

Ridgetown Kiwanis Club News

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Kiwanis – Continued



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March 27nd Meeting

O Canada Led by PE Allen

Attendance: 19 Members, 0 Guests, 0 Key Club Members

Mystery Handshake:

Kiwanian Larry - caught Nobody, everyone shook his hand

Happy Bucks:

President John – At Key Club Convention, Stewart McCormick gave a great presentation on the SCAW program, after which one of our key club members got up and donated out his pocket \$100.00 to the program. That same Key Club member, at the next Key Club meeting donated \$100.00 to the Eliminate Project.

For those members that did not know what SCAW is, President John gave a brief overview.

Larry – Happy his grandson was home for a few days, from the military.

Dennis – after a six day wait, they got their house in Ottawa.

Reports:

Cindy reminded to everybody that the new shirts are still available to order, and that tonight is the last meeting to order them at.

Alan B explained how the club nominations will run. Everyone was emailed a nomination form and will get a list of club member names. Please get your nominations to Alan by April 10, 2018, the Nomination committee will give a report on April 12, 2018. Nominations from the floor will be taken on April 19th, and elections will be held 26, 2018 at our Annual Meeting.

Easter Egg Breakfast will be at Yeck's at 8:30 – to be at School by 10. Need lots of help. Aktion Club and Key Club members will be on hand to help out too.

MEMBERSHIP - Remember to continue to submit names to the membership committee, we will be hold an Membership event in the very near future.

Club Draw

Sales were \$20.00 this week, making draw worth 4.00, the jackpot moves up to \$140.00 and the Club's portion rose to \$231.00. Kiwanian Larry won the draw but drew the Ace of Hearts. He donated the \$4.00 back to the general account.

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KIWANIS MOMENTS

OUR HISTORY

The first Kiwanis International convention

Perhaps nowhere else in the history of Kiwanis is there reflected more evidence of changing times and changing attitudes than in the story of the organization's conventions. Early sessions reflected the understandable need to set up a better structure for the organization to ensure its success. But over the years, fellowship became more and more prominent, and elaborate programs of entertainment were eagerly anticipated by convention-goers.

Early in the organization's history, convention sites were rotated among established Kiwanis regions, but by the 1950s it became evident that only a limited number of cities could host a Kiwanis International convention. Now made four to five years in advance, the selection of a convention city focuses more on available facilities and the interest and extent of support to be found in local Kiwanis clubs, the city, and local convention officials.

Music and other forms of entertainment always have been key elements of Kiwanis conventions. Past appearances have included Bob Hope, Debbie Reynolds, and Jay Leno.

By the 9th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, prominent speakers were invited to address the conventions on non-Kiwanis topics. Through Kiwanis' history, these speakers have included the Honorable Angus MacDonald, premier of Nova Scotia (1934); US Federal Bureau of Investigation Director, J. Edgar Hoover (1936); US Vice-President Richard Nixon; Christian evangelist Dr. Billy Graham; Roman Catholic Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen; TV personality Art Linkletter, and US President Ronald Reagan.

Regardless of programs, speakers, and Kiwanis business, the most important concern is always the inspiring effect the convention has on those attending. Many Kiwanians have said that they never truly appreciated the vast scope of their organization until they attended their first Kiwanis International convention. Almost everyone—whether a Kiwanian, a spouse, guest, son, or daughter—experiences a great thrill of unity and accomplishment when, at the convention's close, thousands join hands to sing Auld Lang Syne. Then, the President sounds the Kiwanis gong and proclaims, "This convention of Kiwanis International is adjourned."

Meeting Schedule

April 5 - Mike Genge from Children's Treatment Center
April 12 - Key Club
April 19 - Local author
April 26 - Annual meeting – elections
April 30 – Can Am Dinner – Lambton College, Sarnia
May 3 - Quiz Night
May 10 - CK Health Unit
May 17 - Highway cleanup
May 24- Tour the woodlot
May 31 - Business meeting
June 7 -
June 14 - Car rally
June 21 - Business meeting
June 28 -

Reminder from a previous Board Meeting

The board had a discussion on how fellow members should be addressed at meetings. It was agreed that it is too difficult to remember members past titles, so from now on, it is appropriate to simply use the **term Kiwanian and the person's first name** for all members, with one exception. The person chairing the meeting should still be addressed using their proper title. Also remember that there will be a fine for addressing a member by Kiwanian followed by their surname as opposed to their first name.

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HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS



1916- The first convention, May 18-19, in Cleveland, Ohio, unified the founding clubs into “The National Kiwanis Club,” and a Constitution was approved. George F. Hixson was elected to the first of his two terms as President of the National Kiwanis Club. Later that year, headlines would proclaim “Kiwaniis Becomes International,” when the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, was organized on November 1.

1919 - Kiwanis declared its independence in Birmingham, Alabama. In a wave of check writing, attendees raised \$17,500 in one-half hour to buy Kiwanis from founder Allen Browne.

1922 - The first convention staged outside the United States was in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

1924 - Kiwanis’ six permanent Objects were adopted during the convention in Denver, Colorado, USA. During the same convention, the first song was written for Kiwanis. George Sanford Holmes, president of the Kiwanis Club of Denver, wrote the words to Onward in Kiwanis for the convention that year.

1927 - Efforts to provide educational opportunities began with the convention in Memphis, Tennessee, USA. Various forums, workshops, and other instructional sessions have been provided over the years.

1935 - The first nationwide broadcast of a Kiwanis convention was aired by the Columbia Network across the US by KTSA in San Antonio, Texas.

1943 - The only interruption in annual conventions came when World War II made it necessary to substitute an International Council meeting for the convention. A small administrative convention was conducted in 1944 with limited attendance. In 1945, the International Council again conducted the necessary business, but in 1946, Kiwanis resumed its regular convention operation. With nearly 10,000 people present, the Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA convention of that year broke all previous convention attendance records.

1961 - Delegates in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, adopted one of the most important resolutions in the history of Kiwanis: “Resolved, we favor the establishment of Kiwanis clubs in other countries in addition to Canada and the United States.”

1983 - For the first time in its history, Kiwanis International stages its annual convention outside the US and Canada – in Vienna, Austria. The entertainment at the closing session included artists who performed in superb solos, duets, and group renditions. Kiwanis would return to Europe in 1993 with its 78th Annual Convention in Nice, France.

1987 - The House of Delegates in Washington, DC, eliminated gender as a qualification for membership in all Kiwanis clubs.

2015 - At the 100th Anniversary celebration of Kiwanis International in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, delegates elected Sue Petrisin to be Kiwanis International president—the first female president of Kiwanis International or any major international service organization.

Meeting Notes Continued

Treasurer Debbie gave an overview of the Key Club Convention. There were five members attend, one of whom was the LG. three of the five had never been to a convention in the past. They were a great group of kids, they participated in the different forums and in the talent contest. They won the prize for the club from the furthest distance. They were recognized for their Halloween Fund Raiser, and Rebecca got Honorable mention in the talent contest.

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Other

If anyone has pictures or stories they would like to share please send them along to me please.

My email address is alanbloomfield6@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Spring Quiz Night - Thursday May03 – need judges, runners and servers.



Easter Egg Hunt - a great success - thanks to Chair Dennis, Jennifer and members who pitched in - great membership turnout

Executive

President: Dr. John Button, **President Elect:** Allen Ure, **Past President:** Alan Bloomfield
Secretary: Dennis Vaughan, **Treasurer:** Debbie Button

Board Members with one year remaining: Craig Mitton, Brad Scoyne, Greg Roberts, Gary Wake

Board Members with two years remaining: Jennifer Johns, Hanna Kielt, Jim Millar, Larry Rumble

Division 4 LG - Doug McGregor, **EC&C Governor -** Bobby Moo **Young,**
EC&C Governor-elect - Mel Clark, **EC&C Vice-Governor -** Bob Spellen