

Ridgetown Kiwanis Club News

November 22, 2017

M&Ms symbolize "Membership Matters"



November 9, 2017 meeting

Twenty-one members and 2 guests – Pierre Monette and speaker Phil Hill

Happy \$\$

Kiwanian Shaun was happy to have finished winterizing trailers for this year and happy to offer members the opportunity to support Ridge Kids fundraiser.

Kiwanian Brad was happy to have been part of interclub of six members attending the Kiwanis Club of Chatham-Kent Crepe Dinner fundraiser.

Report on Craft Show

Thank you to the committee for all their work on another successful craft show fundraiser.

Many new vendors added to the show and the comments from attendees were very positive.

Setup was completed in record time thanks to Kiwanian Jennifer's idea of using her laser level and Kiwanian Jim and Secretary Dennis' engineering sense. Thanks to Kiwanian Gary Wake and DP Dale for helping move tables once the space was marked. More help with that made it easier on the committee.

Thanks to those who helped with cleanup on Sunday. We were done before they kicked us out!

Thanks to all the members who volunteered their time over the weekend, many for several shifts. With their help and the help of people from outside the club, we made it through another one!

Kiwanian Brad gave a presentation on the club's Facebook page. All members are asked to Like and Share the page. Brad has also advertised our craft show and Christmas parade on Facebook. The analytics provided by Facebook were very interesting. Kiwanian Sarah will also have administrative access to the club's page.

Christmas Cakes and Mint Smoothies are here. Contact Kiwanian Gary Wake to get your cakes and chocolates to sell.

Christmas parade plans are well underway. The gifts for the free draw have been purchased and are now in the window at Ridgetown Independent News. The theme this year is "Canada 150: Christmas Then and Now".

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Program

Able Bodied Seaman Phil Hill gave a very interesting and emotional presentation on his time in the Canadian Navy and shared some stories from his father who was in the Canadian Air Force.

Phil was born in Winnipeg but as an “Air Force BRAT” he lived in England and Europe.

Phil served on the HMCS Bonaventure, the third and last aircraft carrier used by the Canadian navy. He shared how he had to get “sea legs” when he first joined the navy.

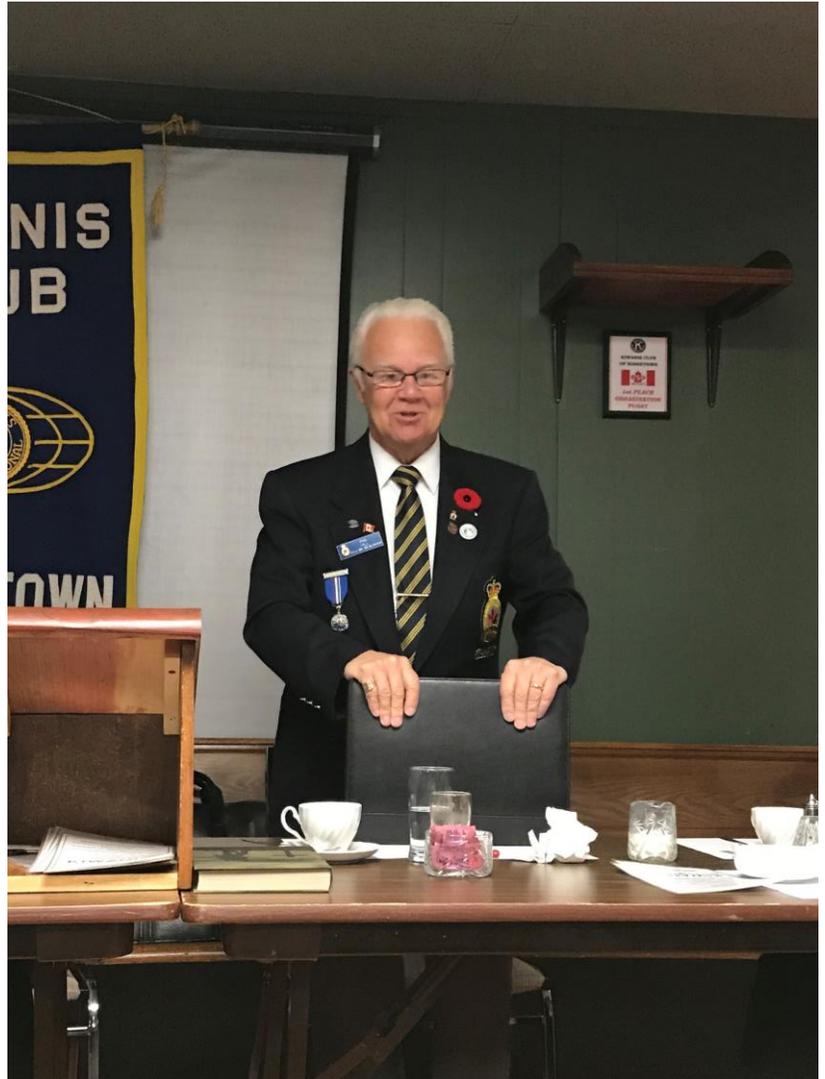
Phil then shared an emotional story of his hero – his father, Corporal Joseph Hill.

Corporal Hill was born in Northern Wales, joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1939. He trained in Canada where he met and married his wife. Corporal Hill fought in Burma during WWII and later in the Korean War. He rarely talked about the battles he experienced during the war. Corporal Hill died in a car accident on November 11, 1966 on his way home from a Remembrance Day parade. Losing his father on November 11 makes

Remembrance Day an emotional and special day for Phil Hill.

Our speaker was thanked by PP Craig and the club will make a donation to the Memory Project.

An initiative of **Historica Canada, The Memory Project** is a volunteer speakers bureau that arranges for veterans and Canadian Forces members to share their stories of military service at school and community events across the country. Their speakers have reached 1.6 million Canadians since 2001.



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Kiwanis Moments

The Fourth Object of Kiwanis

“To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.”

The ways you can illustrate the Fourth Object include enrolling Key Club International and Circle K International alumni—and keep our most engaged young leaders involved with the Kiwanis family. Another idea: Promote Kiwanis training and advance the Kiwanis brand by acting as a clearinghouse for potential club meeting speakers.



Meeting Schedule

**November 23-Tour to Son's of Kent*

**November 30*

**December 07-Candy pack following regular meeting*

**December 09 – Santa Claus Parade*

**December 14-Club Christmas dinner - presentation by Foundation of CKHA*

**December 21-Children's Christmas party*

**December 28-Holiday social at home of President Dr. John and Debbie*

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November 16, 2019 4H Banquet

On November 16 we sponsored our 70th 4H Banquet. There was approximately 100 4H members and their families along with about a dozen Kiwanians. Jim was a great MC for the evening. Dinner was ham, roast beef and all of the sides to go with them plus awesome deserts.

The guest speaker

- Nadjia LaFontaine, Innovative Bio-Logics



Topic - Introduction to Organic Farming

The presentation focused on how practices in organic farming can be applied to conventional farming. The goals are the same to protect and have healthy soils in which to grow our crops in. One of the interesting points was how beneficial earth worms are in the soil. They have many functions, the first is to create holes/tunnels for water/air movement and root growth they go as deep as 1-3 metres! They also eat soil that cycles and frees up nutrients.

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Upcoming Projects

Santa Clause Parade –
December 09 – All
hands-on deck please



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President: Dr. John Button,
Secretary: Dennis Vaughan,

President Elect: Allen Ure,
Treasurer: Debbie Button

Past President: Alan Bloomfield

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,
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EC&C Vice-Governor - Bob Spellen