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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2011

May 5, 2011 meeting:

Twenty members and Key Clubber Brendan welcomed guests Jim Morris, Rebeccah Malott and Brittany Wood.

Happy \$\$ - Rebeccah was happy to be graduating June 11. \$ - Kevin Hoskins was happy to thank everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. \$ - PLG Allen was happy to thank those who attended the memorial and or funeral for Bob Logan, happy to have attended DLG Jim Garey's retirement service and happy to celebrate the life of his brother-in-law. \$ - PP Ken was happy to be home and especially happy for his great neighbours Kiwanians Gary & June for looking after his house. \$ - DP June was happy for the CanAm banquet in Port Huron where Key Club Governor Jordan gave an excellent presentation on Key Club along with the Michigan District Key Club Governor. \$ - Kiwanian Abdi was happy that winter is over. \$ - Kiwanian Bill was happy that PP Ken was back. \$ - PP Craig was happy that PP Ken was back because now he will see more of Charlie in the store.

Aktion Club - Treasurer Gary gave a report on the Aktion Club. They are looking forward to helping at the Teddy Bear Picnic. They have donated \$170.00 to Sleeping Children Around the World and \$100.00 to the Howard Mutual Medical Clinic.

May 12 meeting - members will meet at the Church for dinner than go to the woodlot for cleanup of the trails through the lot. Dress according to the weather - it is wet in the woodlot and may be very cool. Vice-President Brad will be chairing the meeting.

Big Bike Ride for Heart & Stroke - the Aktion Club has a team riding the big bike again this year. They are still looking for riders. We have three confirmed members riding - President Alan, DP Debbie and Kiwanian Brian Dunlop. If you wish to join the ride contact Treasurer Gary for a pledge sheet.



UNCONTROLLED ELECTRICITY

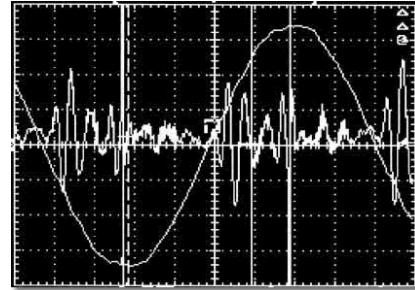
DP June introduced Jim Morris. Jim was raised on a dairy and tobacco farm near Delhi. His career involved agricultural research and teaching.

Jim spoke to us on the effect uncontrolled electricity has on livestock. He talked about transient voltage and the difficulty of controlling such an unpredictable current. Animals, like humans, are sensitive to this transient voltage, dairy cattle being very sensitive. It affects the well-being of the animals and can cause reduced productivity on farms. On dairy farms when the animals don't eat or drink, they don't produce milk. He has seen entire dairy operations shut down as the health of the animals deteriorates.

In our homes one cause of dirty electricity may be from the use of dimmer switches. Even when turned completely on full power a dimmer chops-off part of the electrical current, then it discards in the form of a strong electromagnetic field.

Dirty Electricity and other electrical pollution comes from a number of sources. Clean electric power was originally intended to power our homes and buildings at a safe frequency of 60 Hertz (Hz). Today, for a number of reasons, it's becoming increasingly contaminated with invisible micro-surges of dangerous radio frequency radiation and other electromagnetic contaminants now referred to as "Dirty Electricity".

Dirty Electricity has become a growing problem in recent years due to our increased use of modern energy-efficient lighting and electronic devices such as dimmer switches, computer and electronic entertainment centers. These modern electronic conveniences, although energy-efficient, tend to induce high levels of transients (high frequency spikes) and harmonics (multiples of the fundamental 60Hz frequency) back into a building's electrical system. These electromagnetic contaminants ride along on a building's electrical system and can contaminate an entire building and even buildings and homes nearby.



spikes caused by "dirty electricity"

Jim has done a great deal of research all over North America on the affects of this dirty electricity. He has worked closely with Dr. Magda Havas. She is Associate Professor of Environmental and Resource Studies at Trent University.

Dr. Havas's research since the 1990s is concerned with the biological effects of electromagnetic pollution including radio frequency radiation, electromagnetic fields, dirty electricity, and ground current. She works with diabetics as well as with individuals who have multiple sclerosis, tinnitus, chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia and those who are electrically hypersensitive. She also conducts research on sick building syndrome as it relates to power quality in schools.

Thanks to Jim for his very interesting presentation.

Kiwanis Park

On Monday, May 23 PLG Allen would like a work group to clean up the park and the flowerbeds. If you can help meet at the park around 6:30 pm.

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.

Interclub Opportunities

Monday, May 30 – The Kiwanis Club of Forest City London and the London Rotary Club are holding their annual joint meeting at the Convention Centre, 300 York Street, London. The meeting starts at noon, the speaker is Mayor Joe Fontana and the cost for lunch is \$20.00. Let interclub chair PLG Allen know if you are interested in attending. RSVP is due by May 16.

CLUB DUES

A reminder to all members: Your dues are payable at least monthly. Dues are \$40.00 per month whether or not you can attend the meetings. The club pays for your meal even when you are not in attendance. The \$40.00 covers your club, division, district and international dues plus your weekly meal. If you are unable to attend the meetings please get your dues payment to Treasurer Gary – drop off or mail to P.O. Box 1642, Ridgetown, ON N0P 2C0

Club Officer Training

June 18 Division 3 club officer training in Chatham
June 25 Division 4 club officer training in London

This is training for the 2011-2012 officers, most importantly President, President-elect & Secretary. Members are welcome to attend either session. Please let DP Debbie know which you are attending.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

May 12 Woodlot clean up – dress according to the weather! There will be dinner at the church prior to the cleanup
May 19 Harry Wyma
May 26 Key Club vs Kiwanis ball game
May 28 Teddy Bear Picnic
June 8 Roberts Golf tournament
June 16 Car Rally

The Loft will be closed prior to the May 12 meeting.

Barbeque at Ridge House Museum

Thanks to the members who came out to help at the barbeque on Saturday – Kiwanians Marian and Greg, Owen & Talia, PP Ken, Kiwanian Gary Wake, DP June, Treasurer Gary, President Alan & Shelley and DP Debbie. It was a beautiful day to be outside barbequing. We had served about 35 hamburgs, 30 hotdogs, pop and water and most importantly had fun. Thanks to the members who stopped by to support us.

CARTER HOME HARDWARE TAPES

When you shop at Carter's Home Hardware save your receipt and give it to Treasurer Gary. Gary submits these receipts to Carter's and the club receives a credit to our account equal to 5% of the pre tax amount on all receipts submitted. The credits we accumulate are used to buy toys given at the Santa Claus Parade, Christmas lights for Kiwanis Park and many other supplies needed by the club. We thank Carter's for their support of local service clubs.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Alan Bloomfield **Past President:** Debbie Button
President-elect: Allen Ure **Vice President:** Brad Carnie
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Brian Hoskins, Greg Roberts, Gary Wake, Bill Johnston (2 years)

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