

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 23 MARCH 2009

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Eighteen members and Key Club VP Rebeccah welcomed three guests, Terra Brown, Shannon Hoskins and Greg Hetherington to our meeting. Greg gave a great presentation on his climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Happy \$\$ - PG Dr. John was happy to report that while on vacation the "Tex Mex" lunch included chili which would have appealed to the residents of Highgate. \$ - Kiwanian Larry was happy to thank our guest speaker Greg for all he does for our club. \$ - DLG Eb was happy to report he and Beth had a great trip to Antarctica.

After witnessing Sgt.-at-Arms Dale in action, our guest Greg Hetherington, suggested that the "People's Court" was always looking for new participants.

Key Club – VP Rebeccah reported members were excited to be attending the Eastern Canada District of Key Club's convention in Kitchener, April 3, 4 & 5.

Aktion Club – Treasurer Gary reported that the meeting to be held at the Village was cancelled as the Village was closed to visitors. April 1 the Aktion Club is holding a Bowl-a-Thon at 3:30 at Ridgetown Bowling Lanes. Everyone is welcome to join them.

Kiwanian Kevin Hoskins and Treasurer Gary presented our guest Terra Brown with a certificate of appreciation for all her help with the sale of Nevada tickets at Mac's Convenience Store. Terra is the manager of the Ridgetown Mac's. She orders and receives the tickets as well as manage the inventory of tickets. The sale of Nevada tickets is probably one of the club's longest running fundraisers with proceeds going to swimming lessons, library books, 4H, Easter Egg Hunt and MRI. Thanks to Terra for all her help.



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

Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org



CLIMBING MT. KILIMANJARO

Our guest speaker for the evening was Greg Hetherington. Greg was raised in the Thamesville area and attended Ridgetown District High School. He graduated from Fanshawe College in the Broadcasting program. He has been with CKSY FM for 21 years, currently co-host of the morning show.

In October 2008, Greg, his fiancé Kelly and Mike and Joy Kilby made the climb up Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the Miles Miracle Mission in Chatham. Their group was joined by another couple from Calgary and 30 guides and porters. They raised \$35,000 for the charity. It took the group 6.5 days to get to the top and 1.5 days to return to the base of the mountain. They spent 6 – 7 hours per day climbing. Upon reaching the summit they had climbed to 19,340 feet.

To train for this climb, Greg did a great deal of hiking, at least 20 km a week and climbed 1500 stories at the Wheel's Inn every day for three weeks. Their guides were trained to check them for altitude sickness during the climb. Every year approximately 30,000 people attempt the climb, but only about 14,000 make it to the top. One of their guides had completed the climb 200 times. Greg related how his body reacted to the altitude and reduced oxygen levels. The group was only allowed to stay at the summit for no more than one half hour due to the 50% reduction in oxygen.

(picture taken from Greg's blog of his climb)

During the climb the group experienced four seasons of temperature from + 30 in the rain forest to -25 at the summit.

The entire group made it to the top!

DIVISION 4 ROBERTS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars for June 10, 2009. The 20th annual Division 4 tournament in support of the Roberts Research Institute will be held at the Ridgetown Golf and Curling Club. This is a special anniversary and in honour of that, all funds raised will be matched. Kiwanians in Division 4 have a long history of supporting the Roberts. Let's make this a special celebration. Get your foursome together for a fun day. The cost is only \$90.00 for eighteen holes of golf and dinner. There will be hole-in-one prizes and more. Don't wait, there are teams already committed.

“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.

EXPRESSIONS OF SPRING CRAFT SHOW

President June has over 55 vendors registered for the craft show on March 28 & 29. Radio promotion, print ads in local papers and signs throughout the area are in place. This is a busy weekend for our members, but we have fun while we work. Contact PE Debbie if you are able to help. Set up on Friday morning will be Eb, June, Gary and Debbie. Vendors arrive Friday afternoon and evening. The show hours are Saturday 10:00 to 5:00 and Sunday 11:00 to 4:00.

GOVERNOR SHERON'S VISIT TO DIVISION 4

E.C. and C. Governor Sheron Cameron Dunn will be visiting Division 4 April 25 – 28. The Divisional Banquet for the Governor's visit will be Monday, April 27 at West Haven Golf Club in London. The caucus will be at 5:15 and dinner at 7:00pm. Cost and ticket information will be coming soon. LG Jim has scheduled Governor Sheron to be in Ridgetown on Tuesday, April 28. She will attend the Key Club meeting in the morning, tour projects in Ridgetown, then tour projects in West Lorne and Rodney in the afternoon. She and LG Jim will return to Ridgetown for dinner in the evening. Our club will discuss plans for a Tuesday evening dinner with the Governor. She is anxious to meet as many members as possible. Let's show her a great Ridgetown welcome.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

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 11	Easter Egg Hunt
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
Apr 30	Canada/U.S. joint Kiwanis meeting, Port Huron, Michigan
May 1	Kiwanis Club of Windsor 90 th anniversary
May 7	Wind turbine tour
May 14	Fun night
May 21	Key Club trounces Kiwanis at ball game
May 23	Teddy Bear Picnic
May 28	Business and board meeting
June 4	A famous "mystery tour"
June 11	Car rally
June 18	Business and board meeting
June 24 – 27	International Convention



To Board members – don't forget the Board meeting following March 26 meeting.

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 (2 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