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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2016

February 25, 2016
Thank you to PP Dennis for taking notes at the meeting.

The meeting began with 18 members welcoming Key Club Pres. Brandon Vaughan.

All present shook the hand of Secretary Alan who was this week's mystery handshake.

None present had their photo in the paper however a team has been dispatched to track down DP Debbie to collect the associated fine!

$$ Happy Dollars
$ -Guest Brandon had 2 happy bucks: One for the opportunity to represent his father who has returned out West for work and the second to celebrate his formal acceptance into the Political Science program at University of Western Ontario.

Business Items:
Secretary Alan was chair – filling in for President John who was on vacation.

It was announced to the club that on Saturday, March 5th there will be a Caucus meeting and trustee Elections to be held in London for Divisions 3 to 6. Sec. Alan and Kiwanian Ira will be attending to represent the club. All were invited to attend if available. Sec. Alan mentioned that as far as he was aware the Governor's Lunch was also scheduled for that date but he would need to obtain more of the particulars.

Sec. Alan also announced that there is a general call for volunteers to assist with Team Leader Training to be held on April 23rd. The organizers need volunteers for the newly trained team leaders to "practice on".

DS Mary Ann announced that the program for next week would be the monthly Board Meeting and that she is actively seeking suggestions for names of potential guest speakers.

The remainder of the evening consisted of a group discussion of current and suggested fundraising projects the club could consider. No decisions were made however a summary of the discussion will be circulated at the next meeting in an attempt to identify individuals to chair or investigate promising suggestions.

Kiwanis short forms: DP = distinguished president – DS = distinguished secretary – PP = past president
When in doubt address a member as Kiwanian and you will also be correct!

March 10, 2016 meeting
Twenty-two members welcomed guests Rob McKinlay and Catherine Moore. Catherine is a PP of our club, now a member and PP of the Kiwanis Club of Oakville.

Happy$$
$ - PP Dennis had a not so happy $ on behalf of DS Mary Ann that she would be disappointed that Electric Al was not in attendance.
$ - DS Mary Ann was happy that since Kiwanian Adam was back the scenery was nicer.
$ - PP Craig was happy to have PP Catherine back visiting and that the 4th generation of the Guyitt family was our guest speaker tonight.
$ - PP Catherine was happy to be visiting in Ridgetown and for all she learned from the Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown.
$ - IPP Dr. John was happy for all the Kiwanian Brad Scoyne did with the Aktion Club at their meeting on March 9.
$ - Kiwanian Marian was happy to have made it through the bleak, bleak month of February and now into March with spring on its way.
$ - Kiwanian Ira was happy to have attended the Regional meeting in London.

Governor Allen reported on the Regional Meeting held in London on March 5, 2016. Approximately 60 Kiwanians from the region attended the meeting. Prior to the regional meeting, Division 4 held a meeting to elect the Lieutenant Governor for 2016-17 year – Gary VanCouten from the Kiwanis Club of Ingersoll and a Lieutenant Governor-elect who will serve as LG for the 2017-18 year – Doug McGregor.

President John shared with the club the certificate of appreciation from the Eastern Canada Circle K District for our support of their district convention.

PP Dennis reported on the annual community Easter Egg Hunt. Once again we will be hosting the 6 – 10 year olds. If anyone has information on the day, prizes etc. please contact PP Dennis.

Program:
Kiwanis Brad Scoyne along with Rob McKinlay started with a little history of McKinlay Funeral Home in Ridgetown. It has been at its current location since 1934, under various owners.
Brad then gave an excellent presentation on funeral services and funeral homes in today's society. He started by asking us to imagine a sacred space and what that space means to each of us.
A funeral home is where the community and friends come to say goodbye to a loved one. People and their rituals make the funeral home a sacred space. Those rituals are varied by their religion, and for some their hobbies or sports play an important role in a sacred space.
With the many world religions in Canada now, funeral homes have become a multi-cultural space in communities. Funeral professionals now learn about the many world religions and work with the families to make the space sacred based on their religion and secular beliefs.
Brad shared the rituals of several religions – Christianity, Buddhism, Muslim, Judaism and First Nations.
In summary, Rob McKinlay shared that he has found three similarities within the various rituals of funerals. They each include flowers or plant materials, they each include music and they each include food.
Thank you to Kiwanian Brad for a very interesting presentation.

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.

Key Club

Key Club fundraiser – Quarter Auction on Sunday, March 20 at the Ridgetown Legion. Tickets to attend are $5.00 each. Treasurer Jenn has tickets. Get you tickets soon.

Aktion Club

Aktion Club fundraiser – Aktion club will have handmade chocolates for sale for Easter. They will be selling at Foodland and our meeting the week before Easter. For Kiwanis members, a bargain at $2.00 each or 2 for $5.00 (Debbie's accounting). Debbie will have more to sell at this week's meeting. The members of the Aktion Club have decided to donate proceeds of the chocolate sales to the Eliminate Project and Sleeping Children Around the World.

Good Friday Breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of Forest City London will host their annual Good Friday breakfast on March 25 at Mocha Shrine, at 8:00 am. Cost is $20.00. Attendance needs to be confirmed with Grant Knox grantknox@rogers.com this week. Jim Garey will be the speaker for the breakfast.

Canada/U.S. Goodwill banquet

The Kiwanis Club of Chatham-Kent is hosting the Canada/U.S. banquet this year on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at Links of Kent Golf Course, 120 Indian Creek Road West, Chatham. The cost is $36.00. Meet & greet at 5:15, dinner at 6:15 and program at 7:30. Ticket order forms will be available at this week's meeting.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

March 17	St. Patrick's Day program
March 20	Key Club fundraiser – Quarter Auction 2:00 pm at Ridgetown Legion
March 24	Easter Program
March 25	Annual Good Friday Breakfast hosted by Kiwanis Club of Forest City London at Mocha Shrine, London
March 26	Annual community Easter Egg Hunt at Ridgetown District High School
March 31	Business & board meeting
April 1 & 2	Key Club DCON – Kitchener
April 28	Canada/US Goodwill banquet hosted by Kiwanis Club of Chatham-Kent at Links of Kent Golf Course.
May 12 -14	E.C.&C. District convention – Hamilton
June 23 – 25	International convention – Toronto
July 9	Interclub with Genoa Club in Genoa

NOTE:

Effective 1 October 2015 our club dues are $45.00 per month for regular members, $20.00 per month for senior members and $20.00 per month for the second member under our family membership plan. Please ensure your dues are up-to-date with Treasurer Jenn.

2014-15 CLUB OFFICERS:

President: John Wright **Past President: Dennis Vaughan**
President-elect: Alan Bloomfield
Treasurer: Jenn Vaughan **Secretary: Alan Bloomfield**
DIRECTORS:
Craig Mitton, Brian Hoskins, Dale Smith, Mary Ann Hawthorne (1 year)
Brad Carnie, Hanna Kielt, Greg Roberts, Debbie Button (2 years)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Allen Ure
Governor -elect: Phil Rossy
Vice Governor: Bobby Mooyoung
Division 4 Lt. Governor: Paul Fysh