

Kiwanis

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2010

May 6, 2010 meeting:

Nineteen members and Key Clubber Brittany welcomed guests LG Jim and Sue Garey, PLG Sam Bhargava and Uttra and Laural Quinlan.

LG Jim and Sue are really not guests at our club and it was a pleasure to welcome them to our meeting. PLG Sam is a candidate for Governor-elect for E.C. & C. for the 2010-2011 Kiwanis year. Sam gave a presentation on his vision for our District. It was great to welcome PLG Sam and Kiwanian Uttra to our meeting and we wish him well in his campaign.

Happy \$\$ - PLG Peter was happy to report that his grandson Bradley was 10 minutes away from the booby trapped vehicle in New York City and Bradley was OK. \$ - PLG Allen was happy for the number of registrations for the HST seminar and that it was May and the end of a long day. \$ - Uttra was happy for the welcome she and Sam received in Ridgetown and happy to be at our meeting. \$ - LG Jim was happy to be in Ridgetown and to know that the local coroner was otherwise engaged. \$ - Kiwanian David was happy to see PLG Allen wearing his Habs shirt.

Aktion Club – Treasurer Gary reported on our busy Aktion Club. They will be participating in the Great Bike Ride for Heart & Stroke and looking for additional participants. The Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound and their local Community Living are exploring Aktion Club and our Community Living advisors Darlene and Rhonda along with two of our Aktion Club members will meet the group in Owen Sound. We know we have a great Aktion Club but it is even better to hear that their great reputation is known outside our area. We owe our Community Living advisor Darlene and our Kiwanis advisor Treasurer Gary a big thanks for all they do with the Aktion Club.



Kiwanian David, Laurel Quinlan, Kiwanian Shawn, President Debbie

Chatham-Kent Victim Services

Kiwanian Shawn introduced our speaker, Laurel Quinlan from Chatham-Kent Victim Services (CKVS). Laurel has over 8 years experience with victim services both as a volunteer and now as an employee.

The mandate for victim services is to work with police and other emergency service personnel to assist victims of crime and/or tragic circumstances.

Their objectives:

Lessen the trauma of being victimized
Help victims cope with the impact of crime and tragic circumstances

Assist victims in accessing appropriate services in our community

Educate community members about the effects of crime and promote the work of CKVS throughout the Municipality

CKVS is a non-profit charitable organization and has been in operation since 2001. It is proudly based in CK Police Headquarters but operates as a separate entity from the police service. CKVS is a member of Victim Crisis Assistance and Referral Services one of 48 sites in Ontario. CKVS operates 24:7:365 days a year, throughout Chatham-Kent at the request of Police, Fire and other emergency service providers. They employ 5 staff members and are governed by a Board of Directors.

Currently there are 52 trained Crisis Responders who work on a volunteer basis. Responders work in teams of two (safety, brainstorming, multi-tasking) and are asked to volunteer 4 12-hour shifts a month. They also attend monthly meetings to enhance skills and receive information on new or additional services available.

Successful applicants to the program receive over 60 hours of core training and must commit to the program for a minimum of one year. Crisis responders are expected to be mature, non-judgmental and compassionate. CKVS accepts applications throughout the year and conduct training 2 – 3 times a year.

Crisis responders are trained in:

Domestic violence / Safety planning

Animal abuse

Sexual assault

Death notification

Child/Adult bereavement & grief

Funeral planning and preparation

Crime prevention

Crisis intervention

Communication

Elder abuse

Suicide

Child abuse & reporting

CKVS may get involved in many ways:

On scene response requested by police or emergency personnel

Immediate phone contact

Self referrals

Follow up call

What is provided:

Short-term crisis intervention

Emotional support

Practical assistance

Provide information

Provide referrals to appropriate community agencies

Common referrals come from:

Women's Centre

Victim Witness Assistance Program

Sexual Assault/Domestic Assault Treatment Centre

Mental Health Association

VON – Kid's Circle for child bereavement

Emergency Food Services

Two members of our club – Shawn Hoskins and Chris Arneill are trained crisis responders and volunteer with CKVS. Shawn volunteers a shift every Tuesday from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am. Thanks Shawn and Chris for your extra volunteer work within our community.



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

PLG Peter passed around the poster for the Teddy Bear Picnic. Mark your calendar for May 29. The parade forms at Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church at 10:30 for judging and proceeds down Main Street at 11:00. The parade ends at Watson Park where there will be entertainment, food, face painting and free draws. Prior to the parade help is needed in the park to set up the Kiwanis tent and set out picnic tables. Help will be needed to cook and sell hotdogs and pop. It is a fun morning so plan to attend. Keep selling your tickets on the Teddy Bears. The draw will take place at the picnic.

May meetings

Tim DeActis will be speaking on his work with special needs students. This is the first meeting of our membership campaign. We hope to have guests join us for the next four weeks. We need everyone out to welcome them.

LG Mark Brewer from Brampton will speak at our May 20 meeting. There will be a Board meeting following this meeting.

Club website

www.ridgetownkiwanis.com

The site has past issues of our newsletter, upcoming events, application for events such as the Robarts Golf Day and the craft show and information on our club. Pass the site on to anyone asking about our club. One of our newer members found us through our website.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

May 13	Tim DeActis
May 20	Mark Brewer, Division 7 LG – Board meeting to follow
May 27	Key Club vs. Kiwanis ball game
May 29	Teddy Bear Picnic
June 3	Debbie Comuzzi – CEO Children's Health Foundation for Children's Hospital of Western Ontario
June 10	William Bossence – tour of duty in Afghanistan
June 17	Genoa visits Ridgetown – Gary & June hosting dinner
June 24 -26	Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas
July 24	Ridgetown visits Genoa
August 4 – 7	District Convention in St. John, New Brunswick

SKIP A MEAL

Thanks to all the members who donated to our Skip-a-Meal program. We collected \$168.00 for Kiwanis International Children's Fund.



CLUB OFFICERS:

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