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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2014

March 13, 2014 meeting:

Sixteen members welcomed guests Division 3 LG Bud Orr, Mike Genge and Owen & Talia Visser-Roberts.

Kiwaniis Education

Kiwanian Chris presented information of Police Record checks in Chatham-Kent. The cost of having a Vulnerable Person or Criminal Background check completed by Chatham-Kent Police is \$15.00. At this time an application can be obtained at the police station, completed and returned. Soon the process will be available on-line.

Happy \$\$

\$ - VG Allen was happy to congratulate Kiwanian Chris on organizing the Ridgetown Juvenile hockey team. The team will play in Ontario Championship this weekend.

\$ - VG Allen was also happy to report that the Ridgetown Kiwanis Foundation charity report has been filed.

\$ - KI PE Dr. John was happy to name LG Bud "master of the strategic vote". His club recently pledged to be a model club for the ELIMINATE project.

\$ - Kiwanian Chris was happy for the Juvenile team. It has been 10 years since that age of young people have had a team to play on.

\$ - Kiwanian Keith was happy to be birding and see a Great Horned Owl on its nest.

\$ - Kiwanian Greg was happy that Talia will be 11 years old next week.

\$ - Kiwanian Greg was relieved to be home safely after one of the worst winters drives ever from Detroit airport.

\$ - Kiwanian Greg was a little scared that Owen will be a teenager – 13 years old in two weeks.

\$ - Kiwanis Bill Verlaan was happy that a fellow Kiwanian greeted him as "my favourite Dutchman". Dr. John pointed out to Kiwanian Bill that he only knows one Dutchman.

Kiwanian Mary Ann reminded members to review the information sent to them on the splash pad proposal. If the club wishes to proceed with this proposal, there are grant applications for funding that are time sensitive. It is hoped a decision can be made a next week's meeting.



It was great to have Division 3 LG Bud Orr attend our meeting. LG Bud presented our club with \$110.00 for the ELIMINATE project. This is our share of the funds raised at the Sarnia Stings hockey game. Thanks to all members who purchased and sold tickets to the game. Ridgetown sold the most tickets of any club in Division 3 & 4. Thanks to VG Allen for promoting the game to our club.

We may not invite LG Bud back to our club – he was asked to pull the winning wine draw ticket and he pulled his own!

Chatham-Kent Hospice

Kiwanian John Case and Mike Genge gave a presentation of the proposed Chatham-Kent Hospice.

The Chatham-Kent Hospice is a 10-bed residential hospice that will fill a growing need in Chatham-Kent for palliative care in a home-like setting. By collaborating with St. Andrew's Residence, and in co-operation with other service providers, they will offer an alternative to hospitalization or dying at home.

The Chatham-Kent Hospice will:

- support patients as they deal with end-of-life challenges
- offer a loving and supportive atmosphere so family and friends can say good-bye
- deliver specialized care from compassionate staff and volunteers
- provide comprehensive, coordinated hospice care for everyone at no cost

Benefits of Hospice Care:

- lifts burden of care from family
- patients can receive visitors 24 hours a day
- loved ones can stay overnight
- family members can rely on professional care
- offers support to patients of all ages
- offers comfort, support and pain management
- allows patients to die with dignity
- offers support to family members of the patients

History of the project:

On June 25, 2013 the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network confirmed operating dollars for a 10-bed residential hospice for Chatham-Kent. The decision to provide start-up funds and operating dollars was in response to a proposal developed by a volunteer community group.

On July 23, 2013 the newly formed Chatham-Kent Hospice Inc. Board met for the first time. It consists of 10 directors from a variety of communities all driven by a passion to establish a residential Hospice.

The leaders of the hospice project understood that to be successful, our community hospice needed a Chatham-Kent solution to increasing healthcare costs and constant healthcare changes. The result is a collaborate venture with St. Andrew's Residence that will provide high quality care and programming in a transparent and accountable method to the community.

Project costs:

Building Costs:	\$3 million
Operational sustainability fund:	\$2 million
Total Fundraising goal:	\$5 million

The Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network has confirmed \$920,000 annually for operating costs. The Municipality of Chatham-Kent has confirmed \$1.5 million paid over 5 years starting in 2015.

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.

Following the hospice presentation, Vice-Governor Allen gave an education module from the Eastern Canada & Caribbean District Education Committee.

"What Are My Responsibilities to Kiwanis; What are Kiwanis' Responsibilities to Me"
For those members not at the meeting, the presentation will be emailed with this newsletter.

This module and several others can be found on the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District website.

Spend some time surfing! You will find fundraising ideas, service ideas, Kiwanis education and much more.

Take time to review the District website:
www.kiwanisec.org

Take time to review the International website:
www.kiwanis.org

Links to both of these websites can be found on our club website:
www.ridgetownkiwanis.com

Kiwanis One Day

Each year, Kiwanis clubs around the world join in a day of service. **In 2014, Kiwanis One Day is April 5.**

Information on Kiwanis One Day can be found on the Kiwanis International website.

If anyone has an idea for Kiwanis One Day for our club please contact President Brian.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Mar. 20	Presentation on Westover
Mar. 27	Quiz night
Apr 3	Business & board meeting
Apr 10	Tentative tour of Chatham-Kent Crime Unit
Apr 17	Nominations taken from the floor – program TBD
Apr 24	Roadside cleanup
May 1	Annual meeting

INTERCLUB OPPORTUNITIES

April 18	London Kiwanis prayer breakfast
April 26	Governor Hope's visit to Region A
April 30	Can/Am banquet in Sarnia

QUIZ NIGHT

Registration forms for the 30th quiz night are posted on the club website and available at Mitton's Jewellers. Get your team together for March 27, 2014.

GOURMET DINNER TICKETS

Kiwanian Keith reminded members to sell their tickets. The draw will be held at our April 17 meeting.



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)

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DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

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