

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 7 SEPTEMBER 2009

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Nineteen members welcomed our guests Art Stirling and Heather Sarson, Rebecca Malott and Key Club President Brendan Fysh.

Happy \$\$ - Rebecca was happy to be at the meeting before heading off to college. \$ - Ron Fuller was happy to have a new great granddaughter. \$ - Craig Mitton and the merchants of Ridgetown are happy to have the work on Main Street starting on Tuesday. \$ - Randy Ross was happy that Mark is now employed in Calgary and daughter Catherine is the 2009-10 President of the Kiwanis Club of Nepean. \$ - David Vaughan was happy to have daughter Amanda starting at RDHS.

Aktion Club – Advisor Gary Guyitt reported the Aktion Club had a very successful fundraiser this summer. Their meetings resume Wednesday, September 9 at the Ridgetown Legion, 4:00 pm. Kiwanis members are welcome to attend their meetings.

September 10 meeting, VP Alan will be chairing the meeting. Amy Caron will give a presentation of the 4H and Farmers Feed Cities balloon initiative. September 17 meeting – following dinner at the church we will proceed to Johnston's garage to paint benches. These benches will be placed in the wood lot. Dress for painting!



Vice-President Alan thanks our guests Heather and Art

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



CHILDREN'S TREATMENT CENTRE

Art Stirling and Heather Sarson presented information on the Children's Treatment Centre and the Foundation of the Children's Treatment Centre. Heather is a music therapist at the centre and Art is the Director of Community Relations and Fund Development for the Children's Treatment Foundation of Chatham-Kent.

The Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent was established in 1948 by parents of disabled children. It is governed by a volunteer board and has 40 employees. The annual operating budget of the centre is approximately \$3 million with 86% of that coming from government funding. The core funding is from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. The centre supports children from birth to age 18 as well as offering audiology services to all ages.

The services offered are:

Physiotherapy
Occupational Therapy
Speech/language Pathology
Audiology
Social Work
Respite
Music Therapy
Adapted Recreation
Specialized services

In 2008-2009 the Centre served 3,008 individual clients from across the municipality.

The mission of the Children's Treatment Foundation is to increase the Centre's profile in the community and to raise and manage funds to ensure the sustainability of the Centre.

There are many children in Chatham-Kent that are non-verbal. These children need a local option for treatment. Currently many of them are referred to the Thames Valley Children's Treatment Centre in London, facing a long wait time to receive needed treatment.

The Foundation has launched a new \$50,000 campaign – "Every Child Should be Heard". This campaign is to purchase the necessary equipment to test and treat children locally. The Chatham-Kent Centre is embarking on the 18 month process to establish an AAC Clinic.

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The equipment purchased through this campaign will be used by the new accredited clinic to diagnose and treat Chatham-Kent children locally. Thirty-two devices are needed to set-up the clinic. This clinic will reduce wait times for treatment and reduce travel requirements for the children and their families.

FROM KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CEO ROB PARKER

Global Leadership Imperative

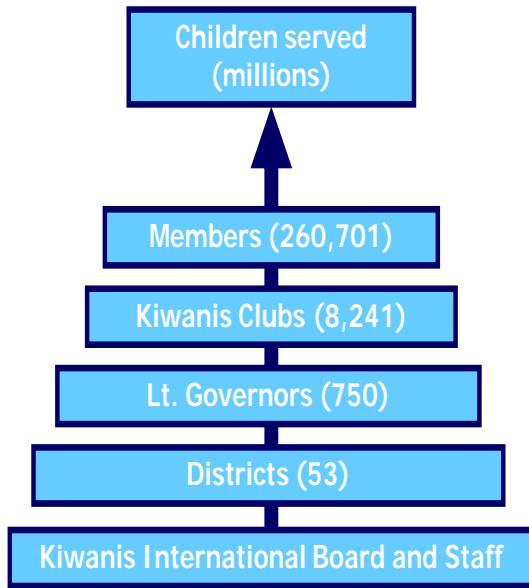
Current economic conditions have created something I would describe as a global leadership imperative. It is essential that the right people step up and lead at all levels—from our local communities to the highest levels of government, including businesses and non-governmental agencies. History is replete with examples of leaders who were defined and shaped during times of crisis. Rather than run and hide from the pain, real leaders embrace the challenges of the day and rise to the occasion.

Kiwanis is an organization with a rich history of leading through difficult times. When people were struggling during the Great Depression, Kiwanis was there. When major wars and armed conflicts rocked the world, Kiwanis was there. When natural disasters devastated communities, Kiwanis was there. Whenever and wherever people are hurting, Kiwanis has been there. Now, more than ever, we need men and women to lead our clubs, districts and the international organization with strength and passion. Now is not the time to be timid or conservative. Now is the time to listen to new voices and try new ideas. Now is the time to refresh our club meetings and make sure they are attractive and relevant to all kinds of people. Now is the time to make sure the service projects we support are ones that meet critical needs. Now is the time to invite people to join a vibrant, dynamic organization that truly cares about people and is working to 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.

Kiwanis International



The Kiwanis International Structure

As you can see, members, each of you, are the most important link in the structure. The only link more important is the children of the world that we serve. Without enthusiastic and dedicated members there is no Kiwanis International. Each member is the one to make a difference.

We have three weeks remaining in this Kiwanis year to make a difference. Now is the time to plan for our next year and the differences we will make in our community and beyond.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

- September 10 Amy Caron, 4H & Farmers Feed Cities balloon initiative
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

CLUB SURVEY AND COMMITTEE SHEETS

A few members have not returned the survey and committee sheets. Please mail them this week. If you have misplaced them, let me know and I will email you a copy.

Thanks
President Debbie

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today. ~Stacia Tauscher

Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see. ~John W. Whitehead

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