

Kiwanis

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2009

October 8, 2009 meeting:

Twenty members and seven Key Clubbers welcomed two interclubs – PLG Sylvia Logan and PLG Bill Graham from Kiwanis Club of West Lorne and President Bob Logan and Kiwanian Joe Kuranyi from Kiwanis Club of Rodney. We also welcomed a very special guest – Landon Hoskins, son of Kiwanian Shawn (pictured below). Next week's meeting is our annual club officers and directors induction and Legion of Honour Awards. LG Jim Garey will be with for the induction and presentations. Business dress is suggested.

Happy \$\$ - Kiwanian David was happy to pay for John Wright's picture in the paper. \$ - Kiwanian John Case was happy to report on PLG Allen's tackle on a golf cart at the Ingersoll Kiwanis Golf Tournament. \$ - PP Craig was happy to have John Case at the meeting. \$ - Key Clubber Amanda Vaughan was happy to report that the Ridgetown Bantam girls hockey team, of which she is a member, won their home opener 2 – 0. \$ - President Debbie was happy to have Kiwanian Bill Verlaan , PP Ken and Key Club President Brendan join her and Treasurer Gary at the head table.

Key Club – President Brendan reported that there will be several (9) members attending Key Leader in Brantford November 6, 7 & 8. The Key Club will be cleaning the cenotaph prior to the Remembrance Day service. They will also be operating the concession stand at the Halloween Dance.

Aktion Club – Advisor Gary reported that the Aktion Club members enjoyed a great barbeque, pool party and birthday party at Amanda Mallott's for their October meeting. The next meeting will be November 11 at the Legion.

Kiwanian Barb has resigned as club secretary. After six years in the position Barb has decided she needs a well deserved break. She set a high standard and went above and beyond. Thank you Barb from a grateful club for all your work over the past six years. I know you will continue your commitment to this club in many other areas, as you have with your organization of Ridge Marsh Manor.



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I checked the program schedule before I chose tonight to give this address. If you don't like what you hear, you have a week to change your mind before I am officially inducted as President of this club.

This club had a great 2008-2009 Kiwanis year. We felt the loss of some very special members and friends – yet we met that challenge and carried on. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication to this club. This club is recognized as a leader throughout our District because of the commitment of each of you. Thank you for all that you do.

Past President June – thank you for continuing your term through the first six months of last year, and for your help and guidance as I assumed this position. During your term and through your leadership, the process of revitalization began and flourished. I hope to continue that process.

Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo addressed closing session at the convention in Nashville with a sense of urgency about what Kiwanis must do right now – grow our membership while ensuring our clubs offer fun, relevance and value.

We must grow for service. When we grow we have more eyes to see what needs to be done and more hands to get things done. Growing membership is a continual process by all members. Recently, it has been our newest members who have been recruiting. Thanks for sharing your Kiwanis experience. We should continue to explore flexible forms of membership – the family membership was a good start but there are many others out there. Is our club representative of the community we serve? It's not that June, Barb and I are lonely – but more women in the club would add a different perspective and be more reflective of our community. The membership growth committee will be sharing some ideas with you soon on growing our club. I have asked them to look at a goal of a net growth of 3 members this year.

For attracting new members and retaining current ones, our club needs to offer fun, relevance and value to each of you. Are our projects still relevant to this community and to you? Are there opportunities for us to do more hands on service? I know we have a lot of fun working together on our current projects, but can we do more? I am sure the program committee will have a good mix of fun, fellowship and education this year. Let's explore the opportunities for more hands on service, offering us even more fun and value for our membership.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Each member of this club should feel they are a valued member of the club and feel they derive value from their membership. If you do not feel you are receiving value – we need to talk. Each of us derives value differently – it may be the fellowship, it may be the satisfaction of knowing you are helping your community or it may be the smiles of children we help – whatever it is the leaders of this club need to recognize that and build on it. Each of you has offered your time to one or more committees. It is my hope that these committees will be active and make use of all members. We value everyone's input.

In Kiwanis our Sponsored Leadership Programmes are the envy of other service organizations. We are very lucky to have a very strong Key Club and Aktion Club. Thank you PP June for your work with Ms. Natvik on Key Club and thank you Treasurer Gary for your work with Darlene Joyce on Aktion Club. As a club we need to continue our financial support of these clubs and more importantly give our time to mentor them. There are many other sponsored programmes to explore, especially in our elementary schools. A Terrific Kids programme would be a great compliment to our current sponsored programmes.

Standing at the front of this room is definitely out of my comfort zone! But I have a passion for Kiwanis and the service we provide, so when nominated I accepted the challenge of the office of club President. I have been blessed with the opportunity to see a lot of great Kiwanis service here and beyond. I hope to share that experience with you as it is that global service that keeps me in Kiwanis. I know my strengths and weaknesses so I know there will be challenges but I also know that together we can work through those challenges. Thank you for this opportunity to serve as your President. We have a fund and exciting year ahead of us.

None of us has the time to do what we do in Kiwanis. But we make the time because what we do is important. We make time to make a difference. I look forward to working and serving with each of you. Together we will make a difference.

“ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

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.

QUIZ NIGHT #26

October 22 will be the 26th quiz night! Over the years this popular event has raised over \$50,000.00 in support of projects in our community and around the world. Registration forms are ready and included with this week's newsletter. Get your teams together. Proceeds of the evening will support the MRI campaign. Plan to participate in this fun evening. The cost to register is \$20.00 per person with a \$15.00 tax receipt issued. Teams of four answer ten rounds questions – ten questions each round. The team with the highest score goes home with the top prize of \$250.00. Second prize is \$150.00 and third prize \$100.00. There is a first place prize for the top secondary school team of \$100.00 and for the top elementary school team of \$80.00.

Answers to last week's questions:

1. Ottawa
2. Stompin Tom Connors
3. France
4. Apple
5. Clove

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 close to a sold out show. Thanks PP June! Advertising is being 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.

Mark November 14 & 15 on your calendar and plan to help. It is a busy weekend for us, but has proven to be a great fundraiser for our club.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

October 15	2009/2010 officer installation
October 22	Quiz Night – change in date
October 29	E.C.&C. Governor Gary Levine
November 5	Membership presentation by PLG Allen
November 12	Presentation on stem cell research
Nov 14 & 15	Fall craft show – plan to help
November 19	Mystery tour
November 26	4H banquet

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February 11 Quiz Night

GOURMET MEAL DRAW

PP Dale has issued all the tickets. The draw will take place at our October 15 meeting. **SELL SELL SELL THIS WEEK.** Bring all your tickets and money to this week's meeting.

INTERCLUB OPPORTUNITIES

October 31 – Division 4 Governor's luncheon
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.

E.C.&C. GOVERNOR VISITS DIVISION 4

E.C.&C. Governor Gary Levine will be visiting our Division October 29 – 31. Gary will be speaking to the Kiwanis Club of Middlesex at noon on Thursday, October 29. He will speak to the Ridgetown Club on Thursday evening. LG Jim is planning divisional tours for Friday. Friday evening there will be a Temple Parade at 8:00 pm at Temple Isreal, 605 Windermere Road in London. There will be a Divisional Council Meeting at 10:00 am on Saturday at West Haven Golf Course followed by a luncheon.

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