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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20, 2014

October 16, 2014 meeting

Thanks to Secretary Alan for taking notes and pictures of the tour! Members and guests enjoyed dinner, and brief business before travelling to the OPP office in Chatham.

Happy \$\$ - Larry was happy that a friend working at Klippenstein's is doing well after his accident. \$ Key Club President Brandon was happy the RDHS drama club is done casting for Alice In Wonderland production. \$ - President Dennis was happy to know that China is letting Larry into the country. \$ - Treasurer Jenn was happy that \$250.00 was raised at the Thanksgiving dinner for Brandon's Guatemala project. \$ - GE Allen was happy to report his trip to Aruba was great.
\$ - GE Allen - My youngest granddaughter, Ellis, has decided to try to help the Homeless in her area of Barrie with something called "Socktober". After seeing a video by a young man, she has taken upon herself at age 7 to collect new adult socks and mittens to be given to the homeless people. She has made a couple of videos to promote her project and the latest video is on my Facebook page. If members would like to contribute new socks, mittens or cash to the project, I will forward it on to Ellis. I know that she has been receiving support from some of our family and friends and a few of the teachers at her school have given her some socks and mittens. I also know that she has used the money she has received to purchase about 28 packs of socks and 5 packs of mittens. The project is scheduled to end on October 31.

John Taylor, representing Ridge Players, gave a presentation on the upcoming **Bracebridge Dinner**. Ridge Players will be creating a dinner at "Bracebridge Hall". Participants will be treated to a seven-course dinner and evening entertainment. Please promote this evening to your friends and family.

October 23 meeting will be induction of the 2014-15 board and officers by LG Sandra Collier. This is a guest/partner night and a special evening for our club.

October 26 Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church will be hosting a concert with free will offering going to the splash pad. The United Voices of Ridgetown, directed by Bev Fuller is a group of local musicians. They perform Broadway tunes, sacred songs and popular tunes. The committee at Mt. Zion has promoted the concert throughout the area and are hoping for a large attendance and a nice donation to the splash pad. Consider bringing friends and family to an evening of entertainment on Sunday night.

October 30 meeting the 2014-15 club budget will be presented. To facilitate discussion of the budget, the board has asked that the meeting be members only – no guests. Secretary Alan has distributed a copy of the general account and the service account budget to members. Please review and bring to the October 30 meeting.

Report from Secretary Alan on the tour of the OPP Forensic Identification Lab

16 members, two Key Club members and two prospective members toured the OPP Forensic Identification Service Lab in Chatham. Officer Darren Soucie gave us a very in depth power point presentation on the type of work that they perform at the lab. Everything from collecting evidence at the crime scene, to processing it as evidence is done in the lab. Much like we see on some forensic type TV show. However, some of what you see on TV is a bit exaggerated. He also told us the building and everything inside did not cost the taxpayers anything to build. This detachment covers Essex county, Lambton County and part of Chatham/Kent (401 corridor). There are several of these units in Ontario, most of them identical to this one. It was built by a group of private business people and then leased back to the detachment. At the end of 30 years the group will update any worn out furnishings and equipment and then they turn it over to the OPP. They test for finger prints, blood splatter patterns, bullet trajectory angles and hard to find prints on paper, plastic and other items that prints do not easily present themselves. On the actual tour we saw all of the lab facilities and nothing was held back. We even got to see the evidence room. Officer Darren Soucie was thanked and presented with a thank you gift on behalf on the club.



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.

INTERCLUB OPPORTUNITIES

- Oct 30 Kiwanis Club of Middlesex
London 40th Anniversary –
tickets are available from LG
Sandra – cost is \$35.00
- Nov 7 – 11 2014-15 E.C.&C. Governor Serge
Viau will be visiting Region A,
hosted by Division 3. There will
be a Region A caucus meeting
Sat., November 8 from 10:00 –
12:00 with lunch following at the
Active Lifestyle Centre in
Chatham. There will be an
informal meet & greet on
Monday, November 10. More
details will follow from Division 3
LG Cathy.
- 2015
Jan 24 Detroit #1 Club celebrates 100th
anniversary. Gala dinner and
entertainment at Renaissance
Centre, Detroit. The following
link has more information.
[Detroit 2015](#)
Tickets are going fast.



MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

- Oct 23 Induction of 2014-15 club officers
and directors by LG Sandra Collier –
guest/partner night
- Oct 30 Presentation of 2014-15 club
budget – to facilitate discussion of
the budget, the board requests no
guests at this meeting.
- Oct 31 Halloween Haunted Bus
- Nov 1 & 2 Craft show
- Nov 6 Business & board meeting
- Nov 13 Presentation by OPP Identification
Officer Gary Scoyne – this would be
a great meeting to invite a
guest/potential member
- Nov 14 & 15 Ridge Players presents Encore to
Bracebridge dinner. Proceeds to
splash pad
- Nov 14 Blues night fundraiser for splash
pad
- Nov 20 Annual 4H banquet
- Nov 23 One Stop Christmas Shop
fundraiser at Ridgetown Legion
- Dec 4 Business & board meeting
- Dec 11 Candy pack for parade
- Dec 13 Annual Santa Claus Parade
- Dec 18 TBD
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas! (no meeting)

2014-15 CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Dennis Vaughan
President-elect: John Wright
Treasurer: Jenn Vaughan

Past President: Brian Dunlop
Vice President: Keith Hamilton
Secretary: Alan Bloomfield

DIRECTORS:

Gary Guyitt, Bill Johnston, Greg Roberts (1 year)
Mary Ann Hawthorne, Brian Hoskins, Craig Mitton, Dale Smith, (2 years)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Serge Viau
Governor -elect: Allen Ure
Vice Governor: Phil Rossy
Division 4 Lt. Governor: Sandra Collier