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KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2009

October 1, 2009 meeting:

Thirteen members welcomed Key Club members Brendan, Jordan, Brittany, Andrew, Mackenzie, Rebecca, Larissa and guest speaker Laurie Dowthwaite. Thanks to President-elect Alan for chairing the meeting and PLG Allen for taking notes for the newsletter.

Happy \$ - PLG Allen was happy to be back at Kiwanis. \$ - Kiwanian Bill Johnston was happy to have propellers on the wind towers.

Key Club – President Brendan reported that Key Club have reinvested funds in Keva.



Kiwanian Gary Wake thanks guest speaker Laurie Dowthwaite

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

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E.C.& C. District Website: www.kiwanisecc.org
Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org

CANADIAN THANKSGIVING TRADITION

Former Kiwanian Laurie Dowthwaite spoke on the traditions of Canadian Thanksgiving. Laurie served 25 years with the OPP, coming to Ridgetown in 1972 with his wife Janice. They have one son, Jim. Laurie was a member of our club for 10 years and remains active in the Church of the Advent in Ridgetown.

Canadians have followed the European tradition of giving thanks for a successful harvest. One of the traditions is the use of a goat's horn as a horn of plenty or cornucopia. In 1578 the explorer Frobisher gave thanks in Newfoundland for a successful voyage. The Pilgrims gave thanks at Plymouth Rock in 1622 then carried the tradition north to what is now Canada. In 1879 November 6 was declared the official national holiday to be known as Thanksgiving. In 1921, Remembrance Day and Thanksgiving celebrated together. In 1931, Parliament designated the second Monday of October as our National Thanksgiving.

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.



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.

A few sample questions:

1. In which Canadian city is Carleton University located?
2. Who sang Bud the Spud and Sudbury Saturday Night?
3. In what country would you find Vimy Ridge?
4. What company produced the iPod?
5. What is a small section of garlic called?



“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.

GOURMET MEAL DRAW

PP Dale has issued all the tickets. The draw will take place at our October 15 meeting. If all tickets are sold we can make approximately \$2,500.00 on this fundraiser. Keep selling! As you sell each book of tickets please return the stubs and money to PP Dale.

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.

2009-2010 BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

There will be an organization meeting for the 2009-2010 year on Wednesday, October 7 at 12920 Onoko Road. Committee chairs and board members are asked to attend. Meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Please contact me if you are unable to attend. Committee chairs may send budget requests to me anytime.

Thanks
President Debbie

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

October 8	President's message
October 15	2009/2010 officer installation
October 22	Quiz Night – change in date
October 29	E.C.&C. Governor Gary Levine
November 5	Remembrance Day message
November 12	Membership presentation by PLG Allen
November 26	4H banquet
Nov 14 & 15	Fall craft show – plan to help

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February 11 Quiz Night

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.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Debbie Button Past President: June Guyitt
President-elect: Alan Bloomfield Vice President: Allen Ure
Secretary: Barb Doxtater 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