

Kiwanis

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2010

May 20, 2010 meeting:

Nineteen members welcomed our guests Wendy Millyard, Rebecca Spence, Dr. David Campbell and our speaker LG Mark Brewer.

Happy \$\$ - IT Dr. John was happy to congratulate Kiwanian John Henderson on being named garden of the week in Highgate. \$ - PLG Allen was happy to have guests Rebecca, Wendy and Mark joining our meeting. \$ - LG Mark was happy to know that the Philadelphia Flyers would see their demise tonight (wrong prediction Mark!).

Key Club – President Jordan reported that he and Miss Natvik were preparing for the Key Club presentation to the Lambton-Kent District School Board. Key Club is looking forward to the annual ball game next week and they are working with West Elgin High School to get a Key Club going there.

Aktion Club – Treasurer Gary reported that the members of the Aktion Club are gathering sponsors for their team in the Great Bike Ride. They still have room on the bike for anyone interested. On June 3 members of the Aktion Club and advisors will attend the annual conference being held at Casa Loma this year. Members of the Aktion Club will be helping at the Teddy Bear Picnic.



President Debbie, PE Allen, Division 7 LG Mark Brewer and VP Alan

LG Mark Brewer

VP Allen introduced Division 7 LG Mark Brewer. Mark was born in Indiana, has lived in eight states of the U.S. and moved to Brampton eight years ago. Throughout his career Mark has been a church pastor, headmaster at a school and a wellness facilitator.

Mark's first stops in Ridgetown were the Tim Horton's and CIBC. To his surprise he found no line up at either! Tim Horton's has taught Canadians the art of waiting patiently in line.

Mark joined Kiwanis in 1967 because "the pastor was expected to be a member of Kiwanis". He continues in Kiwanis to make a difference in the lives of those in need. In Kiwanis if you volunteer there's limitless possibilities.

Mark used his many experiences throughout his career as a church pastor to get us thinking about the possibilities each of us has to make a difference in our community and the lives of others.

PE Alan thanked Mark for his message.



Kiwanis Roberts Golf Day

There is still room for teams! June 9 is the annual Division 4 Kiwanis Roberts Golf Day - shotgun start at 10:00 am at Ridgetown Golf & Curling Club. Get your team together and registered with PLG Peter Guyitt. This is a fun day or a great cause.

How To WIN in 2010!

January 2nd, 2010

Everyone likes to win. In fact, some people will do anything to win. If you want to win in 2010, I'd like to suggest these thoughts:

1. It's more important to be respectful, than to be right.
2. There are three sides to every issue: side A, side B, and the truth. Always focus on the truth.
3. Give people more than they expect and do it with great enthusiasm.
4. Believe in the impossible. Mary Kay Ash said it right when she said, "If you think you can't, you're right!"
5. Keep everything in perspective.
6. Dream daily. Never laugh at anyone's dreams. The poorest people are not people without money or things, they are people without dreams.
7. Be extravagant at times with your family and friends.
8. Live wide awake!
9. Live with passion, work with passion, think with passion, love with passion.
10. Great love and great achievements require great risks.
11. When you get that inner urge to connect with someone or do something for them, do it immediately.
12. Keep spontaneity in your marriage, work, friendships, and life.
13. Practice FIDO – forget it and drive on! Develop a good forgetter!
14. Admit you were wrong when you were wrong and forget it when you were right!
15. Encourage at least five people every day.
16. Read good books, listen to good music, and spend quality time with your family and friends.

Do you want to really win? Look within the word "win" and find the solution. Ask the question, What's Important Now? Ask that question and practice the 16 thoughts above plus a few more, and I believe you will WIN in 2010!

THE PEOPLE BUILDER, Steve Siemens, CSP

Steve Siemens is a past Kiwanis International President. Steve will be the Keynote Speaker at the E.C.&C. District Convention in Saint John, New Brunswick in August.

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

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.

BRING YOUR SOLD & UNSOLD TICKETS AND MONEY TO THIS WEEK'S MEETING!

May meetings

May 27 – annual Key Club hammers Kiwanis ball game. We will meet at the church for dinner then proceed to the game.

June 3 – Debbie Comuzzi, CEO of Children's Health Foundation will update us on the new Children's Hospital of Western Ontario. This is a partner/guest night and we will be inviting our honorary members to join us. We also have at least two interclubs joining us that evening. The Church caterers need a head count for the evening by May 27.

Please let me know at this week's meeting if you plan to attend and if you plan to bring your partner or a guest.

This will be a great finish to our membership campaign meetings.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

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 1	No meeting – Statutory holiday
July 8	Summer meetings begin
July 24	Ridgetown visits Genoa
August 4 – 7	District Convention in St. John, New Brunswick

Ridge Marsh Manor

There will be a Ridge Marsh Manor committee meeting following the June 10 regular meeting. Committee members are: Dale Smith, Mike Mervin, Alan Bloomfield, John Case, Ron Fuller and Jim Doxtater.

Painting the Pool Building

Saturday, June 5 we will be painting the building at the town pool. The Municipal staff will have the supplies we need – we just need members to paint.

Summer meetings

It is time to think about summer meetings. We have four in July – one will be the car rally and four in August. DP June will have a sign-up sheet at this week's meeting.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Debbie Button **Past President:** June Guyitt
President-elect: Alan Bloomfield **Vice President:** Allen Ure
Secretary: vacant **Treasurer:** Gary Guyitt

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Shawn Hoskins, Craig Mitton John Wright, David Vaughan (2 years)

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