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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF September 23 , 2013

Upcoming Meeting

September 21	Downhill Derby
September 26	Cork It (Wine Bottling) / President Brad's Farewell Speech
September 28	Caucus Meeting in London
October 3	President Elect Brian's Address and Board Meeting
October 5	Fish Fry
October 10	Induction of New Officers
October 17	Budget Presentation Meeting No Guests Please
October 24	TBA ----- Possible Corn Maze
October 31	Hallowe'en Party 1 st Annual Haunted Bus. Supper is at 5:30 at the Church
November 2-3	Craft Show
November 7	Remembrance Day Speaker Sheridan Atkinson
November 14	CIRT Critical Response Team Chatham Kent
November 21	4H Banquet
November 28	Christmas Craft Night

Member Attendance Sept 19

Members -24
Guest -3

Happy Dollar

Marian Visser Roberts had three happy dollars. She and her family just spent a vacation in New York City. This Sunday there is a concert for the Ridge Girls Choir as well as the Buxton Men's Choir at the Presbyterian Church at 7:30pm. There is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library. Contact Marian for info.

Vice President Karolyn Ure was happy that our new fundraiser(Shop & Share) has brought in \$7.38 in just a few days.

Bill Johnston was happy that Ronald McDonald House was speaking tonight because 7 or 8 years ago when his grandson was born prematurely his wife Margaret needed a place to stay in Halifax.

Tori Carnegie was also happy because she and her family needed a place to stay in

London when her daughter Rachel was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Mystery Handshake

The mystery handshake was a mystery.

Aktion Club

There was a meeting at the Village on Wednesday. Eight members will be helping us out at the Downhill Derby. The next meeting is Oct 2 at the Legion at 4:30pm. All Kiwanis members are welcome.

Key Club

The Key Club had their second meeting of the year on Tuesday. They discussed various projects/fundraisers they will be doing. Friday Sept 20 they are picking up garbage around the school. They will be assisting with the Downhill Derby on Saturday. In the next few weeks they will be selling Pizza Kits. More info to come. They will be helping with the Haunted Bus.

50/50 Draw

Gary Wake

Downhill Derby

We need lots of help for this Saturday. The Aktion Club will be helping out with the BBQ, Key Club with lifting the cars. 8:00am set up. Unofficial breakfast will be at 7:00am at Sam's Restaurant. Come out if you would like.

Haunted Bus

The Bus was donated by Bill Johnston for us to use for years to come. We are having the first annual Haunted Bus at the front of Johnstons Motors. It will take place on Oct 31. MaryAnn has a sign up sheet for the work crew needed to get it ready. Let her know if you are available. We will be having supper early on Oct 31 so we can have the bus open to the children from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Needed are old scary costumes and any Hallowe'en decorations.

Monday October 7

Paul Brown of the Rotary Club has invited us to hear Guest speaker John Vollmar at the Anglican Church Hall at 6:30pm. He is speaking on Bullying and the cost of the meal will be \$12. Let Past President Craig know if you can attend.

Guest Speaker

Jenne Wason is the Director of Development for Ronald McDonald House South Western Ontario. She oversees fundraising and communications. She was previously Director of Sales and Revenue for the Capitol Theatre, 2008 co-chair of the United Way, current President of Theatre Kent, author of two musicals produced in New York (The Littlest Rockette) coming to the Kiwanis Theatre in November. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from New York University. She has worked in marketing for M&M/Mars and Knorr. She has also been a theatrical agent for Stephen Sondheim and Maya Angelou. She is a Mom to two wonderful little girls-Blake and Frankie.



Ronald McDonald House tries to give families as much normal as possible as they go through the most stressful time of their lives. The House doubled in size in 2011 to meet increased need. There are 34 family bedrooms each with their own bathroom, a large kitchen and dining room. It also has multiple lounge spaces. A craft and games room, media room for family movie nights a teen game room, a fitness center, courtyard with patio, outdoor kitchen and BBQ are also available for the familie.

Families pay \$10 a night to stay, if the house is full then the families go to a local Hotel, and still only pay \$10 with the rest of the cost being paid for by Ronald McDonald House.

365 days a year there are Volunteers who prepare dinner for the families in residence.

The seriousness of the child's illness determines the eligibility to stay at the house. Children recover better and quicker when their families are with them.

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maternal/neonatal tetanus

Club Website: <http://www.ridgetownkiwanis.com>
E.C.& C. District Website: www.kiwanisecc.org
Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org

40% of Ronald McDonald House clients are from the Windsor area. 15% are from Chatham Kent.

If you want to know more about volunteering at the house call 519-685-3232 or email volunteer@rmhswoc.ca

Donations are always accepted. These can be time, money, toys, blankets, or teddy bears. On the website you will find the list of donations needed.



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.