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KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 14 , 2013

October 10, 2013 meeting:

For our special evening of new board and officer induction twenty-six members and Key Clubbers LG Jennifer Dunlop, Sarah Cudmore, Brandon Vaughan and Amanda Vaughan welcomed guests; from the Kiwanis Club of Middlesex LG Sandra Collier, Alice Cox, Don Russell and Paul Fish; from the Kiwanis Club of West Lorne Sylvia Logan and Win Liepman.

Congratulations to our new officers and directors. Thanks for sharing your time and talents for the good of our club, our community and beyond.

Happy \$\$

\$ - VG Allen was happy to have two Lieutenant Governors at our meeting – Key Club LG Jennifer and Division 4 LG Sandra.

\$ - PP Brad was happy to have his daughter Laura home from Calgary for 10 days and he was happy to have attended the Rotary Club of Ridgetown's meeting where Kiwanian Mary Ann set them straight. It seems Mary Ann questioned why they had no women in the club and after helping them with putting corn stocks downtown, was told she wasn't tying the knot correctly, she told the Rotarian that is why you have no women in your club.

\$ - Kiwanian Mary Ann is happy she is a Kiwanian not a Rotarian.

\$ - IPE Dr. John was happy that two more countries are free of maternal neonatal tetanus – Gabon and Sierra Leone.

\$ - VP Karolyn was happy to have had a hot date last night with her birthday Dad.

\$ - Kiwanian Larry was happy to see such great team work at the fish fry.

\$ - Kiwanian Keith was happy to have his family together this weekend to celebrate Thanksgiving.



2013-14 Board

Meet the 2013-14 Kiwanis International President

Gunter Gasser learned about teamwork early in life when he played on soccer and ice hockey teams. Now he's using those skills to lead one of the world's largest service organizations, Kiwanis International.

Gunter was elected president of Kiwanis International in June 2013 at the 98th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia. Gunter has been a Kiwanian since 1987, when he joined as a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Spittal an der Drau, Austria, serving as president in 1991-92. He also is a founding member of the Tombstone, Montana, Kiwanis Club and an honorary member of Austria's Wien-Europe 1 club.

Gunter was born in Vienna, Austria, a small country in the middle of Europe. He currently lives with his spouse, Christiana, in Carinthia, a part of Austria with warm summers and snowy winters. Skiing is his favorite hobby and jokes Carinthian babies are born with skis on their feet. He has a degree in mechanical engineering combined with economics from the Technical University of Graz. Christiana is a retired school principal and past president and charter member of the Spittal Porcia Kiwanis Club. Gunter and Christiana have one son and one daughter.

Elected to a three-year term as a Kiwanis International trustee in 2003, Gunter has served on the board's communications and conventions, partnership/community and corporate alliances, operations, finance, international relations and executive committees. He has served as board counselor to several districts and was a member of the new worldwide service project task force. Each part of the 2013-14 Kiwanis theme, "We Build Bridges for Children to the Future," has a special meaning for Gunter. "We" means it will take teamwork. "Build" stands for result-oriented projects. "Bridges" normally provide a safe path over a difficult crossing. "Children" is the target group. And "future" means projects with concrete solutions and great sustainability. By connecting children to a bright and better life, we will live our organization's motto of "Serving the Children of the World."



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.

KEY CLUB

Key Club VP Brandon reported on activities of the RDHS Key Club. They will be attending the Divisional Leadership Training Council on October 26 at the Kiwanis Senior Centre in London. They have several fundraisers planned for the fall.

AKTION CLUB

Aktion Club advisor June reported the Ridgetown Kiwanis Aktion Club met on Wednesday, October 9. The club is glad to be back meeting after their summer break. They are planning fundraisers for Valentine's Day and Easter. Their next meeting is November 6 at 3:30 pm at the Ridgetown Legion and Kiwanians are always welcome to attend. Four Kiwanians attended the October meeting – June, Kiwanian Hanna, IPE Dr. John and PP Debbie.

INTERCLUB OPPORTUNITIES

October 24, 2013 the Kiwanis Club of Ingersoll is hosting Eastern Canada & Caribbean District Governor Hope. Meet & greet at 5:45 with dinner meeting starting at 6:15. Cost is \$15.00.

October 28, 2013 IPE Dr. John is speaking at the Kiwanis Club of Forest City London. The meeting and lunch at noon at the Mocha Shrine Centre, 468 Colborne Street, London. Cost of lunch is \$15.00.

TREE PLANTING

On Saturday, October 19 we will be planting 50 trees in the Memorial Tree Park on Marsh Street. We will meet for breakfast at 8:00 am at Yeck's and planting starts at 9:00 am.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Oct 17	Budget presentation – club members only
Oct 19	Plant trees in Memorial Trees Park
Oct 24	Corn Maze
Oct 31	First Annual Hallowe'en Haunted Bus – dinner at church at 5:30, bus open to children at 6:30
Nov 2 & 3	Craft Show – setup on Friday, November 1
Nov 7	Remembrance Day program – Sheridan Atkison speaker
Nov 14	Chatham-Kent Critical Response Unit
Nov 21	Annual 4H banquet
Nov 28	Christmas Craft Night
Dec 14	Annual Santa Claus Parade



LG Sandra installs President Brian

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Brian Dunlop

President-elect: vacant

Treasurer: Alan Bloomfield

DIRECTORS:

Brian Hoskins, Marian Visser, Rebeccah Malott, Craig Mitton (1 year)

Keith Hamilton, Dennis Vaughan, Gary Guyitt, Jenn Vaughan (2 years)

Past President: Brad Carnie

Vice President: Karolyn Ure

Secretary: June Guyitt

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Hope Markes

Governor Elect: Serge Viau

Vice Governor: Allen Ure

Division 4 Lt. Governor: Sandra Collier