

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 15 DECEMBER 2008

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Twenty-eight members and five Key Club members enjoyed a very delicious traditional Christmas dinner. Thanks to the members of the Mt. Zion Church for a great Christmas turkey dinner complete with plum pudding for desert.

Happy \$\$ - PLG Allen was happy that Secretary Barb has taken on the administrative duties of Ridge Marsh Manor and was happy to be celebrating the anniversary of his wedding to his Bride Betty. \$ - VP Alan was happy for his new position with Thompson Grain. \$ - Kiwanian Bill Johnston was happy that the Kiwanis Santa Claus float was ready to go for Saturday. \$ - PG Dr. John was happy to point out that the children of Ridgetown have been deprived. The average weight of a Santa Claus in Ontario is 274 pounds – Ridgetown’s Santa comes no where close to that!

Kiwanian Chris gave a great presentation on the meaning of Christmas – giving. Chris showed three short videos produced by World Vision. These videos showed how the many donations get to the families and how they are used. It was fascinating to see how the gift of just one cow could make such a change in the life of a family. They had access to milk, could sell the offspring and use the money to purchase food and pay for education of their children. Our club has given a gift of clean water to ten families in Malawi and Tanzania. The gift could be used to drill new wells, repair existing wells, train local residents on maintaining wells or supply water filters. Clean water protects children and adults from many diseases. There are over 1 billion people in the world who do not have access to clean drinking water. This is something people in many countries take for granted and yet so many people in the world have no access. Our donation truly is “Serving the Children of the World”.

Following the meeting members made short work of packing over 200 bags of candy for Santa to handout after the parade on Saturday. It was great to have Kiwanians Grant Long and Jim Doxtater join us for this special meeting.

December 18 meeting is our annual Children’s Christmas party being held at the Church this year. All members are urged to attend and celebrate with the children and grandchildren of members. Kiwanian Kevin Hoskins reports there will be approximately 20 children in attendance. Santa will be making a visit to give each child a gift.



Kiwanian Chris receives donation to World Vision.

KIWANIS is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

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Club Website: <http://www.ridgetownkiwanis.com>

E.C.& C. District Website: www.kiwanisecc.org

Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org



Division 4 LG Jim Garey and Sue joined the parade



The Aktion Club sold hot chocolate and participated in the parade



RDHS Key Club



Gift draw following the parade



“ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

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The Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown meets weekly at 6:30 pm in the basement of the 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.



Leap'N Lena took Mitchell Doxtater for quite a ride



SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The 59th annual Santa Claus Parade was a big success. The community participation was great. The parade lasted for over an hour. Thanks to co-chairs Kiwanians Shawn and Adam along with President June for all their organizational work. Thanks to all members who braved the cold to help. We were pleased to have Division 4 LG Jim Garey and Sue join us for the day. President June and Treasurer Gary gave Jim and Sue a tour of Kiwanis projects in the area prior to the parade. Thanks Jim and Sue for taking the time to be a part of our day.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

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| Dec 18 | Children's Christmas party at the Church |
| Dec 25 | Merry Christmas – no meeting |
| Dec 30 | President's party |
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| Jan 1 | Happy New Year |
| Jan 8 | Meeting at the Church |
| Jan 29 | Business & board meeting |
| Feb 5 | Quiz night |
| Mar 19 | Chili cookoff – Kiwanians Kevin & Debbie defend their title |
| Mar 26 | Business & board meeting |
| Apr 4 | Kiwanis One Day – highway cleanup |

Mark your calendar for December 30 – holiday open house at the home of President June and Treasurer Gary 7:00 pm to ???

Note change in program for January 8. The mystery tour has been postponed. The meeting will be at the Church.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President June Guyitt
Past President Randy Ross
Secretary Barb Doxtater

DIRECTORS:

Dale Smith, John Button, Brad Carnie, John Case, (1 year)
Kevin Bartlett, Chris Arneill, Abdi Yuya, Kevin Hoskins (1 year)

President-elect Debbie Button
Vice-president Alan Bloomfield
Treasurer Gary Guyitt

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor Sheron Cameron-Dunn
Governor Elect: Gary Levine
Immediate Past Governor Chuck McIlravey

Div. 4 Lt. Gov. Jim Garey
Div. 4 Past Lt. Gov. Randy Ross