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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF March 16, 2013

Upcoming Meetings

Mar 21	Rob St. Jean (Martial Arts-Kempro)
Mar 28	Windsor Casino night-Buffer meal at Casino
Apr 04	Board Meeting
Apr 11	Erieau Beer Tour
Apr 18	Key Club Holding Meeting/ baseball game
Apr 25	Road Side Clean Up and BBQ
May 02	Board Meeting
May 09	Club Awards
May 16	Guest speaker
May 23	Scavenger hunt
May 30	Mystery Tour

Meeting Attendance

Aktion Club Members/Guest - 17
Guests - 2
Members - 16

Wine Draw Winner

June Guyitt

Happy Dollar

Brian Dunlop was happy about the new Circle K charter at Western University in London on Tuesday.

John Case was happy about the great night at the Chili Cook-off last week.

Gary Guyitt was happy that he unfortunately did not have his trophy with him but that he won the Cook-off.

June Guyitt was happy that the name Guyitt is on the Chili Cook-off trophy 4 times.

Marion Visser Roberts was happy she survived 12 days home schooling as a single parent.

Mary Ann Hawthorne was happy that she now knows what Chili will give you food poisoning next year.

Mystery Handshake

Larry Rumble had everyone shake his hand.

Key Club

The Key Club had a very successful Concession stand at Ridgeplayers. They went to the Mid Winter Rally in London on March 2, where Lt. Govenor Alex had a good informational meeting followed by going out to Fleetway. Disrtict Convention will be in April in Ottawa, 17 members will be attending with June, Gary and Jenn as advisors.

Membership Drive

"Chip In" Starting March 14 and Ending May 9 will be our membership drive. Please give out your Kiwanis chips to any prospective members. Ask Allen Ure or John Case for your chips if you have not got a chip or need more.

Guest Speaker March 14

Terri Jenkins was our guest speaker on March 14, she is the Founder/Owner of TJ Stables. Also she is the Founder/Captain of the Canadian Cowgirls for 10 years. She spoke on the Exceptional Riders program at TJ Stables. There are 140 children and adults with special needs in the program with 80 volunteers. They have a home schooling program. TJ Stables has a new program which is the first facility in Canada for Stroke Survivors.

Canadian Cowgirls went to the Calgary Stampede and won 1st place out of 850 entrees. They were invited to the Rose Parade in Pasadena California, their trip cost \$96,000.

Aktion Club

The Aktion Club has had 2 successful fundraisers this year. Kernals Popcorn and Valentines Cookies. The Aktion club wanted to thank us for all our hard work and dedication to the Aktion Club. Then they gave a \$200 donation to the Eliminate Project.



Easter Egg Hunt

Please come out to the Fair Grounds behind Tim Hortons. Starting time is 11:00am. Saturday March 30.

Guest Speaker February 28

Doug Desmond gave an informative talk on his view of the effects of wind turbines on property values in Chatham-Kent. Doug feels the provincial money being spent on subsidizing the wind turbines would be better spent on research. Many questions are raised about the efficiency of wind turbines. The cost of wind generated electricity is more than twice the rate market rate for electricity currently produced. Wind doesn't always blow when electricity is need – in the mornings and throughout the summer. What happens with the electricity produced by the turbines when the provincial electricity grid can't handle what is produced? Is it really reducing carbon emissions?

Doug also raised concerns with the province's Green Energy Act. It has taken the rezoning of farmland to industrial use out of the planning act. What action can be taken by concerned citizens? Economic concerns – the industrialization of the North Shore of Lake Erie will leave no room for a recreational or residential tax base.

Taxes from these types of property are needed by the municipality. The land where the turbines are sitting is being taxed at the agricultural rate, not the industrial rate. Doug predicts that the value of your property could be decreased by 25% if turbines visually impact your property. Following his presentation, Doug was thanked by Kiwanian Keith Hamilton.



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Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org

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



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.