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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2010

March 25, 2010 meeting:

Nineteen members and four Key Clubbers welcomed our guests Laura Johnson and Bob Fletcher from the Chatham-Kent Family Health Team and Marjorie Fair and Mark Carter from the Ridgetown Community Steering Committee to build a medical clinic in Ridgetown.

Happy \$\$ - PE Alan was happy that spring rush in the agricultural industry started today. \$ - Key Clubber Amanda was happy that her hockey team beat the best team in Chatham 5 – 0 and they are now competing for the Essex Kent title. \$ - PP Craig was happy to welcome back St.-at-arms Dale and relieved to know that his fundraising efforts with the fine pot will help us meet our budget this year.

Key Club – President Brendan reported that the nominations for their officers for next year are: President Jordan Dunlop, Treasurer Brendan Fysh, Secretary Julie Deprez and an election will be held for Vice-President between Andrew Wood and Ryan Robinson.

IT Dr. John requested everyone's nomination forms be sent to him ASAP. The nominating committee will meet next week to prepare the list of nominations.

April 1 meeting will be presentation of nominations and nominations from the floor. There will be a Board meeting following the regular meeting.

April 8 meeting will be highway cleanup. Members will meet at the Church for a quick dinner then proceed to cleanup.

April 15 will be club elections. Plan to attend.



President Debbie, Laura Johnson, Marjorie Fair, Mark Carter and Bob Fletcher

Chatham-Kent Family Health Team

Laura Johnson, Administrator for the Chatham-Kent Family Health Team gave a presentation on how the family health team works. Currently they have 4 sites – Chatham, Wallaceburg, Ridgetown and Dresden. Bob Fletcher is the current chair of the Family Health Team. Other local members on the board of the Family Health Team are Wayne Schnabel and Sue McLarty.

Strategies of a family health team are:

- Increase access to health care systems
- Integration and coordination of primary health services
- Enhanced primary health care services
- Create, build and foster a collaborative health care team
- Full utilization of information technology

The current Chatham-Kent Family Health Team opened in May 2006 in Chatham. In September 2006 electronic medical records were introduced. Currently they have 13 physicians, 2 nurse practitioners, diabetes wellness program, foot care program and social work program. They have approximately 25,000 rostered patients with a waiting list of 2,000 patients.

What's next for Ridgetown:

- The main focus for Ridgetown is physician recruitment.
- There will be involvement with the community group to secure a Group Clinic.
- Health education initiatives via the Group Clinic
- Recruiting allied health professionals for the Group Clinic

The community group established to work with the Family Health Team are: Mark Carter, Ken Richmond, Marjorie Fair, Charlie Mitton, Dr. Jeffree Dempster, Colin Mardling and Margaret Eberle. The first focus of this group is to establish a Group Physician Clinic in Ridgetown. Graduating physicians have many choices of where to establish their practice. A community must be able to show them a state of the art facility.

Gourmet Dinner

Saturday, March 27 the gourmet dinner was served to the winner and her guests. It was a fun evening for guests and servers.



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.



The guests dress for the evening!



That tie seemed to make the rounds during the evening

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

- 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
- May 13 Tim DeActis
- May 20 Mark Brewer, Division 7 LG
- May 27 Key Club vs. Kiwanis ball game

Easter Egg Hunt

April 3 will be the town wide Easter Egg Hunt. Once again we will be hosting at Ridgeview Moravian School. Hunt begins at 11:00 am – we will set up at 9:00 am. Thanks to Kiwanians Gary Wake, Gary Guyitt, Kevin Bartlett, Brad Carnie, Brian Hoskins, David Vaughan and Jen Vaughan for their work in boiling the eggs.

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