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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2016

October 13, 2016 Meeting:

Twenty members welcomed Division 4 Lieutenant Governor Gary Van Kooten, an interclub of seven members from Kiwanis Club of St. Thomas Golden, an interclub of four members from Kiwanis Club of Ingersoll and Division 4 Lieutenant Governor-elect Doug McGregor from the Kiwanis Club of Forest City London and guest Sarah Cudmore.

Happy \$\$

\$ - Vice-president Allen was happy that the large tree in Kiwanis Park will be donated to the Ridgetown Chamber of Commerce for the sharing tree at the corner of Main and Erie Streets. \$ - he was happy to welcome LG Gary and LGE Doug. \$ - and he was happy to announce after a multi-year search by the district the Eastern Canada District of Circle K has a new district administrator – our own member Bradley Scoyne.

\$ - LGE Doug was happy to be at our meeting for the first time and he was happy that LG Gary was letting him attend the inductions.

\$ - Kiwanian Larry was happy that Kiwanian Ira's children are moving to Ridgetown from Jamaica.

\$ - Kiwanian Ron was happy that all his family was home for Thanksgiving.

\$ - Kiwanian Ira was happy to be at the meeting and happy that all documentation was complete to have his children join him in Ridgetown from Jamaica.

\$ - Treasurer Jenn was happy that she and Dave had visited Brandon in Peterborough and Brandon was like his father, the partier. \$ - she was also happy that Amanda is doing great at St. Clair College.

\$ - LG Gary was happy to have the St. Thomas group at the meeting and happy to have the interclub from his club in Ingersoll at the meeting.

\$ - Kiwanian Darwin was happy to have the warm welcome \$ - and happy to have his meal delivered to him.



Lieutenant Governor Gary Van Kooten

LG Gary inducted our 2016-17 board of directors and club officers.

Gary was born in the Netherlands and emigrated to Canada - St. Thomas, with his parents and ten brothers and sisters in 1957. Gary attended secondary school in St. Thomas and graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1974 from Brockville General Hospital Regional School of Nursing. He worked as a staff nurse and a nursing supervisor from 1974 to 1997.

He worked for the South Texas Health System from 1974 to 2005. He worked as a travel nurse throughout the US from 2005 to 2010. In 2014 he retired from a 45-year career in nursing. In 2011 he joined the Kiwanis Club of Ingersoll, sponsored by his daughter, Kristy Van Kooten Bossence. He served as president in 2014-15 and now serves as Division 4 Lieutenant Governor the 2016-17 Kiwanis year.

LG Gary brought greetings to our club from E.C.&C. Governor Phil Rossy and shared his goals for the Kiwanis year.

Finish the year with a net increase of 2 members per club

Appoint a club membership chair

Development of a plan to improve member engagement and increase retention

Identify a signature project that involves at least 25% of club membership

Boast about that signature project through social media and local media

Contribute a minimum of 25 Kiwanis Service hours per member

Sponsor or co-sponsor at least two Service Leadership programs

Use Kiwanis approved logos on new material

Appoint a club public relations chair to ensure club activities are recognized in the community

Donate at least \$10.00 per member to the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada

Pay Kiwanis International dues within the 60-day period

LG Gary encouraged clubs to continue working with the Formula chair to strengthen membership. The Formula is a member led, multi-year initiative, that focuses on Kiwanis members, investing in the Kiwanis experience and ultimately strengthening membership.

Take something you love, share it with others and make it a part of your life.

Love It – Share It – Live It

LG Gary shared the district's plan to implement the I-Plan.

The I-Plan is Kiwanis International's strategic plan – Inspiration, Impact, Image and Investment.

Inspiration: membership and engagement

Impact: meaningful service

Image: enhance the Kiwanis image worldwide through signature projects and unified
Kiwanis branding

Investment: exercise proper stewardship of resources

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.



LGE Doug presented President Alan with Governor Phil's official pin.

Following the induction ceremony, President Alan shared his message for the 2016-17 year. President Alan is hoping that "3rd time a charm" as this is his third year as club president, having served as president in 2011/12 and 2012/13. President Alan thanked President-elect John and Vice President Allen for stepping up and also thanked the board members for agreeing to serve. He is looking forward to exploring a Builders Club and a Satellite Club as well as exploring new club opportunities in other areas of the division. He is thankful for an active membership committee ready to explore opportunities for club growth. President Alan is looking forward to a year of fun – fun at events, fun at meetings and fun during fellowship times.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

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, election of directors and induction of new member
Nov 10	Business meeting – discussion of proposed meal reduction
Nov 5 & 6	Craft Show
Nov 17	program to be determined – board meeting following regular meeting
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 – no meeting at the church
Dec 22	Christmas meeting
Dec 29	no meeting at church

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

Past President: John Wright
Vice-President: Allen Ure
Secretary: Debbie Button

DIRECTORS:

Brad Carnie, Debbie Button, Hanna Kielt, Greg Roberts (1 year)
Craig Mitton, Brad Scoyne, Dennis Vaughan, Gary Wake (2 years)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Phil Rossy
Governor -elect: Bobby Mooyoung
Vice Governor: Mel Clark
Division 4 Lt. Governor: Gary Van Kooten