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KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 2009

November 5, 2009 meeting:

Fifteen members and six Key Club members welcomed guest Jen Vaughan. Hope Dave is feeling better as he had to leave the meeting before it started.

Happy \$\$ - Kiwanian Ron Fuller was happy for the support of the Legion Poppy Fund by those present at the meeting. \$ - VP Allen was happy for the help to clean Kiwanis Park and that the Key Club will finish the job. \$ - He was also happy to have attended the Jewish service in London to hear Governor Gary speak. \$ - PP Craig was happy that the club has such an efficient treasurer – while he is shaking your hand he is slipping you a little note about dues. \$ - IT Dr. John was happy that the slide show on the District website showed many pictures of the Governor's visit to Ridgetown. Thanks to Key Club Amanda Vaughan who came with evidence and pointed out the Kiwanians in the paper – PP Craig, Kiwanian David Vaughan and Kiwanian John Wright (he paid for David).

Key Club – President Brendan reported that nine members will be attending Key Leader.

Aktion Club – Treasurer Gary reported on the Aktion Club meeting on November 4. The speaker for the meeting talked about “Loads of Love” a project where milk bags are made into bed mats and donated to children in developing countries. It takes 444 milk bags to make 1 mat. Statistics show that by sleeping on a bed mat, cases of ring worm are decreased by 65%. Gary passed an example around. The Aktion Club collects the milk bags – the outer bag that holds the three litres of milk – so save those milk bags and give them to Gary to pass onto the Aktion Club. The Aktion Club is also participating in Operation Christmas Child. They will be packing shoe boxes with gifts to be distributed to children in developing countries who would not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. Members wishing to donate items for these shoe boxes can give them to Treasurer Gary. The boxes will be packed and sent by the end of November. Congratulations to our Aktion Club members. They are always working at ways to give to others. They have donated to the HIV/AIDS project, they have donated bed kits to SCAW, they are helping collect milk bags for “Loads of Love” and now donating to Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to the advisors, all the members and their families for all that you do. You are “Serving the Children of the World”.

2009-2010 Budget – Treasurer Gary presented the budget to the membership. He informed the members on the process of developing the budget and gave copies to members. Service budget – it was moved by VP Allen, supported by Kiwanian Larry and following discussion unanimously passed. General budget – it was moved by VP Allen, supported by PE Alan and following discussion unanimously passed. Thank you Treasurer Gary for all your work on the preparation of the club budgets for 2009-2010.

Next week's meeting – Dave Mahecek will be speaking on his work in stem cell research. Dave attends teachers college at the University of Western Ontario with Kiwanian Kevin Hoskins. Three of Dave's family will be joining us to hear his presentation. I am sure this will be a very interesting presentation.

November 19 meeting – If you have not done so, please contact PP June if you plan to attend the tour of Labatt's Brewery. This would be a great meeting to invite a guest. NOTE: DINNER WILL START AT 6:00 PM THAT MEETING. WE NEED TO LEAVE FOR LONDON BY 6:30.

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

E.C.&C. GOVERNOR TOURS RIDGETOWN



Governor Gary and LG Jim check out our trailer.



Governor Gary recognizes Past Lieutenant Governors and Key Club President Brendan and Aktion Club President Carol



Governor Gary tries a new career in Ridgetown

MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION

The membership committees are working hard this year. We have a goal of a net growth of 3 members. VP Allen gave an excellent presentation to members.

The Membership Team – all members not just the committee. Why grow – more members mean more hands for service. Every club needs a growth plan. There are three parts to our membership committees: retention, education and growth. All three committees work together to execute the growth plan.

Improvement needed in our club:

- Contact of absentees
- Break consistent seating
- Branding Kiwanis
- Educating members and the community
- Update club history

The membership growth committee is putting together a 4 week planned programme for new member growth. They will be updating the list of prospective members and each member will be asked to be involved in inviting potential members. The committee will be creating a B.A.G. – Bring A Guest program. Each time a member brings a potential guest to a meeting the member's name will be entered into a draw. At the end of this year a draw will be held from those names in the BAG and the winner will be presented with the grand prize – perhaps a big screen TV. VP Allen urged each of us to reach out – to our neighbours, our co-workers, our family and friends. If you don't ask they won't join.

Thanks to all the membership committee members – we have an exciting year ahead of us.

FROM THE BOARD MEETING:

The Board approved Kiwanian Barb Doxtater's request for leave of absence for the period 1 November 2009 to 31 January 2010.

The Board approved the following payments:

- \$1,000.00 to Ridgetown Figure Skating to be used for children unable to pay for skating registration
- \$1,000.00 to Ridgetown Minor Hockey to be used for children unable to pay for hockey registration
- \$472.50 to sponsor public skating sessions at Ridgetown Arena

The following were approved for honorary membership: Elsa Natvik, Catherine Osborne, Darlene Joyce, Katy Uher, Mike Regnier, Greg Hetherington, Bob Cornell, Justin Cornell, Fred Graves, Ed Little, Tim Roberts, Mayor of Chatham-Kent, Jim Brown, Steve Pinsonneault, Pat Hoy and Dave VanKestern. In addition to these people the Kiwanis magazine will be mailed to the Ridgetown Public Library, the RDHS library and the U of Guelph library.

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.

FALL CRAFT SHOW

Plans for the fall craft show are well under way. PP June has done a great job of securing new vendors and confirming returning ones. The crafter space is SOLD OUT. Thanks PP June! Advertising is planned and radio remote booked. All we need now is help at the show. Set up of booth space will be Friday, November 13 after 1:00 pm. There is another function at the Kinsmen Auditorium that morning.

PP JUNE HAS THE DUTY ROSTER FILLED FOR THE CRAFT SHOW. Thanks to all who can help.

INTERCLUB OPPORTUNITIES

- Nov 16 - Kiwanis Club of Forest City London – Dr. Ravi Menon & Dr. Robert Bartha from the Robarts Research Institute
- Nov 25 - VP Allen will be making a membership growth presentation in Windosr
- Dec. 7 - Kiwanis Club of Forest City London – IT Dr. John is presenting an award for their club.

Contact VP Allen if you are able to attend any of these interclubs.

Christmas parties are planned!

- December 3 Kiwanis Club of St. Thomas party
- December 10 Kiwanis Club of West Lorne party

More details for both will follow as time gets closer.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

- November 12 Presentation on stem cell research
- Nov 14 & 15 Fall craft show – plan to help
- November 19 Tour of Labatt’s Brewery, London
- November 26 4H banquet
- December 3 Working meeting – get Santa’s sleigh ready for the parade!
- December 10 Christmas message & candy pack
- December 17 Children’s Christmas party
- 2010
- February 11 Quiz Night
- March 20 & 21 Spring Craft Show

RIDGETOWN KIWANIS FOUNDATION

Foundation President Kevin Bartlett asks all members of the Ridgetown Kiwanis Foundation to attend a meeting following the club meeting on November 12.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Two ways to view change:

Fiction: It will soon pass.

Fact: Change is here to stay.

Fiction: I can just stay the way that I am

Fact: If the organization is changing, you had better change with it.

Fiction: Change causes problems and problems are bad.

Fact: Problems are a natural process of thorough change.

Fiction: There is something they are not telling us.

Fact: You don’t always know, so why act like it?

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Debbie Button Past President: June Guyitt

President-elect: Alan Bloomfield Vice President: Allen Ure

Secretary: Treasurer: Gary Guyitt

DIRECTORS:

Kevin Bartlett, Chris Arneill, Abdi Yuya, Kevin Hoskins (1 year)

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

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Gary Levine

Governor Elect: Paul Toussaint

Immediate Past Governor: Sheron

Cameron-Dunn

Div. 4 Lt. Gov. Jim Garey

Div. 4 Past Lt. Gov. Randy Ross