



Kiwaniis
KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

P.O. BOX 1642, RIDGETOWN, ONTARIO N0P 2C0

www.ridgetownkiwanis.com email: admin@ridgetownkiwanis.com

Newsletter for the week of February 26, 2018

February 22, 2018 meeting

Happy \$\$

\$ - President-elect Allen was happy he got the new words to O Canada correct.

\$ - Distinguished president Dale plans to continue singing the old words!

\$ - Kiwanian Brad was happy to have returned from a successful Eastern Canada District of Circle K convention in Hamilton. Forty students participated along with the CKI International Trustee from Rhode Island. The CKI International Convention will be in Chicago in July where past Eastern Canada CKI Governor, Christina Moica will run for the position of President of Circle K International.

\$ - Secretary Dennis was happy to be watching the Olympics and how well all the athletes have represented our country.

\$ - Kiwanian Shaun was happy that Sgt.-at-arms Dale helped him out two weeks ago when Shaun arrived a little late for our meeting.

\$ - Kiwanian Jim was happy to have been skating after an eight year break and didn't fall once. When he talked to his son about his accomplishment, suggesting he could take his grandson next time, his son suggested Jim should be wearing a helmet!

Kiwanians Brad and Cindy have been exploring options for club t-shirts for those new members without Kiwanis logo wear and any other members looking for a new shirt. The proposed t-shirts will be blue with our club logo on the sleeve. A sheet showing the proposal is at the end of this newsletter.

President John is in discussion with Chatham-Kent Kiwanis club for a possible joint venture of volunteering at the plowing match. No concrete proposal has been submitted.

BOARD MEETING

The Board met following last week's meeting.

A request was received from RDHS for financial assistance to assist in funding a 3-day retreat at a camp in Muskoka for graduating grade 8 students. The purpose of the venture is for the students to experience the benefits of teamwork, to face "challenges by choice" and develop leadership skills. The total cost will be \$15,000 which must be raised by the students. The Board approved a \$500 donation. The Kids at Risk Committee will inquire if further assistance is needed as well as reach out to St. Michael's School.

Of concern to the Board is the poor response by the membership to the call for names of prospective members for a recruiting event. Recent experience has suggested that the amount of our dues might be deterring potential members among the younger demographic. To look into this further, our "ad" in the Volunteer Week edition of the Independent will be re-worked and Kiwanian Jennifer will develop a survey with Kiwanian Brad's assistance.

February 15, 2018 meeting

Happy \$\$

\$ - Kiwanian Brad was happy all plans were complete for the Eastern Canada District of CKI convention being held in Hamilton and supported by the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton.

\$ - Kiwanian Jim was happy to be feeling better.

\$ - Secretary Dennis was happy the Canadian Olympic athletes were performing well.

\$ - Kiwanian Ira was happy that his daughter Shanna Kay has applied to attend Fanshawe College next year.

There was a discussion on the opportunity to serve food at the Mary Webb Centre the weekend of their art tour. Members felt there was too much competition for food at the various events that weekend.

A motion by Kiwanian Brad and seconded by Kiwanian Cindy and carried, the club would kindly pass on providing food for the Mary Webb Art Tour.

Treasurer Debbie gave a presentation on Ridge Marsh Manor, how it works and club responsibilities.

Ridge Marsh Manor is an incorporated company separate from the Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown, with its own insurance policy covering the Board of Directors of Ridge Marsh Manor.

The Manor is a twelve unit geared to income housing facility built in 1974. It is regulated and controlled by the Ontario Community & Social Services Ministry. The Municipality of Chatham-Kent administers the provincially regulated operation of the facility.

Prospective tenants must apply to the Municipality for tenancy. Tenants are required to provide proof of income on an annual basis to the Municipality. The Board is required to accept all tenant decisions made by the Municipality.

Each tenant pays a rental rate based on their income level according to the provincial formula. Difference between market rate and rate paid by the tenant is paid to Ridge Marsh Manor by the Municipality. Rent on vacant units is also paid to Ridge Marsh Manor by the Municipality at market value.

Ridge Marsh Manor pays the Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown parking fees and revenue from the laundry facility. Replacement or repair to the laundry equipment is the responsibility of the Club. The operation of Ridge Marsh Manor does not generate a great deal of funds for the club, but what funds are generated can be used in our general account. The provision of a geared to income housing unit in Ridgetown is a service provided by our club.

The building is the only collateral assigned to the mortgage on the property.

The Board of Ridge Marsh Manor is comprised of volunteer members from the Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown. Financial statements are audited annually, performed by an outside audit firm. The board has hired a property management firm to manage the property including tenant issues and all regulations and correspondence with the Municipality of Chatham-Kent housing department. The management firm also handles the financial records.

The Board of Ridge Marsh Manor meets a minimum of four times a year or on an as needed basis.

At the May 2017 awards evening, the club established a Kiwanian of the Year award to recognize Past International President John's contribution to Kiwanis.


At our February 8, 2018 meeting the Kiwanian of the Year award was presented to Past President John Wright.

PP John joined the club in 1999. John has served on the club board and was club president for the 2015-16 administrative year. John has chaired the downhill derby project for many years. In 2016, John stepped up to chair the East Kent Celebrates Canada 150 committee. John, along with a great committee, planned activities to celebrate Canada 150. John spent time presenting to community groups on the planned activities as well as introducing the commemorative t-shirts for all school children in Ridgeway and surrounding area. Through his presentations, the costs of t-shirts for all students were donated by local groups. An overhead photo of the students in their t-shirts standing at the fair grounds forming "150" was a huge success. To kick-off the weekend of Canada 150 celebrations a parade was organized by our club, followed by fireworks. Thank you John for your leadership of East Kent Celebrates Canada 150.



Programmes and projects

March 1	Division 4 LG Doug McGregor – official visit
March 8	Chatham-Kent Public Library
March 15	Chatham-Kent Community Foundation
March 22	CEO Chatham-Kent Health Alliance
March 29	Business meeting
March 31	Easter Egg Hunt
April 5	
April 12	Quiz Night
April 19	Key Club induction
April 26	Business meeting
May 3	Annual meeting - elections
May 10	Chatham-Kent 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	

<p>Polo (L455) Coal Harbor Snag Resistant Kiwanis Embroidery (Royal Blue)</p> 	<p>Polo (L455) Coal Harbor Snag Resistant Kiwanis Embroidery (Royal Blue)</p> 	<p>T-shirt "Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown logo" on the front (Gold and white -screen print) – writing on back ?? (Navy shirt)</p> 	<p>Crew Neck Fleece with left chest Kiwanis Embroidery (Royal Blue)</p> 
<p>\$35.00</p>	<p>\$35.00</p>	<p>\$20 (\$23 for 2XL; \$25 3XL)</p>	<p>\$25 (\$30 for 2XL or larger)</p>
<p>6.3-oz, 100% polyester flat tricot micropique Rib knit collar Snag resistant</p>	<p>Breathable Tagless ANSI/ISEA 107 high visibility compliant Moisture wicking</p>	<p>full colour DTG print gilden screen print</p>	