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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 2014

October 2, 2014 meeting

Nineteen members started the new Kiwanis year with VP Keith chairing the meeting.

Happy \$\$ - Kiwanian Greg was happy to be home from Toronto. \$ - Kiwanian Larry was happy to congratulate Allen Ure as Governor-elect. \$ - PLG Peter was happy for the article in the Kiwanis magazine. \$ - Kiwanian Marian was happy to have 28 choir members. \$ - Treasurer Jenn was happy that her husband, Kiwanian Dave, will be home in 8 days. \$ - Kiwanian Keith was happy "so far so good".

Governor-elect Allen reported that 2014-15 E.C.&C. Governor Serge will be using International President Dr. John's theme of "The Way Ahead".



Treasurer Jenn reported on the Downhill Derby. She thanked all who helped. 58 youth registered for the derby.

Aktion Club

The Aktion Club held their meeting on October 1 at the Ridgetown Legion. They have 12 members this year and are busy planning their first fundraiser of the year. They will be making woven bracelets at their October 15 PMAC meeting and then selling the bracelets. Each month Aktion Club members report their hours of service performed. Each member spends many hours each month doing service throughout our community!

Upcoming fundraisers

Kiwanian Mary Ann updated members on the many fundraising activities we have planned for the fall. The various events are listed on page 3 on the meeting and event schedule. Mark your calendars and plan to help.

Bracebridge Dinner – Share this fun evening with your friends and family and post information at your business. There are 320 seats over the two evenings. Ridge Players is very generously donating their time to the evening – we need to get the tickets sold! Tickets are available at Mittons.

Craft Show – There is still room for vendors. If you know of anyone that is an artisan or crafter and looking for a venue to sell their product, contact DP June. Help will be needed that weekend – more information on times will be shared soon.

Conference on Early Childhood

On September 30, Kiwanis International hosted a conference on early childhood at the International office. The morning session was information for Kiwanians. District YCPO/Early Childhood chairs were invited as well as interested Kiwanians. The afternoon session was co-hosted by the United Way of Central Indiana and open to the public. Over 80 participants from various organizations in Indianapolis and area attended. This afternoon session was available for viewing through internet live stream.

Presenters included:

Past International President, Wil Blechman, M.D. – development of child's brain

Nancy Swigonski, M.D. - associate professor of Pediatric Medicine, the Fairbanks School of Public Health and the Department of Pediatrics at the IU School of Medicine, *"Brain development of young children and the need to provide quality development environments and education during their first 2,000 days"*

Marsha Thauwald – education and reading consultant *"Brain Development is Child's Play: The Importance of Early Exposure to Books"*

Ingrid Kanics – sensory play and development expert *"Brain Development is Child's Play: The Importance of Play"*

Robin Thurman – Deputy Director of Ready Nation *"The Economic Impact of Early Childhood Education"*

A short recap of some of the information shared:

Experiences in the first years of life shape what we become – intellectually, physically, emotionally and socially.

Research tells us that from birth to 3 years of age, 85% of the brain is developed.

By age five 90% of the brain is developed.

Research tells us that language, mathematic skills, logic and relationship building all begin at birth.

Three areas are critical foundations for healthy child development:

Stable responsive and nurturing caregiving with opportunities to learn

Safe, supportive physical environments

Appropriate nutrition.

A stable and engaged family environment in which parents show interest and encourage their child's development and learning is the most important of the foundations.

The American Academy of Pediatrics issued new guidelines recommending that parents read to their children every day starting from the time they are born.

If a child arrives in school not ready or unable to learn and read, that child likely will always remain behind in school. A child that remains behind in school becomes frustrated with the education system, drops out of school and continues to be frustrated with their life – often turning to crime. A good education is paramount for self-realization and life satisfaction and as we see - that education starts at birth.

Tomorrow's teachers, scientists and city leaders start as today's infants, toddlers and preschoolers. That's why, from the right prenatal care to early exposure to books, it's never too early to give children the best brain development resources. When children grow and thrive, everyone benefits.

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](#)



MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

- Oct 9 Business & board meeting
- Oct 16 Tour of Chatham-Kent Police
Services Identification Unit
- Oct 23 Induction of 2014-15 club officers
and directors by LG Sandra Collier
- Oct 30 Halloween candy pack
- Oct 31 Halloween Haunted Bus
- Nov 1 & 2 Craft show
- Nov 6 Business & board meeting
- Nov 13 Presentation by OPP Identification
Officer Gary Scoyne
- 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)



Happy Thanksgiving

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 (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