims the Key Club will win. Kiwanian Shawn is “hunting” for a recipe he claims will win this year. Kiwanian Kevin will be watching his sign more closely this year. Don't miss this evening. It is a fun night. See you at the Highgate Legion.

“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.

BOARD MEETING

At the latest meeting, the Board voted to disperse funds from the 2008-09 budget passed by the club. The budgeted donation to the MRI Campaign for \$10,000 will be paid - \$3,200 from quiz nights the balance from club fundraisers. The budgeted donation to the District HIV/AIDS project for \$1,700 will be paid to the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada. The committee for library books to local schools will be approaching the schools to inform them of the \$500.00 donation towards library books. Other budgeted funds that will be dispersed soon will be the Easter Egg Hunt, the summer reading program at the library and the summer swimming program.

EXPRESSIONS OF SPRING CRAFT SHOW

The next craft show is March 28 & 29 with setup on 27th. Once again, everyone's help will be needed that weekend. This will be another great fundraiser for our club, so please plan to help. Work sheets will be circulated soon. President June is spending a great deal of time with vendors to ensure we have a full show. Media releases are being sent out and advertising is planned.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Mar 5	Chili cook-off – Kiwanians Kevin & Debbie defend their title
Mar 12	St. Patrick's Day program – Green?
Mar 19	Greg Hetherington – Mt. Kilimanjaro climb
Mar 26	Business & board meeting
Mar 28 & 29	Spring Craft Show
Apr 2	to be determined
Apr 4	Kiwanis One Day – highway cleanup
Apr 9	President June hands the gavel to PE Debbie
Apr 16	Ridgetown Rejuvenation Committee
Apr 23	Business and board meeting
Apr 25 – 28	Governor Sheron's visit to Division 4
Apr 30	Key Club chairs the meeting
May 7	Wind turbine tour
May 14	Fun night
May 21	Key Club trounces Kiwanis at ball game
May 28	Business and board meeting
May 30	Teddy Bear Picnic
June 4	A famous "mystery tour"
June 11	Car rally
June 18	Business and board meeting
June 24 – 27	International Convention

KIWANIS CLUB OF BRANTFORD

Saturday, March 21 the Kiwanis Club of Brantford celebrates their 90th anniversary. The celebration will be held at the Best Western Brant Park Inn, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford. Kiwanis International President Don Canaday will be speaking. Cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30, cost is \$50.00 per person. RSVP by March 10 to PG Joanne Murray.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President June Guyitt
Past President Randy Ross
Secretary Barb Doxtater

President-elect Debbie Button
Vice-president Alan Bloomfield
Treasurer Gary Guyitt

DIRECTORS:

Dale Smith, John Button, Brad Carnie, John Case, (1 year)
Kevin Bartlett, Chris Arneill, Abdi Yuya, Kevin Hoskins (1 year)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor Sheron Cameron-Dunn
Governor Elect: Gary Levine
Immediate Past Governor Chuck McIlravey

Div. 4 Lt. Gov. Jim Garey
Div. 4 Past Lt. Gov. Randy Ross