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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2010

October 28, 2010 meeting:

Twenty-seven members and Key Club President Jordan attended the business meeting to discuss and approve the club budget for 2010-2011.

Happy \$\$ - Kiwanian John Wright was happy that Kiwanian Dave Vaughan celebrated his 40th birthday and happy to have the members sing happy birthday to Dave. \$ - Treasurer Gary was happy to tell us about the trip from Tillsonburg with Key Clubber Jordan. While driving on the 401 something went speeding by them. President Jordan told us it was an Aston Martin DBS – the car James Bond drove! I wonder what James Bond was doing in Southwestern Ontario? \$ - Kiwanian Brian was happy to have attended the RDHS undergrad awards last week where Key Club President Jordan was awarded top student for grade 10. Congratulations Jordan! \$ - Past President Craig was happy that Jordan takes after his mother. \$ - President Alan was happy that the club had an interclub last week to Rodney and West Lorne's anniversary and joint officer induction.

Aktion Club – Treasurer Gary reported that members of the Aktion Club attended the Michelle Wright concert last week.

Key Club – President Jordan reported that the Divisional training was held in Tillsonburg. Jordan and Sony attended. Thanks to DP June and Treasurer Gary for taking Jordan and Sony to the training session.

Budgets – the 2010-2011 service and general account budgets were passed as presented by Treasurer Gary.

Craft Show – Help is needed Sunday afternoon. If you can help contact PP Debbie.

November 4 meeting will be a presentation on the new medical centre in Ridgetown.

November 11 meeting will be a Remembrance Day presentation by Jerry Hind. Jerry Hind has done a great deal of research on WW I & II.

November 18 meeting E.C.&C. Governor Paul Toussaint from Martinique will be speaking. Plan to attend this meeting and welcome Governor Paul and his wife Christianne.

Message from Caryl M. Stern,
President and CEO of the U.S.
Fund for UNICEF

“UNICEF has released the latest child mortality figures, and I am deeply heartened to report that the number of children under age five dying every day has dropped yet again: from 24,000 to 22,000. That number is down from 25,500 four years ago, and means that, since 1990, UNICEF and its partners have helped cut the global under-five mortality rate by one-third. This is a testament to the steadfast support of our donors and partners, and to the dedication of UNICEF staff. We are now closer than ever before to the day when zero children die from preventable causes. As a result, millions of children are alive today who otherwise would not be. Millions of families are kept whole. Millions of futures are allowed to flourish.

This is encouraging news, but it is not the whole story. UNICEF’s mission has always been to reach the most vulnerable children and families throughout the world. And although UNICEF and its partners have made many significant inroads against the gravest threats to children, disturbing new information calls for a redoubling of our efforts to better serve those in greatest need. In many countries where we are seeing overall progress on cutting child deaths, a child mortality gap is actually growing between poor children and those from well-off families. This means that children from the poorest 20 percent of households in the developing world are more than twice as likely to die before age five than those from the richest 20 percent.

This is unconscionable. Poverty should not be a death sentence for children — and we have the power to make sure that it isn’t. By using an “equity-focused approach” that makes the most deprived communities the highest priority, UNICEF and its partners can accelerate progress and lessen harmful disparities in a practical and cost-effective way. UNICEF’s strategies have yielded great results, helping to save millions of lives.

What we plan now is an extra push, so that we can reach as many vulnerable children and families as possible. And by doing this, we can stop even more child deaths. A new UNICEF study by in-house specialists as well as international experts shows that for each \$1 million investment in a low-income, high mortality country, the equity approach could potentially prevent 60 percent more deaths.

No child — rich or poor — should die from pneumonia, diarrhea, or malnutrition in the 21st century. These illnesses should no longer claim young lives, when the vaccines, medicines, and technologies that can prevent and treat them readily exist. Yet, every day, 22,000 children that could be saved are still dying.

It is too easy to view this statistic as exactly that — a statistic. As a former educator, when I think of the new child mortality figure, I picture a classroom. I see 22 children sitting at desks, drawing, reciting numbers, and eagerly raising their hands to answer the teacher’s questions. Boys and girls, they are laughing and giggling and smiling in that infectious way that children do. I see their faces, the wonder and curiosity in their eyes. Then, in an instant, those 22 desks are empty. The classroom is quiet. Those 22 children are gone. I hold that image in my head, and then I multiply it by one thousand. That is how many children senselessly perish from the Earth each day. We now have a precious opportunity to save more children, more quickly. With your help, we have come so far already. Please stay with us the rest of the way.”

Kiwanians attending the International Convention in Las Vegas had the privilege of hearing Ms Stern speak. Her story of helping children brought us to tears.

The new Kiwanis World Service Project will partner with UNICEF once again to save the lives of children throughout the world. Take pride in your Kiwanis memberships knowing how you are helping.

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.

Craft Show schedule

Saturday

Canteen

9:00 – 11:00 Wendy, Ken, Alan B., Gary G.,
Dr. John & Debbie

11:00 – 2:00 Brian D., Maxine, Ken until
1:30, Gary G., Dr. John &
Debbie

2:00 – 5:00 Dr. John, Gary G., Debbie,
Peter, Maxine

Admission

10:00 – 1:30 Greg & family selling, Allen &
Peter taking tickets

1:30 – 5:00 Ken selling, Adam taking
tickets

Security

10:00 – noon Abdi and Larry

12:00 – 2:00 Gary Wake

2:00 – 5:00 one needed

Sunday

Canteen

10:00 – 1:00 Brian D. Dr. John, Gary G.,
Debbie

2:00 – 4:00 Craig, Dr. John, Gary G.,
Debbie

Admission

10:30 – 1:30 Alan B. selling, Bill & Mary
Helen taking tickets

1:30 – 4:00 Kevin H. and at least one
other person needed

Security

11:00 – 1:00 two people needed

1:00 – 4:00 Gary Wake and Larry

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Nov 4 New medical centre in Ridgetown –
PP Ken & IT Dr. John

Nov 6 & 7 Craft Show

Nov 11 Jerry Hind – World War I & II
research

Nov 18 E.C.&C. Governor Paul

Nov 25 4H Banquet

Dec 2 D. Galbraith – Ridgetown
wastewater treatment plant

Dec 9 Candy Pack

Dec 11 Santa Claus parade

Dec 16 Children's Christmas party

Dec 23 Christmas dinner – partners night

Dec 30 Christmas party

2011

Jan 6 Carol Roberts – Library services

Jan 13 Club auction

Jan 20 TBA

Jan 27 Peter Sikkema – University of
Guelph

Feb 3 World Service Project – Maternal
Neonatal Tetanus – IT Dr. John

Feb 10 Valentine's program – partners
night

Mar 3 Annual Chili Cookoff

Interclub opportunities

Nov 20 Growth seminar in London –
divisional caucus and Governor's
banquet following

Nov 27 Ingersoll Trivia night

Dec 9 Rodney/West Lorne Christmas party

Jan 16 – 23 E.C.&C. midwinter meeting

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Alan Bloomfield

President-elect: Allen Ure

Secretary: John Henderson

DIRECTORS:

Shawn Hoskins, Craig Miton, John Wright, David Vaughan (1 year)

Brian Hoskins, Greg Roberts, Gary Wake, Bill Johnston (2 years)

Past President: Debbie Button

Vice President: Brad Carnie

Treasurer: Gary Guyitt

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Paul Toussaint

Governor Elect: Janet Atkinson

Immediate Past Governor: Gary Levine

Division 4 Lt. Governor: Jim Scott

Division 4 Past Lt. Governor: Jim Garey