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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2017

April 18, 2017 Meeting:

Twenty members and guest Amanda Vaughan enjoyed a very informative and interesting presentation by Restorative Justice Chatham-Kent.



CANADA 150

Happy \$\$

\$ - Vice-President Allen was happy that Sheila Moore was elected Region A trustee. He was happy to have attended a presentation at Roy Thompson Hall where his granddaughters were performing with Music by Independent Schools.

\$ - President-elect Dr. John was happy that Chatham-Kent council voted 16 – 1 in favour of the requested name change to Stennett Park.

\$ - PP Craig was happy to be home where there are no Trump bumper stickers and happy to thank the members of the quiz night committee for their preparation while he was away.

\$ - Kiwanian Bill Johnston was happy to have worked with at Greenwood Cemetary cleaning up.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Kiwanian Mary Ann has tickets on the draw for teddy bears. Once your tickets are sold return the stubs and money to Mary Ann and take more to sell. Teddy Bear Picnic will be held May 27.

Nominations for the 2017-2018 club officers and directors

The following have been nominated:

President	John Button
President-elect	Allen Ure
Treasurer	Jenn Vaughan

Directors – four positions to be filled

Jennifer Johns
Hanna Kielt
Jim Millar
Larry Rumble

At the April 27, 2017 meeting nominations from the floor will be taken.

May 4 meeting will be the annual meeting where elections, if necessary, will be held. At this time all positions are acclaimed.

Restorative Justice Chatham-Kent

Restorative Justice Chatham-Kent (RJCK) was established in 2003, and is a community-oriented, non-profit and charitable organization.

Their Mission: To provide alternative pathways for at-risk youth, restoring a positive connection with the community, thereby creating a safer, healthier Chatham-Kent.

Programs available:

- Funded by Ministry of Children & Youth Services
 - Extrajudicial Measures (EJM) Program → Pre-Charge Diversion – Police referred
 - Extrajudicial Sanctions (EJS) Program → Post-Charge Diversion – Crown Attorney referred
 - Restorative Justice Community Conferencing
- ❖ EJM & EJS Programs are only available to youth between the ages of 12-17 who have come into contact with the law for a minor criminal offence

Other programs available:

Positive Strides Educational & Intervention Programs

- FREE individualized and one-on-one programming for any youth (7-17) who are at risk (not necessarily in conflict with the law)
 - 7 different modules such as 'Managing Anger & Aggression'
 - These programs are also offered to youth participating in EJM & EJS
- Current funding support from the United Way of Chatham-Kent and historically from Ontario Trillium Foundation

Anti-Bullying & Harassment

- Designed to help youth understand the risks involved with participating in bullying behaviours, while fostering positive social skills such as leadership, assertion, advocacy, and empathy for others
- Can be tailored to both perpetrators and victims of bullying and/or harassment
- Available to youth aged 7-17

Dealing with Emotions

- Covers a wide range of issues, such as:
 - Communication skills
 - Low self-esteem
 - Anxious and/or 'low' depressive feelings
 - Peer pressure
 - Goal setting
- Youth are provided with tools to identify and appropriately communicate about their range of feelings – to build confidence, balance, and self-worth



Presenting was Kate Bonvarlez, acting executive director of Restorative Justice Chatham-Kent. Kate holds an Honours Degree in Family & Social Relations with a minor in Psychology. She worked for Chatham-Kent Children's Services before accepting a position with RJCK where she would be able to work directly with youth. Kate is an active member of the Youth Engagement Partnership Committee with United Way and is very passionate about helping the youth in Chatham-Kent reach their full potential.

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.

April 27, 2017 meeting

This meeting will be our annual meeting chaired by Key Club and induction of their 2017-18 officers. All members are reminded of Kiwanis International's Youth Protection Guidelines when interacting with members of our sponsored youth programs. A summary of the youth protection guidelines will be attached to this newsletter.

Interclub opportunity

Kiwanis Club of Forest City London
The meeting will take place at the Mocha Shrine Centre, 468 Colborne St., London from 12:00 until 1:30 pm. The price for lunch is \$15.00.

Program:

Ideal Way co-founders Robert Pio Hajjar and Addie Daabous, offering an inspirational presentation that will transform our attitudes about individuals with intellectual disability.

Ideal Way is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring and motivating people with disabilities, and others, to reach their potential. They believe in making everyone feel IDEAL: Included; Deserving; Equal; Appreciated and Loved. Learn more about their "I Can. You Can" Program by motivational speaker, Robert Pio Hajjar. Robert describes how he is living his life's purpose and encourages others to define their purpose in life and to reach their full potential. The "I CAN, YOU CAN" pilot program, developed by Fanshawe College, is currently in schools.

Contact Secretary Debbie if you plan to attend to RSVP to Forest City London club.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Apr 25	Canada/US Goodwill banquet – Port Huron, Michigan
Apr 27	Key Club to chair meeting – induction of Key Club officers – <u>there will be a meal at the Church</u>
May 4	Club annual meeting which includes election of 2017-18 officers and directors
May 11	Club recognition evening – Kiwanis International Trustee Gary Levine guest speaker
May 18	Highway cleanup – Key Club to provide meal
May 18 – 20	E.C.&C. district convention – Ottawa
May 25	Big Bike Ride in Ridgetown – Aktion Club to participate
May 25	Committee meetings – board meeting following regular meeting – <u>no meal at the church</u>
June 22	Annual car rally
June 29	Canada 150 celebration parade
July 12 – 14	Kiwanis International Convention – Paris, France

May 11 Meeting

The May 11 meeting will be a special evening of recognizing members for years of service and service to the club. Kiwanis International Trustee Gary Levine will be speaking. This is a guest/partner evening and clubs from the area have been invited. A count of number attending must be given to the church by May 1 – **I need a final count of attendees by April 30. Please respond to Secretary Debbie if you plan to attend or not, if you are bringing a guest or not.**

2016-17 CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Alan Bloomfield
President-elect: John Button
Treasurer: Jenn Vaughan

Past President: John Wright
Vice-President: Allen Ure
Secretary: Debbie Button

DIRECTORS:

Brad Carnie, Debbie Button, Hanna Kielt, Greg Roberts (1 year)
Craig Mitton, Brad Scoyne, Dennis Vaughan, Gary Wake (2 years)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Phil Rossy
Governor -elect: Bobby Mooyoung
Vice Governor: Mel Clark
Division 4 Lt. Governor: Gary Van Kooten