

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 18 MAY 2009

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MAY 14, 2009

Seventeen members welcomed guests Doug and Hanneke Button, LG Jim and Sue Garey and Key Club members Brendan and Rebeccah. Doug and Hanneke Button are members of the Kiwanis Club of Kamloops and Doug is LGE for Division 3 of the Pacific Northwest District.

Happy \$\$ - PLG Allen was happy for the successful interclub to Genoa. \$ - Doug Button was happy to be at our meeting. \$ - Key Clubber Rebeccah was happy for the donation to the MRI and the Children's Health Foundation. \$ - PP June was happy that Key Clubber Rebeccah was walking in the Ridgetown Relay for Life in memory of Kiwanian Betty Ure. \$ - PG Dr. John was happy for son Tim and Gillian's wedding on the weekend, \$ - he rescued the Teddy Bear from Johnston Motors, \$ - today's computer technology translating his dictation. \$ - PLG Eb was happy to see PP Ron Beavis finally fined for disrupting the meeting.

Aktion Club – Members of the Aktion Club will be helping with the Teddy Bear Picnic.

Key Club - Key Club will be operating their concession stand at Art Fest at RDHS on May 22. Their annual end of year party will be a beach party on June 26.

Kiwanis Club of Genoa will be visiting our club on June 18 for golf, touring and fellowship. A tentative date of August 15 is planned for our visit to Genoa. Thanks to PLG Allen for his initiative in visiting Genoa to renew our fellowship with their club. It has been 57 years of interclubs!

Our May 21 meeting is the annual Key Club vs Kiwanis Ball Game. Once again Key Club is providing dinner at the high school. Meet at the high school by 6:30 for dinner with ball game following.



PG Dr. John, President Debbie, Sue Garey, LG Jim Garey

KIWANIS is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

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Club Website: <http://www.ridgetownkiwanis.com>

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

Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org



LG Jim Garey

It was a pleasure to have Division 4 LG Jim Garey speak to our members. LG Jim, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Forest City London is no stranger to our club. For this visit he gave us a bit of his past that we did not know. Prior to becoming a Lutheran minister, Jim held a number of other positions. He worked in swimming pool maintenance, and was a hospital emergency room orderly. He has served as a youth worker, a community organizer and a social worker for both public welfare and Project Head Start. Beyond his Kiwanis commitment, he has served the communities where he has lived as a padre for the Royal Canadian Legion, an area captain for the Heart & Stroke Foundation and a board member of Smoke Free Algoma. Jim and his wife of 40 years Sue, have two grown children and two grand-dogs.

On his last visit to our club he heard about how a part time job for one of members involved removing something from children's lives. Tonight LG Jim talked to us on how Kiwanis adds to children's lives. Our investment in and commitment to the District HIV/AIDS campaign is one such addition to children's lives.

Our District is committed to raising \$1 million dollars to fund HIV/AIDS programs in Trinidad Tobago, Jamaica and Guyana. These countries, part of the E.C.&C. District, have HIV/AIDS infection rates second only to Sub-Saharan Africa. Once again we are partnering with UNICEF on our projects.

The first project has been approved by the District Board of Trustees. \$145,512 has been donated to UNICEF for a project in Guyana where less than 30% of pregnant women are tested for HIV/AIDS. This project will work with women in the rural areas of the country. Funds will be used to:

- Train health care workers
- Procure anti-retroviral drugs to stop the transmission from mother to unborn child
- Set up rural clinics to test pregnant women
- Work with residents on behavior changes that are culturally appropriate

LG Jim thanked our club for our commitment to this project.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Kiwanis Top 10 priorities for 2007-2009

1. Improve the member experience
2. Grow existing clubs
3. Open new clubs
4. Develop leaders at all levels
5. Create the next generation of programs
6. Increase non-dues revenue
7. Improve operations, support and alignment (work smarter)
8. Maximize communications, branding and PR
9. Leverage technology in all areas
10. Create unexpected value for clubs and members

In selecting its priorities through 2009, Kiwanis

International thought as its members do: Globally.

Our priorities start with improving service to you,

Kiwanis members. We then focus on growing and

expanding clubs as a way to help more children in

more places. And as always, we hope to create

more opportunities to develop leaders at all levels

within the worldwide Kiwanis organization.

These priorities will help us secure the future of

Kiwanis. With your enthusiastic involvement, we're

certain to succeed.

“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.

INTERCLUB OPPORTUNITIES

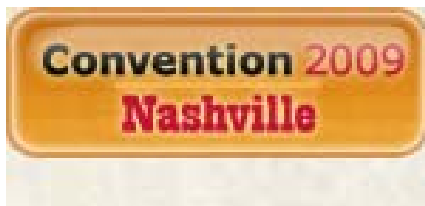
The Kiwanis Club of Forest City London will be hosting Don Plett, President of the Conservative Party of Canada on Monday, June 15. The meeting is 12:00 noon, cost of lunch is \$12.00.

E.C.& C. DISTRICT CONVENTION



Anyone planning to attend the District Convention should register before June 1. After June 1 the registration fee increases. The host committee has a great convention planned. Visit the District website www.ecckiwanis.org for online registration.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



There is still time to register for the International Convention June 25 – 27 in Nashville. Visit the International website www.kiwanis.org for online registration.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

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 10	Division 4 golf tournament
June 11	Car rally
June 18	Genoa visits Ridgetown
	Business and board meeting
June 24 – 27	International Convention
June 25	Mike Jay - presentation on his time in Turkey
July 2	Summer meetings
August 22	Downhill Derby
October 29	Quiz Night
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February 11	Quiz Night

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Saturday, May 23 is our annual Teddy Bear Picnic. Children’s Health Foundation. Marshalling and judging for the parade starts at 10:30 at the Presbyterian Church, with parade down Main Street at 11:00. The picnic in Watson park starts at 11:30 with food and entertainment.

Members are urged to get your sold tickets and money to PP Dale Smith prior to the parade. Return any unsold tickets to Dale. Tickets will be sold at the picnic. The new trailer will be used for the first time to transport our new barbeque and supplies.

Proceeds of the day are donated to the Children’s Health Foundation for the new Children’s Hospital of Western Ontario.

Plan to attend – it’s a fun day.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Debbie Button Past President: June Guyitt
Vice-President: Alan Bloomfield
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Dale Smith, John Button, Brad Carnie, John Case, (1 year)
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Div. 4 Lt. Gov. Jim Garey
Div. 4 Past Lt. Gov. Randy Ross