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KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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## **NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2016**

### **October 6, 2016 Meeting:**

Twenty-one members enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner! Thank you to Cathy Shaw and her group of helpers for a great meal.

### **Happy \$\$**

\$\$ -PP Ken was happy to see the help at all the events and for PLG Peter and Treasurer Jenn for their efforts in recycling. PP Ken was also happy for the get well card for his wife Margaret and the visit from PP Dennis on behalf of the club.

\$ - PE Dr. John was happy to have a new granddaughter born in London, UK on October 3.

\$ - Kiwanian Larry was happy for the work of the Foundation board this past year.

\$ - Secretary Debbie was happy for the donations to the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Pumpkin Run. Debbie and June finished under goal time.

\$\$ - PP John was happy to finish his term as club president. He was also happy to announce that Dave Vaughan, John and Kori Wright are hosting a pig roast at Kori's home.

\$ - Rotarian Murray Scoyne was happy that Kiwanians were happy to have their name badges and pig returned.

### **Past President John Wright**

Past President John had his last official duty, his end of term remarks to the club.

PP John thanked the members for their support during the year and all their help. His term as president was a learning experience, and he was glad to have had the opportunity to serve our club as president – once! PP John thanked past presidents Dale, Dennis, Alan Bloomfield and Dr. John for their help and advice throughout the year.

Following PP John's remarks, VP Allen, on behalf of the club, thanked John for his leadership.

### **Business:**

Both the General account and the Service account budgets were presented and discussed.

Motion to accept service account budget as presented, moved by VP Allen Ure, supported by Kiwanian Larry and carried.

Motion to accept general account budget as presented, moved by PE Dr. John, supported by PP John Wright and carried.

Following the budget presentations, Kiwanian Greg Roberts, on behalf of the board of directors, presented to the club the issue of the general account deficit. Much discussion followed on ways to reduce our administrative expenses, as raising dues is not an option.

Motion to charge a committee to meet with the church caterers to review meal options, moved by PP Dennis, supported by PP Craig and carried with one abstention.

The committee will meet with the church as soon as possible and report back to the membership.

The October 13 meeting will be the induction of the 2016-17 directors and officers of our club.

**What is the role of the club board of directors?**

Every Kiwanis club has a board of directors to ensure smooth club operations, to lead club initiatives, and to create and uphold the club's vision – all with the club's best interest in mind. Most of the board's tasks are related to these functions: administration, decision making, and strategic-planning.

Administrative tasks include:

Determining the good-standing status of members in accordance with club policy/bylaws

Setting an annual budget before October 15 each year

Assuring the club complies with applicable governmental rules and regulations

Overseeing the implementation of club policy

Assuring the club is meeting its financial obligations, including the annual review of financial statements

Receive from members new club initiatives, service or fundraising, and review prior to presentation to membership

**Structure of the board of directors**

Officers – serve a one-year term

President

President-elect

Immediate past president

Vice-president (if any)

Treasurer

Secretary

Directors – as stated in our club bylaws that number is 8. Each year four elected to serve a two-year term.

An effective board makes decisions that enhance the long-term vitality and stability of the club by searching for solutions that align with the club's mission, vision and goals.

An effective board works together as a team to make decisions that respect club traditions while keeping priorities focused on the goals of the club.

The board meets regularly at a designated time and place. The board may also hold special meetings at the call of the president provided at least 48 hours notice is given to all board members of the date, time, place and topic. For a club board meeting a quorum is defined as more than half of the board members.

The board may take no action that conflicts with the best interest of the club and its members. Other than disciplinary measures, an action of the board may be rescinded or amended by two-thirds vote of the club members present and voting, provided at least 14 days notice is given to all club members.

**The role of the president on the board**

President presides over board meetings

Sets the board meeting agenda

Calls special meetings of the board, if necessary

Establishes goals for the club, in consultation with the club board of directors

Serves as ex-officio member of all standing and special committees

**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 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Summer meetings are hosted by members at various local addresses.**

### **Kiwanis Structure – where do you fit?**

The most important part of the Kiwanis structure is the member – you.

#### **Clubs**

Members come together to form a club. Clubs around the Kiwanis world vary in size from small (less than 15) to very large (over 200). Members pay dues to their respective clubs as set by the club board and membership.

#### **Division**

Clubs within a geographical area form a division. The division is lead by the lieutenant governor (LG). The LG is elected at a divisional meeting by representatives of the clubs within the division. The LG reports to the governor of the district.

Our division – division 4 – includes clubs from Ridgetown, Rodney, West Lorne, St. Thomas, London (3 clubs) and Ingersoll.

#### **District**

The district is the body of divisions and thus the clubs within a geographical area. Our district is Eastern Canada and the Caribbean, consisting of clubs from Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, PEI, Newfoundland and thirteen nations in the Caribbean and northern South America. The district is lead by a board of trustees. The district governor presides over the district board of trustees. Due to the size of our district, the board is divided into regions, where a region is a group of divisions and represented on the board by a regional trustee.

### **MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE**

Oct 13	New executive and board induction by LG Gary Van Kooten – interclub from St. Thomas
Oct 19	Board meeting
Oct 20	Prep work for Kiwanis One Day
Oct 22	Kiwanis One Day
Oct 27	Work on Halloween Bus
Oct 31	Kiwanis Halloween Bus open to community
Nov 3	Remembrance Day program
Nov 10	Business and board meeting
Nov 5 & 6	Craft Show
Nov 17	program to be determined
Nov 19	Division 4 caucus meeting in Ingersoll
Nov 24	4H banquet
Dec 1	program to be determined
Dec 8	Business and board meeting
Dec 15	Children’s Christmas party
Dec 22	Christmas meeting
Dec 29	no meeting at church

#### **Interclub opportunity**

Saturday, October 22 Kiwanis Club of Cambridge is hosting a Mystery Dinner Theatre. Cost is \$50.00 per person. Contact VP Allen if interested.

#### **Home Hardware Tapes**

Please keep saving your Carter Home Hardware receipts and give them to DP Dale. The club receives a credit at the store – 5% of pretax sales for all receipts submitted. This is an easy fundraiser for the club and very generous of Mark Carter, owner of the store. Receipts must be dated within the past year and only from Carter Home Hardware in Ridgetown. Thanks to DP Dale for adding the receipts and submitting to the store.

#### **2015-16 CLUB OFFICERS:**

**President: Alan Bloomfield**

**President-elect: John Button**

**Treasurer: Jenn Vaughan**

#### **DIRECTORS:**

**Brad Carnie, Debbie Button, Hanna Kielt, Greg Roberts (1 year)**

**Craig Mitton, Brad Scoyne, Dennis Vaughan, Gary Wake (2 years)**

**Past President: John Wright**

**Vice-President: Allen Ure**

**Secretary: Debbie Button**

#### **DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:**

**Governor: Phil Rossy**

**Governor -elect: Bobby Mooyoung**

**Vice Governor: Mel Clark**

**Division 4 Lt. Governor: Gary Van Kooten**