

# Ridgetown Kiwanis Club News

April 24, 2018

M&Ms symbolizes "Membership Matters"

## Kiwanis – Continued



**Kiwanis**<sup>®</sup>

### April 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Meeting chaired this night by Key Club President Riley

O Canada Led by PE Allen, Invocation by Treasurer Debbie

Attendance: 26 Members, 0 Guest, 9 Key Club Members

#### Mystery Handshake:

Key Club member Sarah - caught too many to make a list – Wow

Pictures in the paper, None.

#### Happy Bucks:

President John B - had the opportunity to distribute library books to three schools this week, totaling \$3000.00, which is \$1000.00 per school. Over the past 20 years we have spent \$60,000.00 in Library books.

Larry – Sad \$ - Best of Luck Dennis on your move.

Shaun – His wife won the cruise on the the organ donation site

PE Allen – Happy to have the Key Club here this week

Debbie – Congratulations to the Key Club for a successful year with many great projects

Brad – Happy to be back from a very successful District Circle K Convention, he hopes that graduating Key Club members will join or start a Circle K Club in their post secondary schools.

Jim – Over \$10 million in the Go Fund Me campaign for the Humboldt Hockey Team

Shaun – those that do not have a sports jersey on tonight should be fined and the \$s should go to the Go Fund Me campaign

Ira – proud that both his son's are in the Key Club!

#### Reports:

Miracle Minute - \$110.25 was collected in one minute and will be donated to the Eliminate Project

President Riley gave his year end wrap up speech. Some of his year's highlights include the start of a Student Voice Box" to allow students to let the school know what was on their minds, Susan Litwin was invited to have a discussion on the future of the school, they held many fund raisers. He was very proud to see Key Club member and other students step up to volunteer in the school and in the community.

The new Key Club Executive was installed by our own President John.

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## KIWANIS MOMENTS

### OUR HISTORY

#### **Kiwanis becomes a co-ed organization**

On July 7, 1987, delegates at the annual Kiwanis International convention in Washington, DC, heard the declaration: “The chair rules that it (Amendment Number 2 as amended) has passed by two-thirds vote.”

At that moment, the very nature of Kiwanis club membership was forever changed: within the provisions of the Kiwanis International Constitution and Bylaws, Kiwanis clubs worldwide could elect women to membership. The representatives of the clubs assembled as a delegate body had spoken. The Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA, Tribune proclaimed in a headline: “Kiwanis Clubs Go Co-ed.”

There was a significant purpose in having the delegates adopt the amendment admitting women into membership “as amended” on the floor of the House of Delegates. The original amendment would have required clubs only in the United States to open their membership to any person meeting all other requirements regardless of gender.

It was Past Kiwanis International President William M. Eagles who made an impassioned plea to have the provision to the Constitution, if passed, apply to clubs worldwide. His amendment to Amendment Number 2 would apply the same standards of membership to all Kiwanis clubs throughout the organization by retaining club control over the composition of its membership. A new distinctly different era for Kiwanis had begun.

When the first Kiwanis club in Detroit, Michigan, USA, was chartered by the State of Michigan on January 21, 1915, there really was no question about the gender of membership. Kiwanis clubs traditionally were male. In 1921, however, some three years before the final adoption of the current Constitution and Bylaws in Denver, Colorado, USA in 1924, it seemed appropriate to spell out more specifically the requirements for membership in a local club. At that time, the provisions for male membership only were inserted into the Constitution and Bylaws and, therefore, the Standard Form for Club Bylaws also contained this restriction.

Beginning in the 1970s, almost every Kiwanis International convention had an amendment presented with the continuing arguments for and against—but with some growing support evident for—the admission

#### **Meeting Schedule**

April 26 - Annual meeting – elections  
April 25 – Can Am Dinner – Lambton College, Sarnia  
May 3 - Quiz Night  
May 10 - CK Health Unit  
May 17 - Highway cleanup  
May 24- Tour the woodlot  
May 31 - Business meeting  
June 7 -  
June 14 - Car rally  
June 21 - Business meeting  
June 28 -

#### **Reminder from a previous Board Meeting**

The board had a discussion on how fellow members should be addressed at meetings. It was agreed that it is too difficult to remember members past titles, so from now on, it is appropriate to simply use the **term Kiwanian and the person’s first name** for all members, with one exception. The person chairing the meeting should still be addressed using their proper title. Also remember that there will be a fine for addressing a member by Kiwanian followed by their surname as opposed to their first name.

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of women. One attempt tried to “get a foot in the door” by proposing honorary membership for women. That was in 1976 at the San Diego convention when President Ted R. Osborn presided over the House of Delegates.

The first clubs to knowingly admit women appeared on the horizon. The Kiwanis Club of Great Neck, New York, took such action, as did the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado Springs, Colorado. There was, of course, no question as to what action was mandated.

The Constitution and Bylaws gave no choice. Each club was notified that it had sixty days to comply with the provisions governing membership or its charter would be revoked. The Board also continued to monitor the membership records, and when clubs had admitted women to membership, action dictated by the Constitution and Bylaws was taken immediately.

In most instances, clubs agreed to comply rather than to have their charters revoked. There was, however, no actual way of knowing how many female members simply became unofficial in character and were never reported to the Kiwanis International organization. On several occasions, lieutenant governors reported violations, and such cases, of course, were followed up.

At the International level, amendments continued to be presented, and there was some evidence of growing support for such a change in the Constitution and Bylaws, but never did a vote on any one amendment approach the necessary two-thirds vote required for the passage of a constitutional amendment.

In August of 1985, an attorney, Marcia Baer, supplied by the American Civil Liberties Union, was given the task of bringing a lawsuit against Kiwanis. Baer, via a television broadcast, stated that she was empowered by the Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood, New Jersey, USA, to bring suit against Kiwanis International to strike down the Bylaws provisions of Kiwanis that made Kiwanis an organization for men only.

Rather than waiting to be sued as had been announced by the club through its attorney, the Kiwanis International Board authorized its attorneys to file in federal court in New Jersey a separate federal lawsuit asking the court to stop the Ridgewood Kiwanis club from calling itself a Kiwanis club since it no longer met the criteria of one. This suit was filed on September 3, 1985, and it further asked the court to declare that Kiwanis International has the right to control the use of its name and registered service marks and, therefore, restrict the Ridgewood club from using these after the deadline of September 25, which had been set previously by the Board. Not soon after Kiwanis' troubles, Rotary was experiencing the same issues among its organization.

Along the way of litigation, there had been considerable cost—not only in actual money expended, but even more so in anguish, anxiety, and hostility. By the time of the Washington, DC, convention, more than 50 clubs had openly admitted women members. With the positive action of the delegate body on July 7, 1987, the membership resolved its own problem, allowing the Board as well as the Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood, New Jersey, to withdraw all legal action. Kiwanis clubs could confirm all women who at one time had been admitted illegally to membership to assume their full and legal role as members of clubs dedicated to serving community needs.

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The impact of the Washington, DC, decision was felt immediately with a membership increase of more than 3,000 women in Kiwanis clubs in the first six months. The trend was obvious: More than twice that number were members by the next Kiwanis International convention in 1988, and thousands more joined Kiwanis' ranks during the 1988-89 administrative year.

*Source: Dimensions of Service, The Kiwanis Story by L.A. "Larry" Hapgood.*

## **Meeting Notes Continued**

New Key Club President Trinity took over and gave an inspiring speech on her Key Club experiences that lead her to the Position of President. One of her goals is to continue the club growth and increased student awareness as well as continuing the splendid work the last executive started. She congratulated them on the very successful year they had.

April 25<sup>th</sup> Can-Am Dinner in Sarnia – seven to attend

PP Alan – Election Nomination procedures and forms explained. Current Nominees are President – Allen Ure, no one for PE or VP, Treasurer Debbie, Board Members Brad, Shaun, Pierre and Duane.

PP Craig – May 03, 2018 is our Spring Quiz Night. We will need judges, runners and Teams.

Secretary Dennis presented President John a history binder of the club's Canada 150 celebration year.

President John made a presentation to Dennis, on behalf of the club, on Dennis' last night with us.

Secretary Dennis made his last presentation. Alan G was his target. You can read that speech it will be attached to the email with this newsletter.

Saturday July 14 Genoa Trip

No Club Draw tonight

## **Other**

If anyone has pictures or stories they would like to share please send them along to me please.

My email address is [alanbloomfield6@gmail.com](mailto:alanbloomfield6@gmail.com)

## **Upcoming Events**

Spring Quiz Night - Thursday May03 – need judges, runners and servers.

Sell those Teddy Bear Picnic tickets

### **Executive**

**President: Dr. John Button,      President Elect: Allen Ure,      Past      President:      Alan      Bloomfield**  
**Secretary: Dennis Vaughan,      Treasurer: Debbie Button**

**Board Members with one year remaining: Craig Mitton, Brad Scoyne, Greg Roberts, Gary Wake**

**Board Members with two years remaining: Jennifer Johns, Hanna Kielt, Jim Millar, Larry Rumble**

**Division 4 LG - Doug McGregor,      EC&C Governor -      Bobby      Moo      Young,**  
**EC&C Governor-elect - Mel Clark,      EC&C Vice-Governor - Bob Spellen**

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## April 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting

O Canada Led by PE Allen, Invocation by PP Peter

Attendance: 26 Members, 2 Guest, 0 Key Club Members

### Mystery Handshake:

Kiwanian Larry - caught nobody tonight, everyone shook his hand.

### Pictures in the Paper

PP Craig, but great reason for it! Thanks Craig

### Happy Bucks:

PE Allen – Happy to see such a great article about our Kiwanis club in the newspaper that PP Craig wrote. So happy he paid Craig's fine for his picture in the paper.

Keith H – His wife told him that spring was confused because the Leaf's are not out yet.

Craig – son Peter had his first baby boy – Oscar.

Gary W – Was listening to the CBC's "The Current" and Craig's son Peter was acknowledged as a writer.

President John X2 – 1- Gary made a lot of calls to try to get us a replacement speaker, 2 – his son Tim will be transferred back to Canada

## Nominations

President Allan Ure

President Elect

Vice President Jim Miller

Treasurer Debbie Button

Board Members Brad Scoyne Shaun O'Rourke

Pierre Monette Duane Morden

To replace Jim's last year of being a board director - Cindy Goens

There was one nomination from the floor for PE for PP Craig, however he is not willing to let his name stand at this time.

Spring Quiz Night – May 03, 2018 two weeks – need workers and more than that we need TEAMS!!!!

President John had a letter regarding the Plowing match from President Mary Alice in Chatham, are we willing to help out on the gates for the IPM Sept 18 to 22 - there were many members that said yes they would commit to that.

Next week – Can Am dinner on Wednesday, and Thursday is our Annual Meeting but no need for elections. Followed by a Board meeting.

Draw

Sales of \$50.00 20% for the draw \$10.00, 30% (\$15) added to the Jackpot, now at \$167.00 and the Club's portion now at \$280.00. Won by Kiwanian Shaun – drew 2 of Diamonds, donated his winnings back to the club.

Sorry ran out of space for Pictures this week. I will make it up next week.