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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13, 2013

The May 9 meeting was a very special meeting for our club. Members of the awards committee PP Dale Smith & PLG Allen Ure planned an evening of member recognition. Twenty-eight members and Key Clubbers LG Jen Dunlop & Amanda Vaughan welcomed twenty-six guests.

Guests: Region A Trustee Sheila Donald, Sarnia Lambton Golden K; Eileen Richards, Louise Amelia, Dick Roe and Phyliss Lyon, Chatham-Kent Golden K; PLG Sylvia Logan and PLG Bill Graham, Kiwanis Club of West Lorne; Rob Lusher, Lloyd McNaughton, Jack McNiven and Doug Hill, St. Thomas Golden K; DLG Jim & Bev Scott and DLG Jim & Sue Garey, Kiwanis Club of Forest City London, Dr. David Campbell, Joanne Monden, Ron Kapala and guest Margaret, partners – Lynn Beavis, Marg Richmond, Maxine Guyitt, Gail Vaughan, Brenda Mason, Shelley Bloomfield and Patti Smith.

Prior to the official program of the evening, Sgt-at-Arms Dale managed to talk himself into a corner. Apparently he missed collecting for a picture of Dr. John in the newspaper. When he tried to get himself out of the fine, it came to light that he was hunting wild turkey that evening. Dr. John commented that if he was hunting for turkeys he should have been looking in the mirror. When Dale admitted that the turkeys managed to escape him, Kiwanian John Wright asked how an animal with a brain the size of a quarter could outsmart Sgt-at-Arms Dale. At that point the Sgt-at-Arms sat down.

Happy \$\$

PLG Allen Ure was happy for everyone attending tonight's meeting and happy to congratulate those members being recognized.

KI VP Dr. John was happy for the \$35,000 raised at the Eliminate Gala in Ottawa last weekend and very happy to announce that Maternal & Neonatal Tetanus has been eliminated from Iraq.

Key Clubber Amanda was happy for the \$750 raised at the grad class spaghetti dinner last Friday and thanked all those who came out to support the grad class.

Kiwanian Marian was happy to report the Spring Concert performed by the Ridgetown Girls Choir was a successful evening. The girls were poised, confident and performed well for the 75 – 80 in attendance. The evening raised \$500 to be used for music for the group.

DLG Jim Garey was happy that he was able to introduce KI VP Dr. John at the Division 12 & 13 caucus last weekend and that he gave the invocation at the Eliminate Gala.

Kiwanian Dennis Vaughan was happy to be invited to the Spring Meeting of Field & Stream this evening with all the talk of hunting! He thought the Sgt-at-Arms may be a good Sgt, but not so good with his arms. Dennis went on to suggest to Dale that perhaps he should try hunting in Newfoundland because moose are much bigger than turkeys and slower.

Kiwanian Karolyn was happy with the response to the new club shirts.

Kiwanian Jenn Vaughan was extremely happy that her wonderful husband was home

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AKTION CLUB

Kiwanian Gary, Aktion Club advisor, reported that the Aktion Club members are looking forward to the Big Bike Ride on May 24. They are looking to partner with members of our club. If anyone is willing and able to ride please see Gary for pledge sheets. Riders need to meet at the Legion by 5:00 pm on May 24.

KEY CLUB

Key Club LG Jennifer Dunlop reported that two members of the RDHS Key Club – club secretary Hailey & LG Jennifer - will be attending Key Club International Convention in Washington, DC in July. LG Jennifer will be holding her divisional training meeting soon for incoming Key Club officers.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Hannah Kielt as a member of our club. Hannah is sponsored by Secretary Mary Ann. Hannah was born in Poland where she studied International Business as well as several languages. Hannah came to Canada in April 1967 and was married in 1968. She moved to Ridgetown in 1975. Hannah sits on the board of the brain injury of Chatham-Kent. PLG Peter Guyitt gave Hannah a brief history of Kiwanis International, PP Craig Mitton gave Hannah a brief history of our club and VP Brian Dunlop recited the Objects of Kiwanis. President Brad gave Hannah her new member package and DLG Jim Scott welcomed Hannah to Kiwanis with her membership pin. Welcome Hannah! We look forward to serving with you.



Member Recognitions

The recognition portion of the meeting started with KI VP Dr. John presenting Years of Service certificates to:

Treasurer Alan Bloomfield	5 years
Kiwanian Adam Larkin	5 years
Kiwanian Shawn Hoskins	5 years
President Brad Carnie	10 years
PE Kevin Hoskins	10 years
Kiwanian Larry Rumble	15 years
Kiwanian Mike Mervin	15 years
PP Randy Campbell	15 years

Legion of Honour – created by Kiwanis International to appreciate members with 25 years or more of service. Certificate and lapel pin with the highest office member has served is awarded.

Past Treasurer Gary Guyitt	25 years
Kiwanian Bill Johnston	25 years
PLG Allen Ure	25 years
PLG Randy Ross	25 years
PP Craig Mitton	35 years
PP Ken Richmond	40 years
PLG Peter Guyitt	50 years

Kiwanian Karolyn gave a history of the George F. Hixson Fellowship and Past Treasurer Gary gave a history of the Mel Osborne Fellowship.

The George F. Hixson Fellowship

George Hixon was an early Kiwanis International President who dedicated 50 years of his life to Kiwanis Service. The website claims he was the first International president but some of us believe that is not true. We believe Donald Johnston from Rutherford was the first president, but that is a story for another time.

Donors who give \$1,000US become George F Hixon Fellows and receive a commemorative tie tack or lapel pin along with two numbered medallions hanging from blue and white ribbons. One medallion is encased in a walnut box for display purposes, the other is to be worn.

Donors making an additional donation of \$1,000US will receive a diamond pin for the ribbon and special tab for the tie tack or lapel pin.

All funds received towards Hixon Fellowships are unrestricted and can be used by the Kiwanis International Foundation where it is determined the need is greatest, unless specified by the donor. Our Club has just a few George F Hixon Fellows at this time.

The Mel Osborne Fellowship

The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada Inc., resulted from a challenge made to Kiwanis Canada by Past International Vice President Mel Osborne of the East York (Toronto) Kiwanis Club. Mel was sure that a National foundation would unite, strengthen Kiwanis and increase membership in all of Canada. Mel had served with distinction as a Governor of the Ontario-Quebec-Maritime District in 1953, International Trustee from 1960-64 and as International Vice-President during 1965-65. Early in 1965 he retired from the International board due to health reasons. In 1966 he was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Kiwanis International Foundation where he served until 1970. Mel's experience on the International Foundation Board persuaded him to recommend that

Kiwanis Clubs in Canada should form a Canadian Foundation to promote the work of Kiwanis on a national scale in Canada. Kiwanians supported the plan and it was approved. The Government of Canada granted the Charter for the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada Incorporated on July 27, 1973. The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada has, therefore, brought into existence an award, which honours one of the founders. This fellowship consists of Kiwanians and others who have contributed to the growth and work of Kiwanis. Their service and dedication is remembered and honoured by their being named to this prestigious society. The Foundation sends a special scroll honouring their contribution and the uniquely designed medallion.

Presentations:

President Brad and PP Dale presented Distinguished President June with a Mel Osborne Fellowship. June joined the club in February 2004. She quickly became involved with the Key Club and has served as our club advisor to the RDHS Key Club since 2004, one month after she joined the club. June's commitment to the members of Key Club has been outstanding.

She (and Gary) have spent countless hours driving, helping, supporting and mentoring these young people. She bakes for them, she attends their weekly meetings, their fundraising and service projects, their training and divisional meetings, their district conventions and their graduations. To many Key Clubbers, June has been a second mother.

June served as President of our club from 1 October 2007 to 31 October 2008, then continued on until 30 April 2009 to help fill a gap in the president's position. When the club was presented with a new fundraiser, the craft show, June stepped up to co-chair the project and continues to do so, spending many, many hours working with vendors to ensure the best possible show and fundraiser for our club.

Thank you June for your dedication to our club, our community and the children of the world.



ELIMINATE
maternal/neonatal tetanus

Club Website: <http://www.ridgetownkiwanis.com>
E.C.& C. District Website: www.kiwanisecc.org
Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org

Presentations of Walter Zeller Fellowship awards were made to:

PLG Peter Guyitt

PP Ken Richmond

Past Treasurer Gary Guyitt

PP Dale Smith

Next week's newsletter will have information on the Zeller Fellowship and the recipients.

Upcoming Meetings, Events & Interclub Opportunities

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| May 16 | Club meeting MP Dave Vankestern – meeting is business dress |
| May 23 | Club meeting scavenger hunt |
| May 23 | PLG Allen speaking at Kiwanis Club of Oshawa – contact Allen if you can make an interclub |
| May 25 | Teddy Bear Picnic |
| May 28 | St. Thomas Golden K 25 th Anniversary – interclub opportunity |
| May 30 | Club meeting mystery tour |
| June 6 | Club meeting business & board meeting |
| June 8 | Division 4 Robarts Golf Tournament |
| June 13 | Club meeting car rally |
| June 20 | Kiwanis Club of Riverdale golf tournament |
| June 22 | Division 4 President & secretary training – London |
| June 26-29 | Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver |
| July 4 | Summer meetings start – contact secretary Mary Ann if you wish to host a meeting |
| July 27 | Kiwanis Club of Genoa visits – VP Brian Dunlop will be hosting the dinner |
| Aug 15-17 | District Convention in Peterborough – plan to attend to support PLG Allen's election for District Vice-Governor |

Teddy Bear Picnic

Saturday, May 25 is the annual Teddy Bear Picnic. All funds raised are in support of the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario. The parade of teddy bears starts at Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, judging at 10:30 am and parade at 11:00. VP Brian has tickets on the bears – keep selling. Please return money and sold tickets to Brian. It is a fun day in Watson Grove Park with balloons, face painting, music, prizes, popcorn and hotdogs and pop. Plan to help out that day.

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DLG Jim Scott presents Distinguished Club Award to DP Alan for the 2011-2012 year. Congratulations to DP Alan, the 2011-12 board and all members on a great year.



5 Years of Service to Kiwanis



10 Years of Service to Kiwanis



15 Years of Service to Kiwanis



25 Years of Service to Kiwanis



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CLUB OFFICERS & Directors

President: Brad Carnie
Past President: Alan Bloomfeld
Secretary: Mary Ann Hawthorne

President-elect: Kevin Hoskins
Vice-President: Brian Dunlop
Treasurer: Alan Bloomfield

DIRECTORS:

June Guyitt, Wendy Millyard, Dale Smith, Greg Roberts (1 Year)

Marian Visser, Brian Hoskins, David Vaughan, and Karolyn Ure (2 Years)