

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 13 OCTOBER 2008

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Twenty-three members and Key Club President Brendan attended a club educational meeting. Committee chairs shared information on their respective committees.

Happy \$\$ - PLG Randy – Key Club VP Rebekah gave an excellent presentation on Key Leader at the Rodney/West Lorne joint induction – Mark is home safely from Africa – for the wonderful medical system in Canada as opposed to Malawi. PLG Peter \$ - on a bus trip to Orillia saw a student of Maxine's Brandy Barnes. PLG Dr. John \$ - saw three bald eagles along the shore, flying away from the Johnston home. Kiwanian Debbie \$ not so happy with her internet provider. Key Club President Brendan \$ a question on Jeopardy where the answer was Kiwanis International. Kiwanian Betty \$ happy for PLG Allen's birthday. PLG Allen \$ - happy to share his age. PP Craig \$ - having to sing beside PLG Allen.

Committee Meeting – President June asked several committee chairs to share information on the responsibilities of their committee.

PLG Allen reported on Ridge Marsh Manor:

Ridge Marsh Manor was built in 1975 by the club. It is a twelve apartment building offering geared to income and low rent housing. The maximum monthly rent for a unit in the building is \$441.00. Our club earns funds from managing the facility, laundry room revenue, parking fees and painting apartments when needed. The income from this project is approximately \$6,000.00 per year. The club is responsible for the maintenance of the building and we are very lucky to have several members on the committee that are able to help with repairs. The tenants take pride in the building and are very helpful.

Treasurer Gary reported on Nevada ticket sales:

Our Nevada tickets are sold at Mac's Convenience Store. The sale of these tickets is licensed under the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Association. In the past year there has been a change in the type of tickets sold and profits have increased. The stipulation on spending the profits – 80% of profits must be given to community service. The store selling the tickets decides which service club will be the designated service club. We are very fortunate to have the support of the management and staff at Mac's.

PG Dr. John reported on Youth Services and medical needs:

This committee considers many requests during the year. The club receives many requests for help with medical needs not covered under our health care system. Due to the confidential nature of medical requests, many of the donations made under this committee are never disclosed.

PP Craig reported on Interclubs:

Attending an meeting of another Kiwanis Club with at least four members of our club is considered an interclub. This is a great way to meet other members and other clubs in the Kiwanis Family. By attending another club's meeting you see different styles of meetings, what is good and what is not as good. Our club tries to attend three interclubs per quarter.

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

Club Website: <http://www.ridgetownkiwanis.com>

E.C.& C. District Website: www.kiwanisecc.org

Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org



PG Dr. John reported on membership:

Is your best friend a member of Kiwanis? If not why have you not shared your passion for Kiwanis with your friend? Every member is responsible for sharing their Kiwanis experience with others in the hope that they will join. Our club is the envy of many clubs in our District thanks to Kiwanian Kevin Hoskins sharing his experience in Kiwanis with his colleagues resulting in new members.

President June encouraged members to ask about any committee within the club.

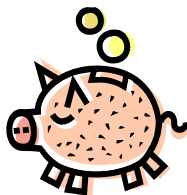
All members have a copy of the committees for the 2008-09 year. If you have questions on a particular committee, ask the chair of the committee.

2008-2009 CLUB BUDGET

The general and service budgets for the 2008-09 administrative year were distributed. Very few questions were posed about the budgets. Both budgets were passed by the membership.

This meeting is not the only time members may ask questions about the budget. The Board administers the club on behalf of the members. It is the members who raise the funds.

We have a new fundraiser this year – the craft shows – and we are projecting a good profit from them. We continue to support the MRI campaign and the District HIV/AIDS project, while maintaining our donations locally to the schools, library and community. We need to have successful fundraisers to meet our projected service spending.



KEY CLUB

The next fundraiser will be the concession stand at Quiz Night. Key Leader weekend is November 14 – 16.

The Key Club is setting up a display case at school showing where their donations to KIVA are sent.

AKTION CLUB

Advisor Gary reported on the Aktion Club's first fundraiser. Three members, three parents, two representatives of Community Living and two Legion members baked pumpkin pies. They sold 68 pumpkin pies on Wednesday, October 8! They sold them at the Legion since the rain prevented them from setting-up down town.

A big thanks to the Legion for the use of their kitchen and all their help.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Quiz Night

October 23 is our next quiz night. Teams are needed. Get your team registered! Setup of tables at RDHS begins around 6:00 pm, registration by 7:00 pm and quiz starts at 7:30 pm.

Craft Show

November 8 & 9 is the fall craft show. Lots of help will be needed for both days as well as set up on Friday.

This is a project needing all members help. Plan to help. Sign up sheets are circulating. Kiwanians Kevin Hoskins and Allen Ure have the sheets to fill. Two areas of work needed – the admission and the canteen. See Kevin and Allen to fill the spots.

Working set-up on the Friday morning will be June, Gary, Debbie and Eb. Patty Peters will be there to share her expertise in setting up. One more person to move tables would be helpful.

This is a very labour intensive project but one that has the potential to make a great profit for our club. Plan to attend and help.

“ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

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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.



Ridge Marsh Manor

CHILDREN'S HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Children's Health Foundation for the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario has asked where they should allocate the funds raised at the Teddy Bear Picnic. Co-chairs of the Teddy Bear Picnic suggested the funds be used for equipment.

From Foundation Development Officer, Willy Fry, "I have discussed the Club's request to designate to equipment and one of the high needs in the hospital is Sleeper Chairs. These specially designed chairs allow the parent to sleep in comfort beside the child's hospital bed. The chairs they have are wearing out as are the cots. Chairs must be made of hospital approved material that is easy to clean an up to fire code regulations. "

From Foundation CEO Debbie Comuzzi, "Hope all is well. Thanks so much for this continued kindness, you well know how important Sleeper Chairs are, you can never have enough!!! Thanks to all in the Club. "

Our continued support of Children's Hospital is helping parents stay close to their sick children.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Oct 16	Speaker to be determined
Oct 23	Quiz night
Oct 30	Business and Board meeting
Nov 6	Remembrance Day program
Nov 8&9	Craft Show
Nov 13	Steve Pickard
Nov 20	Business and Board meeting
Nov 27	4H banquet
Dec 4	Fun night
Dec 11	Christmas program & candy pack
Dec 13	Santa Claus Parade
Dec 18	Children's Christmas party at the Church
Dec 25	Merry Christmas – no meeting
Dec 30	President's party

DIVISION 4 CAUCUS MEETING

LGD Jim Garey has issued the invitation to all Division 4 clubs to the first Divisional Caucus meeting of the 2008-09 Kiwanis year. The meeting will be held in Ingersoll at the Fusion Youth Activity and Technology Centre. The meeting is hosted jointly by the Kiwanis Clubs of Tillsonburg and Ingersoll.

Saturday Oct 18, 2008.

Coffee, tea, juice and muffins will be available upon arrival at 9:30 a.m. a.m.

Program from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Business Meeting

Kiwanis Sharing

Membership Growth Ideas

Club Reporting Requirements

All Kiwanis members are welcome to attend.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President June Guyitt

Past President Randy Ross

Secretary Barb Doxtater

DIRECTORS:

Dale Smith, John Button, Brad Carnie, John Case, (1 year)

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

President-elect Debbie Button

Vice-president Alan Bloomfield

Treasurer Gary Guyitt

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor Sheron Cameron-Dunn

Governor Elect: Gary Levine

Immediate Past Governor Chuck McIlravey

Div. 4 Lt. Gov. Jim Garey

Div. 4 Past Lt. Gov. Randy Ross

