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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2009

October 22, 2009 meeting:

Quiz Night #26 was another successful evening. A big thanks to Greg Hetherington for acting as quiz master. As always Greg did a great job and kept the participants entertained. We were a little short of help for the evening – thanks to all the members who were able to help and a big thanks to our non-member helpers Brian Dunlop and Jen Vaughan. We tried a new electronic score board, created by PE Alan, that was projected on a screen at the front of the room. It worked great – thanks PE Alan for your creation and to Key Clubber Jordan Dunlop for his help with the school equipment.

Upcoming meetings –

The program chair PP June has some fun meetings planned in November and December.

Next week is E.C.&C. Governor Gary's visit to our club. The Governor does not have time during his term to visit every club. This is a very special honour for our club to have him visit and speak. Please plan to attend. We need to have as many members as possible out to the meeting and I am sure Governor Gary's message will be inspiring.

November 5 Treasurer Gary will be presenting the club budgets for member approval. VP Allen will be giving on presentation of membership growth and there will be a Board meeting following the regular meeting.

November 12 will be a very interesting presentation by a gentleman who has been involved in stem cell research. Kiwanian Kevin Hoskins met this gentleman at Teacher's College in London and has invited him to speak to us.

November 19 you don't want to miss! PP June has arranged a tour of Labatt's Brewery in London. We will have a quick dinner at the church starting at 6:00 pm then board a bus to London. The tour begins at 7:30. PP June needs to know how many will be attending. She will be asking at the November 5 meeting, but if you plan to attend and won't be at that meeting, please let her know you are coming and if you are bringing a guest.

November 26 is the annual 4H banquet that we sponsor. 4H clubs from Chatham-Kent attend and present their awards. This is probably the oldest project of this club. It supports many youth in our area. These young 4H members work very hard in their clubs and it is very satisfying to hear of their achievements and see their pride when honored. All Kiwanis club members are urged to attend this special evening. It will be held at Erie Street United Church. PE Alan and the committee have plans under way.

December 3 we will be working on our float for the Santa Claus Parade. We will have dinner at the church then get to work. Our work meetings are always a fun time together.

December 10 is the night we pack the candy bags given our following the Santa Claus Parade. Lots of help on the assembly line will make short work of the packing. Kiwanian Larry has once again arranged the donation of the candy. Thanks Kiwanian Larry!

December 17 is our annual children's Christmas party. Children and grandchildren of members are treated to dinner and a visit from Santa. Young and old all enjoy this event.

As you can see we are in for some fun evenings. Members are welcome to invite a guest to any meeting. It is good to show a guest the fun side of our club as well as the business side.

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

Club Website: www.ridgetownkiwanis.com
E.C.& C. District Website: www.kiwanisec.org
Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org

QUIZ NIGHT #26



First place winners



Thirty-three teams participated



Second place winners



Third place winners

THE CLUB BUDGET PROCESS

At the November 5 meeting Treasurer Gary will be presenting the club budgets – service account and general account. For the benefit of our new members and even some of our seasoned members here is a little explanation on the process of preparing these budgets. On October 7 a planning meeting was held. All 2009/10 Board members and committee chairs were invited to the meeting. At the meeting goals and plans for the club for 2009/10 were discussed. All in attendance had an opportunity for input. Committee chairs were asked prior to this meeting to submit budget requests. On October 13 the executive – PP June, PE Alan, VP Allen, Treasurer Gary and President Debbie - met to prepare the budget. Treasurer Gary provided the 2008/09 actual amounts prior to the meeting. All requests from committee chairs were considered. The budgets were then sent to the 2009/10 Board members and at the October 15 meeting of the Board, the budget was approved by the Board. At the November 5 meeting, members will have the opportunity to discuss these budgets, prior to voting. The budgets were emailed to all members with last week's newsletter. Those members who do not receive the newsletter by email have been mailed a copy of the budget. It is the members – each of you – who have the final say. These budgets are used as a guideline for club fundraising and spending. Before we can spend, we must fundraise. If you have questions on these budgets, don't hesitate to contact Treasurer Gary. He is always open to questions from members. Thanks to Treasurer Gary for his continued service to our club as Treasurer and all his work on the budget preparation.

“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.

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.

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. All members are invited to attend the Divisional Council meeting and luncheon. All members are urged to attend our October 29 meeting to welcome Governor Gary to our club.

ALL MEMBERS: PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OUR MEETING ON OCTOBER 29 TO WELCOME GOVERNOR GARY. LG Jim and Governor Gary will be touring our projects in the afternoon. Any member wishing to participate in the tour is welcome to join us. Once LG Jim confirms the time members will be informed of when and where.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

October 29	E.C.&C. Governor Gary Levine
November 5	Membership presentation by VP Allen, Treasurer Gary will present the budgets for member vote and Board meeting following
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	Candy pack and Board meeting following
December 17	Children's Christmas party

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February 11 Quiz Night

INTERCLUB OPPORTUNITIES

October 31 – Division 4 Governor's luncheon
Dec. 7 - Kiwanis Club of Forest City London – IT Dr. John is presenting an award for their club.
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.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The adventure of life is to learn. The purpose of life is to grow. The nature of life is to change. The challenge of life is to overcome. The essence of life is to care. The opportunity of life is to serve. The secret of life is to dare. The spice of life is to befriend. The beauty of life is to give.

William Arthur Ward

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