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Members & Spouses August Birthdays

August 03 Barb Whitby, 05 George Mudge, 06 John Wilkey 09 Graham Laing, 13 Darlene Smith, Jim Walker, 15 Norm Dinsmore, 24 Mary Leatham

Members & Spouses August Anniversaries

05 Ken & Marilyn Ayling, Ken & Suzanne Brown, 17 Joe & Mary Leatham, John & Mary Longworth, Ed & Luella Kuntz, 31 Bob & Carol Jellous.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Les Dork – Life after Retirement

August 03 MEETING NEWS

Attendance: Graham Laing reported there were 27 members present and one visiting Kiwanian **Lee Wilson**. A Welcome back was extended to: **Russ Gonder**

Sing along: Ed Schweitzer supported by **Evadne Benson** on the piano commenced his three song set with a new song, Blue Berry Hill.



Program: Our speaker Walter Howells was introduced by **Alice Cox** a long time friend of the Howells family. Walter is retired Major from the Salvation Army that he served for 40 years. Walter gave a detailed outline of the many sites he served and the challenges faced during his career. At most of these locations he



was also a member of the local Kiwanis club. His first involvement with a Kiwanis club was a unique one where he became a member of the club's Board prior to being a club member. He retired 12 years ago.



John Quinney extended our appreciation for Walter's talk and extended a warm invitation to continue his association with Kiwanis as a member of Middlesex Kiwanis.

50/50 winner: George Mudge

Sunshine Reports

John Longworth – talked to **Mary Boam** who advised that **Don** is still in hospital receiving limited rehab for his broken hip. He would welcome visitors. He is in Victoria Hospital Section B, room 254.

John circulated a card for **Lewis Coray**

Sandra Collier – said she emailed **Frank Heisz** and he is doing fine.

Directors' Reports

Sandra Collier – **Don Russell** and his family flew to Vancouver today (Aug 10) and will travel on the Mountaineer train back to Alberta to visit family and will be back home next week.

Rob Lusher secretary of the Kiwanis Club of St Thomas Golden K died suddenly on August 7. His funeral was held August 11 at Knox Presbyterian Church where the Golden K club meet.

Upcoming events

Boat Cruise on The Grand River

Ken Whitby is selling tickets for the K-W Sertoma Charity River Boat Cruise
When: Saturday, 19 August, 2017 at 11 am. Where: Starting point Grand River Cruise Centre, Caledonia. Cost: \$65.00 includes a hot served lunch.

If you would like to go and need a ride, Rides can be arranged.

Golf Tournament

Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown are holding their annual Golf Tournament on Saturday August 19th at the Ridgetown Golf & Country Club. Cost \$75.00 per person includes a steak dinner. 1pm tee off.

Sgt-At-Arms – Paul Fish

Incentive to sponsor a family member to join Kiwanis

Between May 1 and September 30, if a Kiwanis member sponsors a new member who is a relative of the sponsor the new member's club is paid, \$100 to reduce the membership cost of the new member.

EDUCATIONAL SPOT FOR AUGUST 17, 2017 – Don Russell

Indian schoolchildren meet at a school supported by the Kiwanis Club of Forest City-London, Ontario. In some parts of the world, children can't go to school. Home is a village so remote they'd have to travel many miles just to sit in a classroom. Generations of children, in fact, have never opened a book or done simple arithmetic. This reality exists in remote, tribal villages of India, where illiteracy soars high above the country's rate of around 27 percent. Ekal Vidyalaya schools have been addressing just such situations since the late 1980s. These one-teacher schools meet under a tree or in a clearing or modest building, within walking distance of children who have no other opportunities to learn. Since 2009, the Forest City-London Kiwanis Club of Ontario has supported two Ekal Vidyalaya schools in the Ferozepur District of Punjab, India. Members have received appreciative notes from Ekal graduates, including a police constable and a young woman who helped carry the torch in the 2012 Olympics.

Parshotam Gupta, the president of the Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of Canada and a Forest City-London Kiwanian, spearheaded the club's Ekal school project with the support and encouragement of Les Files, a fellow Kiwanian.

Twenty years ago, children existed in a world of illness and superstition, says Gupta. Now, teachers receive special training to understand an area's beliefs and customs in hopes they

might educate the children with facts. Today, about 95 percent of Ekal students move on to traditional schools at the fifth-grade level.

"Things have changed considerably since the beginning of the Ekal movement," Gupta says.

"Still, lots needs to be done."



Chelsey Park Bingo:

Aug 21 – Mary Jane and George Mudge

Aug 28 - June and Russ Gonder

Programs:

No future programs were confirmed at time of Kiwordian publication .

Greeters:

Aug 17 – Herb Norry, John Quinney

Aug 24 – Doug Ross, Yke Rusticus

Aug 31 – Don Sutherland, John Wilkey

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**The Kiwanis Club of Middlesex (London) Inc. meets every Thursday at
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78 Riverside Drive, London, Ontario
Coffee and Friendship at 9:00 AM; program from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

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