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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 24, 2013

June 20 meeting:

Twenty-two members and three Key Clubbers welcomed guests Owen and Talia Visser-Roberts and David Campbell.

Happy \$\$

\$ - Kiwanian Carolyn was happy to report that the club shirts have arrived.

\$ - Kiwanian Bill Johnston had a complaint to lodge – he heard the car rally winning team used GPS.

\$ - Secretary Mary Ann replied to Kiwanian Bill's complaint. She assured Bill no GPS was used because DP Dale was too cheap to buy a GPS.

\$ - President Brad was happy for another great car rally. He did point out that before the rally last week he explained to members that it was not a good idea to follow Kiwanian Bill Johnston. After the first turn he looked back and there was the honeymoon van following them!

Key Club – Past President Andrew thanked Kiwanian John Wright for donating the three cars they used for the car smash fundraiser at tractor day.

University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, Centre for Agricultural Renewable Energy and Sustainability – C.A.R.E.S.

CARES established at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, is a hub for applied and adaptive research, training and education, technology transfer, and rural community development in bio-energy and the bio-economy. The fundamental goal of CARES is to create an applied research and demonstration facility that allows full testing and integration of new technologies, with the purpose of providing direct benefits at the farm gate level.

Kim VanOverloop, the technician at the Bio-diesel and Bio-gas facility gave a very interesting and extensive tour of how the University of Guelph is producing these forms of renewable energy. We started in the bio-diesel area where used food oil is converted to diesel fuel. The oil is collected from restaurants and with the addition of alcohol and a catalyst, the fats and oils are converted to this renewable fuel. The waste products from this conversion are used in other areas on campus, mostly in the bio-gas operation. The oils are collected by a third party and the university charges a price per litre to convert them to fuel. This facility produces approximately 9,000 litres per week.

Next we moved to the bio-gas facility. An anaerobic digester is used to produce bio-gas or methane gas. Inputs to the digester are kitchen waste, roadside biomass, manure, garden waste, glycerin from the bio-diesel plant and other waste from the bio-diesel plant. At this time approximately 25% of the input material is off farm such as waste from supermarkets. The other 75% of the inputs is on farm material such as manure, silage and waste from the bio-diesel plant. The digestate left from the methane gas production can be returned to the soil on the farm. The methane gas produced is used to run an engine specifically designed to run on bio-gas. The engine produces electricity, which is sold to the local energy company. The engine produces enough electricity to power the entire Ridgetown Campus. At this time the energy is sold rather than used by the campus.

This centre, with an integrated applied agricultural focus, is the only one in Canada. Here in Ridgetown, the campus is providing research, education and demonstration of renewable energy technology.

Kiwanis Education

The structure of Kiwanis...

Clubs

Kiwanis International consists of individual community-based clubs chartered by the Kiwanis International Board. Each club adheres to some basic rules; admits members by invitation; meets one-to-one several times per month; and is autonomous in deciding how it will serve its community. Kiwanis clubs are led by a board consisting of a president, president-elect, immediate past president, vice-president (optional), secretary and treasurer. Club boards also include five or more directors. Our club has eight directors. All board members, except the secretary, are elected by club members and serve for one or two years. In our club the directors serve a two-year term. Each year four retire and four are elected for a new two-year term. This process ensures a mixture of new and experienced directors. The secretary is appointed by the president and approved by the board.

There are approximately 7,600 Kiwanis clubs and 76,000 club leaders worldwide. Kiwanis club members are known as Kiwanians.

Divisions

Districts are divided into administrative units called divisions which are led by a lieutenant governor, elected by club delegates in that division, who serve for one or two years. The lieutenant governor supports clubs within the division and acts as the liaison between them and the district. He/she conducts division meetings attended by club members, providing division clubs with opportunities to interact with one another, learn from one another, enjoy Kiwanis fellowship and elect the next lieutenant governor. Our club is a member of Division 4, Colonel Talbot, led by Lieutenant Governor Doug Taylor. Division 4 includes: Kiwanis Club of: Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, North London, Forest City London, Middlesex London, St. Thomas Golden K, St. Thomas, Rodney, West Lorne and Ridgetown.

There are approximately 800 divisions throughout Kiwanis International.

Districts

Kiwanis is divided into administrative units called districts consisting of one or several provinces, states or nations. Our district is Eastern Canada and the Caribbean. Districts are charged with providing additional support to their clubs and functioning as liaison between clubs and Kiwanis International. Each district is led by a governor, elected by club delegates at the district convention, for a one-year term. A district board also includes a governor-elect, vice-governor (in the case of our district), immediate past governor, secretary-treasurer (appointed by the governor) and a trustee for each region in the district. The trustees are elected by club delegates in the region they represent and serve a two-year term.

There are approximately 50 districts throughout Kiwanis International.

Kiwanis International Board of Trustees

Kiwanis International is administered by the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees. The International Board consists of a president, president-elect, vice president, immediate past president, executive director and 15 board members. The executive director is appointed by the International Board and serves at the Board's pleasure. The 15 board trustees are elected by delegates representing clubs throughout the Kiwanis world. Board trustees serve a term of three years. Among the board's responsibilities:

- Establish and implement long-range plans for the organization.
- Direct the development of Kiwanis programs from membership growth to service initiatives.
- Counsel Kiwanis districts, key Club International and Circle K International Boards.

The International president presides at the International Convention and over all meetings of the International Board and Executive Committee. As Kiwanis International's primary ambassador, the International President visits districts and regions Worldwide.

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.



Anaerobic Digester



Engine designed to run on bio-gas, used to produce electricity



MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

- June 27 Presentation by David and Margaret Campbell on their work in Belarus – partners/guests welcome
- July 4 Meeting hosted by Bill and Margie Johnston – 11966 Rose Beach Line
- July 11 Second annual amazing race hosted by Secretary Mary Ann – 13020 Golf Course Line – partners/guest welcome
- July 18 Meeting at Crazy 8 Barn in Palmyra – hosted by Alan Gillard
- July 25 Meeting hosted by Hanna Kielt – 20245 Kent Bridge Road
- July 27 Kiwanis Club of Genoa, Ohio visits. Members may golf or join the tour for non-golfers. Dinner will be a potluck hosted by Brian and Karen Dunlop. Also on July 27 – Ridgefest fundraiser of garage sale and barbeque
- Aug 1 Meeting hosted by Randy Campbell at the Campbell Cabin – 11094 Welch Line, Blenheim
- Aug 8 Meeting hosted by John Wright and David Vaughan at 2 King Street North, Ridgetown
- Aug 15 Meeting location to be determined
- Aug 15 – 17 E.C.&C. District Convention in Peterborough
- Aug 17 Club golf tournament at Ridgetown Golf & Curling Club. See information on club website
- Aug 22 Meeting hosted by Brad Carnie – 19821 Hill Road
- Aug 30 Meeting hosted by Dr. John and Debbie Button – 12920 Onoko Line
- Sept 5 Meetings resume at the Church

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Brad Carnie **Past President:** Alan Bloomfield
President-elect: Kevin Hoskins **Vice President:** Brian Dunlop
Treasurer: Alan Bloomfield **Secretary:** Mary Ann Hawthorne

DIRECTORS:

June Guyitt, Dale Smith, Wendy Millyard, Greg Roberts (1 year)
Brian Hoskins, Marian Visser, David Vaughan, Karolyn Ure (2 years)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Peter Tudisco
Governor Elect: Hope Markes
Division 4 Lt. Governor: Doug Taylor



Following the tour, President Brad and Kiwanian Dave Vaughan were practicing for the bike rodeo!

President Brad had a couple of bicycles in the back of his truck that he was showing off. Some members thought maybe they had seen better days, however Brad assured everyone they worked just fine.

I think both of these Kiwanians could learn a thing or two at the bike rodeo on Saturday.



Six members: Dennis Vaughan, Craig Mitton, Brian Hoskins, John Button, Allen Ure and John Case attended the Riverdale/East York Kiwanis Golf Tournament on June 20.

The winning team may have been Allen Ure and John Case, but Brian Hoskins came home with the most hardware. Lady Luck was with him.

