

Ridgetown Kiwanis Club News

April 10, 2018

M&Ms symbolizes "Membership Matters"

Kiwanis – Continued



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April 05th Meeting

Meeting chaired this night by PE Allen

O Canada Led by Kiwanian Ken, Invocation by Kiwanian Brian H

Attendance: 20 Members, 1 Guest, 0 Key Club Members

Mystery Handshake:

Kiwanian Gary W - caught Alan G and Pierre

Pictures in the paper, Substitute SA Mary Ann got just about everyone.

Happy Bucks:

Alan G happy that Mary Ann is Sargent at Arms tonight

Jim M was happy that the new washing machine that did not work was finally replaced by the manufacturer.

Reports:

PP Alan – Election Nomination procedures and forms explained.

Dennis – Please submit Service hours please so he can finish up his last monthly report.

Mary Ann- no new update for the parade this week, except, Legion looking after the pipe bands, and Marian's Choir may be singing on a float.

Mary Ann – handed out Teddy Bear Picnic Tickets. - please get selling, they are \$1.00 each

Key Club runs our meeting this coming week. Their new Club Officers will be inducted g.

April 19 will be a guest night, please let Debbie know if you will be bringing a guest. This night would be good for any potentially new members you have been considering. Please let Debbie know any extra numbers.

Saturday July 14 Genoa Trip

Summer meetings are coming quickly, think about hosting a week.

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 \$41.00 this week, making draw worth 8.00, the jackpot moves up to \$152.00 and the Club's portion rose to \$255.00. Kiwanian Ken won the draw but drew the 8 of hearts.

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KIWANIS MOMENTS

OUR HISTORY

Kiwanis becomes an international organization

For almost half a century, the debate over Kiwanis expansion persisted. In September 1922, the Executive Committee discussed the question of “extension work policy for territory beyond Canada and the United States.” Letters had been received about forming clubs in Manila, the Philippines; Honolulu, Hawaii; Havana, Cuba; and Mexico.

The views of Kiwanis on the question of extension (or “Foreign Extension,” as it was called for many years) were sharply divided. Some Kiwanians believed the philosophy of the organization might be altered in those countries whose social, economic, political, or religious traditions were strikingly different from those of Canada and the United States. This group also feared that new clubs in even carefully selected countries outside the two founding nations might have to be supported indefinitely by clubs in Canada and the United States.

Other Kiwanians felt the benefits of spreading Kiwanis’ service work throughout the world would be enormous. When they insisted that the international extension of Kiwanis could make a real contribution toward the preservation of world peace, few Kiwanians argued.

In 1952, another study was reviewed concerning all possible advantages and disadvantages, but the committee’s final report still recommended “holding to current policy.” Then came the first real breakthrough for the proponents of extension.

In 1959, the committee closed its report to the Board with the following statement: “We hope that it may be a measure of conviction to you as it has been an example of inspiration to us that we have come to the unanimous, sincere, and unalterable conclusion: Kiwanis not only should, but must, grow and serve by going toward new frontiers.”

To the average Kiwanian, this statement might have seemed to settle it all: Extension beyond Canada and the United States would begin immediately. The struggle over policy and procedure was long and at times bitter.

Meeting Schedule

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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The opponents of any new type of extension raised all kinds of questions: Do we not need Constitutional amendments? How can the organization be certain its philosophy and programs will not be diluted or even destroyed? What will it cost every member in new dues to support any such plan? How will Kiwanis ever solve the obvious language problem? These vital questions were faced every step of the way toward the development of a successful plan for international extension, and the path was rocky.

The input from questionnaires and all other methods of communicating with leaders did not produce an answer to a simple question: How?

Finally, in 1961, at the Kiwanis International convention in Toronto, Ontario, the delegates were asked to vote on one of the most important resolutions ever presented in the history of Kiwanis: "Resolved, we favor the establishment of Kiwanis clubs in other countries in addition to Canada and the United States; under due safeguards fixed by the Board of Trustees of Kiwanis International." When the votes were counted, the extension delegates had won: 2,394 delegates supported extension; 1,762 opposed it.

Though the resolution passed with votes to spare, the "how" still had to be determined, and some of the arguments that proponents had used to support the resolution returned to haunt them.

On May 15, 1962, the Kiwanis Club of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico—the first Kiwanis club organized outside the United States and Canada - received its charter. The Tijuana club was formed under the generally agreed-upon plan of affiliation and was attached to the California-Nevada-Hawaii District.

But the discussion over extension procedure continued among the Board members, with suggestions on how best to organize and administer clubs outside of Canada and the United States coming from throughout the organization.

As new areas were opened to extension by the Kiwanis International Board, discussion intensified. By the time of the Kiwanis International convention in Los Angeles in 1964, 10 extension countries had active Kiwanis clubs: Mexico, Switzerland, the Bahamas, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Norway, Iceland, Japan, and Jamaica.

Today, Kiwanis has more than 90 nations that continue to strengthen the bond between Kiwanis and the entire world.

Source: Dimensions of Service, The Kiwanis Story by L.A. "Larry" Hapgood.

Meeting Notes Continued

Kiwanian Jennifer introduced our guest speaker Mike Genge from the Children's Treatment Centre.

They are currently raising money in their Butterfly Building Campaign. After 70 years they have outgrown their existing facilities. Their core services include Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Speech/Language Therapy, Audio Therapy – open to all ages, Music

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therapy, Adapted Recreation therapy, and Social Work for their 17 to 21 year olds to help them settle into society.

Some Stats:

- *Serve 1 in 9 kids in CK
- *100 therapy sessions per day
- *1400 kids on waiting list
- *1984 – 237 clients and 19 staff
- *2017 - 3091 Clients and 52 Staff
- *2019 est. 4450Clients and 52+ staff

New building will be 50,000 square feet, costing a total of \$28.5 million, the Ministry funds the building at \$22.5 Million, and the balance has to be raised in the community. That is about \$6 Million dollars. To reach that goal they still need another \$2.75 Million.



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.

Sell those Teddy Bear Picnic tickets

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