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KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014

February 6, 2014 meeting:

Twenty-one members welcomed guests DLG Jim and Bev Scott and David Campbell.

Happy \$\$

\$ - IPE Dr. John was happy for the quality time spent with our treasurer on Monday night when he got stuck in our driveway and we waited over an hour for tow truck from Thamesville.

\$ - Treasurer Alan was happy for the hospitality while he waited for the tow truck.

\$ - PP Craig paid a happy \$ to find out what Treasurer Alan was doing on Onoko Line. He remembers being on the road at night – a year or two ago for a very different reason!

\$ - Kiwanian Bill Johnston was hoping to follow PP Craig home tonight because he was not sure he was going to make it home in the snow.

\$ - President Brian was happy that a young lady he followed from Wabash to Thamesville made it through the snow safely. She hit a drift in her small car, the car swerved a few times but she made it through the drift.

\$ - Kiwanian Alan Gillard is happy to be leaving for Cuba on February 16.



President Brian, DLG Jim Scott and PP Ken

KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

DLG Jim Scott gave a very informative presentation on the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada.

The foundation was formed in 1971 by Past KI VP Mel Osborne and encompasses members from three Kiwanis Districts – Eastern Canada, Western Canada and Kiwanians from British Columbia in the Pacific Northwest District.

Jim joined the foundation board six months ago. As LG he saw the great work of the foundation in helping Kiwanis grow.

The purpose of the foundation is financial support of:

Sponsored Leadership Programs
Encourage scholarships
Assist those in need
Disaster relief

In just 40 days the foundation raised \$164,000 for disaster relief for the 4 million children at risk in the Philippines. Canadian Kiwanians made a difference.

The foundation receives funds primarily from individuals. Funds are also received from corporations, other foundations and groups. All funds are used to carry out the stated purpose of the foundation unless donation designated by donor.

The newest initiative of the foundation is the **new club building grant**. For every adult Kiwanis club chartered between 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014, \$750.00 will be donated to the service account of the new club and \$750.00 to the service account of the sponsoring club. At the beginning of the new club's second year \$100.00 per member above the charter membership will be donated to the service account to a maximum of \$500.00.

For existing clubs that achieve charter strength in the 2013-14 Kiwanis year a grant of \$100.00 for each member added to a maximum of \$500.00 will be donated to their service account.

New member sponsor contest

For each new member sponsored into a club, the new member and the sponsoring member are entered into the contest. First prize is a trip to the Kiwanis International convention in Japan – 2 airline tickets, 5 nights accommodations, convention registration and \$1,500.00 cash.

Second prize is a trip to the District convention – for Eastern Canada Kiwanians that is 2 airline tickets to Prince Edward Island, 4 nights accommodations and convention registration.

The contest draw date is 31 March 2014.

The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada offers a matching scholarship program to clubs who support the foundation with an annual club donation. The foundation will match up to \$1,000.00.

The foundation offers a \$500.00 grant to any club sponsoring a new sponsored leadership club.

The foundation pays \$50.00 for each Key Leader registration.

ELIMINATE campaign matching grant

For every \$3.00 donated by clubs, the foundation donates \$1.00. The foundation has committed \$500,000 to this matching grant.

The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada is a leader in the Kiwanis World using funds to help Kiwanis.

More information on the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada can be found on their website:

<http://www.kfcdn.org>

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.

KIWANIS MOMENT

Kiwanian Greg gave an excellent Kiwanis moment back in December. His moment never made it into a newsletter – so I am including it this week.

“I wanted to speak a little about what our Ridgetown Kiwanis club has done for us, as a family new to this town and area. Kiwanis has had a huge and positive impact on my family and me.

For me, it was a done deal once we moved into the Button’s house. It wouldn’t have been right to join Rotary after that! Even though nobody in town knew this guy from Toronto with a mysterious job (who was probably growing pot in the basement), I was welcomed quickly and warmly, starting with Dr. John.

For Marian, once I took her on our first Kiwanis date to the sewage plant, she was instantly won over. It must have been the sweet smell of our successful club that did it.

For the kids, it’s been a very important part of their young lives. When we moved to Ridgetown and decided to home school Owen and Talia, one of the key values we wanted them to grow up with is that a strong sense of community and helping others makes you a good and well-rounded citizen of the world.

My kids are growing up understanding that community service and volunteering is an important and meaningful part of life. It’s not something special and out of the ordinary, it’s just what good citizens do. For that, I thank Kiwanis and all of you for making them so welcome in all our activities.

We’ve become actively involved in the life of Ridgetown and area, and it’s helped make us proud to live here. In Newmarket, we never really felt part of the community. In Ridgetown, which is one twentieth of the size, we have at least 20 times the community spirit. Kiwanis is a key part of that. Those of you who have never lived anywhere else may not realize it, but how much Kiwanis does for this town and how much it is engaged in everything is truly exceptional and rare. It’s something special and we can all be very proud of it.”

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

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| Feb. 13 | Valentine’s Day event – meal at Church then we will go to Melinda’s School of Dance for a performance by the students of the dance school. Following the performance we will go to Kakoon Spa next door for refreshments. |
| Feb. 20 | Kiwanis Olympics |
| Feb. 27 | Kiwanis education presentation |
| Mar. 6 | Chili cookoff |
| Mar. 13 | Business & board meeting |
| Mar. 20 | Presentation on Westover |
| Mar. 27 | Quiz night |



CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Brian Dunlop

President-elect: vacant

Treasurer: Alan Bloomfield

DIRECTORS:

Brian Hoskins, Marian Visser, Rebecca Malott, Craig Mitton (1 year)

Keith Hamilton, Dennis Vaughan, Gary Guyitt, Jenn Vaughan (2 years)

Past President: Brad Carnie

Vice President: Karolyn Ure

Secretary: June Guyitt

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Hope Markes

Governor Elect: Serge Viau

Vice Governor: Allen Ure

Division 4 Lt. Governor: Sandra Collier