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KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2014

April 10, 2014 meeting:

Eighteen members were in attendance this week for the meeting and our trek to Von Martels Stables.

Happy \$\$

\$ - PLG Peter was happy to be back at Kiwanis

\$ - PLG Peter enjoyed watching a fellow member using the shop vac on his lawn and challenged said member to come forward. Kiwanian Larry matched and commented how great his yard looks now.

\$ - VP Karolyn was happy to have her furnace fixed

\$ - VP Karolyn was also happy she didn't hit Father Martin's dog

\$ - VG Allen had a happy buck for both himself and Kiwanian Brian H as they watched Kiwanian Mary Ann and Marian make use of the prime parking spots in front of the church they left for the ladies

\$ - PP Craig was happy at the promise of Spring

\$ - President Brian was happy for all the smiles and laughter at the meeting

\$ - Kiwanian Larry was happy to be back at Kiwanis

\$ - Kiwanian Mary Ann received a standing ovation for her happy buck. She listed numerous reasons why she was happy to be a member, concluding with "Ridgetown has always been a successful club and I am happy to continue being a part of the successful future of this club."

Mystery Handshake

Kiwanian Larry was the mystery handshake and reported the Kiwanian Greg was the only one to not shake his hand.

Key Club

There was nothing to report on Key Club this week as members were en route to DCON in PEI.

Aktion Club

Kiwanian Keith was selling some delicious chocolates made by Aktion Club members to celebrate Easter. These chocolates were for sale for one for \$2 or two for \$5 (yes that is correct). Past Treasurer Gary G continues his magic to raise a little extra for the club!

Gourmet Dinner

Kiwanian Keith reported that twenty books have been sold thus far. Please return cash and stubs to him as soon as possible. He would prefer no returned tickets, just stubs and cash.

Pictures in the paper

PP Craig had a costly week as his picture was featured five different times. Kiwanian Bill J paid double for not "fessing up" last week for his picture. Kiwanian Gary W was difficult to argue with as he submitted the evidence.

Splash Pad

PP Craig spoke how this would be something for the community to celebrate 100 years of Kiwanis and recognize Dr. John as becoming International President. All grant applications require budgeting proposals, plans etc. One application for grant money has been submitted but they require more details. A second application for KI funds due April 15 so we, as a club, need to decide if this will happen for Ridgetown. Anticipated cost will be \$110,000. After it is built Chatham-Kent assumes all maintenance and insurance costs. After good club discussion, Greg made motion, seconded by Kori, that committee be struck to get site plans, budget estimates etc. before April 15 so application can be sent to KI, with notice to club now that we will vote on acceptance of this project on April 24. Note -bylaws require 2 weeks' notice to club. This motion was unanimously accepted. The committee was struck with Mary Ann as chair, and members to be Greg, Kori, Ron, Wendy, Brad, and Karolyn. If you would like to be on this committee please speak to Mary Ann.

Easter egg Hunt

Ridgetown's 38th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 19th, 2014. This year both age groups will be held at the high school, Ages 3-6 will be at 10am, ages 7-10 will be at 11am. As last year, our club is hosting the 7-10 year olds. There will be a golden egg prize of a bike in each group! This year it was decided to make the changeover from using real eggs to plastic eggs. The committee graciously accepts donations of these eggs.

Von Martels Dressage

Von Martels Dressage Inc. was founded in 2003 and a small stable was opened on the outskirts of Ridgetown where they did some teaching and training. From here business has grown tremendously, enjoying much success in both the competition ring as well as in the sales business. They are dedicated to developing and selling the world's most desirable dressage horses for youngsters, young rider, adult amateur and international horses. They currently have two Olympic Caliber horses under their tutelage as well several others at various levels.

Deb and Cecile were gracious hosts and we were treated to a demonstration by Cecile and Bevy with Deb explaining what was happening and how Cecile was making it happen. One of the key fundamentals of dressage is to have the horse respond smoothly to a rider's minimal aids with the rider to appear effort-free while the horse willingly performs the requested movement. We were spellbound!



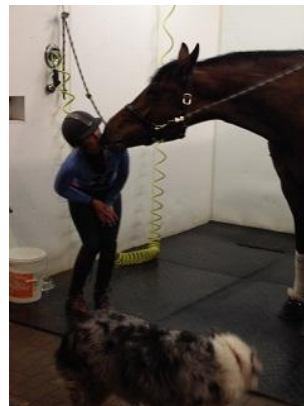
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Post Workout Pat



Cool down & Spa treatment



What a bond they share!

The Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown meets weekly at 6:30 pm in the basement of 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.



Our President – Dr. Doolittle
Yes, that is a cat on his shoulder



Keith getting acquainted



Some of the many ribbons won by Von Martels

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

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| April 17 | Nominations taken from the floor – program TBD |
| April 19 | 38 th Annual Easter Egg hunt at RDHS |
| April 24 | Roadside cleanup/ Splashpad Vote |
| May 1 | Annual meeting |
| May 8 | TBD |
| May 15 | Planting with the Horticultural Society |

INTERCLUB OPPORTUNITIES

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| April 18 | London Kiwanis prayer breakfast |
| April 26 | Governor Hope's visit to Region A |
| April 30 | Can/Am banquet in Sarnia |



CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Brian Dunlop
President-elect: vacant
Treasurer: vacant

Past President: Brad Carnie
Vice President: Karolyn Ure
Secretary: vacant

DIRECTORS:

Brian Hoskins, Marian Visser, Rebecca Malott, Craig Mitton (1 year)
Keith Hamilton, Dennis Vaughan, Gary Guyitt, Jenn Vaughan (2 years)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Hope Markes
Governor -elect: Serge Viau
Vice Governor: Allen Ure
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