

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2009

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A total of 19 persons; including Key Club members Brendan & Jordan, and guest speaker Amy Caron, enjoyed tonight's meeting. Although the crowd was small, the fine pot was well fed. Vice President Alan B, and Bill J, paid fines (even though Ron Beavis attempted to plead "diminished capacity" on Bill J's behalf). A happy group including PLG Allen, PP Craig, Secretary Barb, and Grandpa (again) John Wright, who was proud to announce the arrival of 7 lb 3 oz granddaughter, Lesley Anne Marie Wright. Congratulations John & Janice & Kori & Krystal!!!

This week's speaker was Hyland Seeds' Information Co-Ordinator, Amy Caron. Amy, with a background in Public Relations, accompanied her neighbour (VP Alan) all the way from Duart, to speak to us about the "Harvest Balloon Program" – a partnership effort between Hyland Seeds, 4H Ontario, and the "Farmers Feed Cities Campaign".

The hot air balloon, pictured below, is a public relations tour, running for 8 weeks, with a goal of raising awareness of important agricultural issues. Our own VP Alan was lucky enough to win a ride in the balloon in late August.

For more information visit: www.hylandseeds.com A very interesting presentation, about a thriving Blenheim based company and their work with corn, soybeans and wheat. Hyland Farms is passionate about agriculture!



Harvest Balloon Info

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

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



GOURMET MEAL FUNDRAISER

PP Dale reports that all but one book of ten tickets are in circulation at the current time. Draw date is October 15th, 2009, which will be here before we know it. Get to work now to Sell, Sell, SELL! If you can't sell all of your tickets, get them turned back in to Dale, so that he can keep them circulating. If you need more tickets, let Dale know. This is an easy and profitable fundraiser if ever member contributes to the selling of tickets! At least I don't have to cook!!!!



Onions & Bees:
Could someone please clarify the connection between these two? Bill J tells us we should

SANTA CLAUS PARADE FLOAT

Kiwanian Bill J is ahead of things this year. While looking for a missing ladder, Bill has checked out the condition of our Santa Claus parade float. Some of the siding is off, there is a flat tire, and some bees have made their home inside. Besides some onions to get rid of the bees???, we obviously need to arrange a work crew to get the float in parade-worthy condition. Let's see if we can arrange something before it gets really cold! Maybe Thanksgiving Monday, October 12th? Speak to Bill if you can help.



But it's only flat on one side!!!

“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.

UPDATES:

Interclub Opportunities:

- Sept 26th – Additional Div 3 & 4 training session by IT Dr. John in Chatham. Speak to Dr. John so that LG Jim Garey can be advised ASAP about numbers. We need a 3rd interclub this quarter!
- Fall Division 4 Caucus Meeting – info not available yet.

Ridge Marsh Manor

Chair Mike continues to work on making apartments ready for new tenants. Committee members have been asked to volunteer some time to help get the final few items in each of 4 units tended to. PLEASE give Mike a hand to help catch up!

FALL QUIZ NIGHT:

October 22, 2009 – Mark this date on your calendar and plan to help or play! Remind friends, neighbours, and business associates to register a team soon!

CLUB ROSTER & DUES:

The club roster has arrived and must be sent out by October 1st, 2009. Please advise Secretary Barb if there has been a change in your contact information.

Also, don't forget to get your dues paid up to date if you've been a little tardy over the summer months. The club's ANNUAL dues payment will be based on the updated club roster, and the club is responsible to remit a lump sum payment of annual dues for every member on the roster.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

September 17	Working meeting – following dinner we will be painting benches to be taken to the wood lot
September 24	Business & board meeting – meeting of the 2008-09 board only
October 1	
October 8	
October 15	2009/2010 officer installation
October 22	Quiz Night – change in date
Nov 14 & 15	Fall craft show – plan to help 2010
February 11	Quiz Night



END POLIO NOW CONCERT

Sponsored by Ridgetown Rotary Club
2 bands:

“South West Blues Review” – 6 pce blues band

“The Mountaineers” – 6 pce celtic/east coast style band

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2009

7:30 pm until 10:30 pm

Neil Rose Homestead – 11977 RoseBeach Line

Refreshments available: wine, beer, non-alcoholic

Admission: \$20.00 per person – children free

Includes snacks at Band break.

BRING A LAWN CHAIR

Tickets from any Rotarian, Aug's Video in Blenheim,
Or Tony's One-Stop Music in Chatham.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Debbie Button

Past President: June Guyitt

Vice-President: Alan Bloomfield

Secretary: Barb Doxtater

Treasurer: Gary Guyitt

DIRECTORS:

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

Kevin Bartlett, Chris Arneill, Abdi Yuya, Kevin Hoskins (2 year)

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