

Ridgetown Kiwanis Club News

March 27, 2018

M&Ms symbolizes "Membership Matters"

Kiwanis – Continued

March 22nd Meeting

O Canada Led by PE Allen, Invocation also by, PE Allen.

Attendance: 19 Members, 3 Guests, 0 Key Club Members

Mystery Handshake:

Kiwanian Peter - caught Nobody, everyone shook his hand

Happy Bucks:

Larry – Happy to be back at Kiwanis.

President John x3 – 1) spending weekend with 200 screaming teenagers at Key Club convention 2) Saw Pintail Ducks this week and was able to snap some pictures. 3) Service Canada employees no longer allowed to address people as "Madame" or "Sir" in another bow to Trudeau gender correctness.

Brad – Easter Egg graphics from the Independent were added to our Face Book Page – it has had lots of views so far. He will have Quiz Night up there soon.

Dale – must go to the Hardware store to buy new tools, Thanks MA!

Reports:

A Presentation was made to Mark and Kelly Carter, owner of Carter's Home Hardware for all of the great things they have done us with over the years. They recently bought a new home here in Ridgetown and during the renovations find they could use a satisfying meal since their kitchen is torn apart. We gave them dinner out for two.

Cindy reminded everybody that the new shirts are still available to order.

John W reported on Canada events – we will have a parade, fireworks will follow the parade again this year. The committee will be fund raising for the fireworks.

Easter Egg Breakfast at Yeck's at 8:30 – to be at School by 10. Need lots of help.

Club Draw

none held this week.



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Kiwanis Moments

Our History

THE MOTTO

In 1920, something important crystallized for Kiwanis; something that inspired Roe Fulkerson, the gifted editor of the Kiwanis magazine, to propose two simple words—"We Build"—as the Kiwanis motto. It was the coining of the Motto, after five years of painful and exhilarating growth, that put Kiwanis into its stride. Then in 2005, during the 90th anniversary year of Kiwanis, delegates to the International Convention voted to adopt a new motto, "Serving the Children of the World," to emphasize the primary focus of Kiwanis service over those nine decades and make a commitment for the years to come.

THE FIRST CLUB AND BEYOND

With the founding of the Kiwanis Club of Detroit Number One, Michigan, in 1915, Kiwanians discovered they were having a good time and they could make a noise in the world, but not by scratching one another's backs in business. They could do it by rendering important community service without thought of personal gain.

Yet trouble loomed. The founding club of an organization faltered, and nearly failed, only six months after it had so proudly adopted its new name. The cause? Allen S. Browne. Or, more specifically, club members who did not like Browne and the financial arrangement Kiwanis had with him. The membership fee, collected and kept by Browne, was up to \$10 by mid-July 1915. And Browne legally "owned" Kiwanis.

During a club meeting, accusations were made against Browne. Though untrue, a disturbance developed that left the first Kiwanian watching helplessly as the first Kiwanis club disintegrated before his eyes. After the situation, Joe Prance wrote: "Everyone started talking at once, all 175 of them. When the smoke cleared, we had about 50 members left.

Secretary Oattie Robertson and Allen Browne, disgusted, left for Cleveland to organize a Kiwanis club there." It was a wise move. Browne and Robertson started a club in Cleveland that attracted a membership of 135 in 10 weeks. The Cleveland Kiwanians enthusiastically began building other clubs. And it was in Cleveland

Meeting Schedule

March 29 - Business meeting
April 5 -
April 12 - Key Club
April 19 - Local author
April 26 - Annual meeting - elections
May 3 - Quiz Night
May 10 - CK 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 -

Reminder from a previous Board Meeting

The board had a discussion on how fellow members should be addressed at meetings. It was agreed that it is too difficult to remember members past titles, so from now on, it is appropriate to simply use the **term Kiwanian and the person's first name** for all members, with one exception. The person chairing the meeting should still be addressed using their proper title. Also remember that there will be a fine for addressing a member by Kiwanian followed by their surname as opposed to their first name.

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that Kiwanis service and its special concern for children took firm root. The new club started a nursery school for underprivileged children.

Meanwhile, Detroit president Don Johnston diplomatically pulled his club together. More important, he eagerly supported a membership drive to bring the club to full strength. Kiwanis had stumbled during the summer of 1915. But it did not fail. And, now, with major clubs in Detroit and Cleveland and with others on the way, it was back on its feet—stronger than ever with continued growth. Those first Kiwanians sensed the destiny of their small but spirited organization.



Guest Speaker

Lori Marshall, CEO for Chatham-Kent HealthAlliance

Lori spoke to us about the hospital's Strategic Planning Process as to where the hospital is heading in the future. She confirmed that the hospital will remain as two sites, the Chatham location and the Wallaceburg site. She said they need to do more work on improving services in the rural areas of Chatham-Kent because it makes up about 60% of the users of the current facilities. Lori also gave us some interesting facts they are dealing with, first that CK is currently at 100K population and declining, we have a higher usage of



emergency room services than other communities of similar sizes. Our citizens are higher users of cigarettes and alcohol, and they have higher incidents of arthritis and diabetes. Our club made a \$25,000 donation to the Chatham-Kent HealthAlliance this

year with your approval.

Other

If anyone has pictures or stories they would like to share please send them along to me please. My email address is alanbloomfield6@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday March 31, at 11:00 a.m., we need volunteers. Thanks!

Spring Quiz Night - Thursday May03 – need judges, runners and servers

Executive

President: Dr. John Button, **President Elect:** Allen Ure, **Past President:** Alan Bloomfield
Secretary: Dennis Vaughan, **Treasurer:** Debbie Button

Board Members with one year remaining: Craig Mitton, Brad Scoyne, Greg Roberts, Gary Wake

Board Members with two years remaining: Jennifer Johns, Hanna Kielt, Jim Millar, Larry Rumble

Division 4 LG - Doug McGregor, **EC&C Governor - Bobby Moo Young,**
EC&C Governor-elect - Mel Clark, **EC&C Vice-Governor - Bob Spellen**

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More than TZ

<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>5.3-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>	

Talk to either Cindy or Brad Before it is too late!

