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KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2009

December 3, 2009 meeting:

Twenty-two members and five Key Clubbers welcomed guests Landon Hoskins, Jen Vaughan, Scott McFarlane and Brian Dunlop. President Debbie had a hard time keeping the very rowdy table in line!

Happy \$\$ - PLG Peter was happy to listen to the O' Canada competition. President Debbie was happy to have attended the Aktion Club Christmas party. Kiwanian Bill Johnston was happy not to be sitting at the rowdy table. IT Dr. John thanked PP June and President Debbie for their work on the craft show. Guest Scott was happy to report that he is going to be a father – congratulations! Kiwanian Dave Vaughan was happy to be picking up his new amphibious car next week with John Wright – Jen was not so happy.

The club has received an invitation to attend the wrap up celebration of the MRI campaign on December 17 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. We have also been invited to the open house at the Ridgetown Library on December 10 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm and 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Contact President Debbie if you plan to attend.

Key Club – President Brendan showed a brief picture presentation from the Key Leader weekend. Nine members from RDHS Key Club joined about 90 attendees at the Circle Square Ranch in Brantford for a fun and educational weekend. The club sends a big thank you to Kiwanian Gary Wake for his time in transporting the Key Clubbers to and from the Key Leader weekend.

Aktion Club - Treasurer Gary our Aktion Club advisor reported on the Aktion Club's Christmas Party. Sixty five people attended the party. The Aktion Club invited their families, Kiwanis members, Legion members and the Aktion Club of Chatham to join their Christmas celebration. Kiwanians Gary Guyitt, John Henderson and Debbie Button enjoyed the party. Kiwanis Club of Chatham-Kent Golden K Aktion Club advisor Rob Ralston joined many members from the Aktion Club of Chatham. Two members from the Blenheim PMAC (People Make a Community) group – Tim Hare and Eric LaPointe, along with their advisor Grace Negril-Sterling attended. There was plenty of food including the traditional turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes. The Community Living Advisor to the Ridgetown Aktion Club – Darlene Joyce – spent time on her week of vacation to organize the evening. Darlene gives many, many extra hours to the Aktion Club. Thanks Darlene for all that you do.

Ridgetown Food Bank – PLG Peter updated members at the meeting on the status of our local food bank. Donations can be made to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Ridgetown and any extras they have are sent to the central warehouse in Wallaceburg. PLG Peter has been in contact with the Alymer Delmonte plant in Dresden and has received 2 pallets of canned goods. He has also contacted Heinz in Leamington. They are no longer donating canned goods, but selling them at a very reduced price. Peter collected donations from members and will be purchasing items from Heinz. VP Allen moved that the club match member donations – carried. PLG Peter has collected over \$400.00 from members and with the club's matching funds he will be purchasing over \$800.00 worth of product from Heinz. These items will be donated and delivered to the Ridgetown Salvation Army Food Bank. Thanks to those who donated and a big thanks to PLG Peter for his work in organizing these purchases. Our club has a long history of supporting the local food bank and Christmas hamper donations in our community.

December 10 meeting – we have a very full program for the meeting. There will be a presentation by Chatham-Kent Special Events coordinator on the Olympic Torch Run celebrations in Chatham-Kent. Reverend Doug Rowley will give a Christmas message and we will pack candy for Santa to give at the parade on Saturday.

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

SATURDAY'S WORK GROUPS

Members and helpers met on Saturday, December 5 to work on the float and put up the Christmas lights in Kiwanis Park. Thanks to all who came to help. The float has a new coat of paint on some areas and the lights are on!



Photo by Landon Hoskins



Rudolph gets a new nose!

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.



Even the inside of the float got a cleaning!



CHRISTMAS CAKES AND SMOOTHIES

Bags of chocolate smoothies are available – bags of five for \$10.00. Great chocolate – worth every penny!

Kiwanian Gary Wake has Christmas cakes to sell. Once again this year they are \$14.00. It's not Christmas without fruit cake!

If you need either chocolates or cakes to sell contact Kiwanian Gary.

Santa Claus needs reindeer! The following dates:
 Saturday, December 10 1:00 pm to parade, 2:00 pm to the bank and 3:00 pm home
 Sunday, December 13 New Scotland at 7:30 pm
 Wednesday, December 23 Ridgetown at noon

Contact PLG Allen if you can help.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

- December 10 Christmas message & candy pack
- December 17 Meeting at the Church – the caterers will be serving a traditional Christmas dinner
- December 21 Children's Christmas party at the Ridgetown Bowling Lanes. All members are invited to attend.
- December 30 Social evening at the home of Debbie and Dr. John
- 2010
- February 18 Quiz Night
- March 20 & 21 Spring Craft Show

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Santa Claus is coming to Ridgetown. Mark your calendars for December 12 – the Santa Claus parade! Lots of help is needed that day so please plan to attend. We will meet at Yeck's Smokehouse for breakfast at 9:00 am and there will be a potluck lunch for members following the parade at Johnston's board room. The parade participants will meet at the high school by 12:30 for judging and marshalling. Parade will start at 1:00 pm.

RIDGETOWN KIWANIS FOUNDATION

The following members were elected to the Foundation Board for a two year term – Kevin Hoskins, John Case and Brad Carnie.

Thanks to retiring members Kevin Bartlett and Dale Smith for their time on the Foundation Board.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Debbie Button Past President: June Guyitt
 President-elect: Alan Bloomfield Vice President: Allen Ure
 Secretary: Treasurer: Gary Guyitt

DIRECTORS:

Kevin Bartlett, Chris Arneill, Abdi Yuya, Kevin Hoskins (1 year)
 Shawn Hoskins, Craig Mitton John Wright, David Vaughan (2 years)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Gary Levine
 Governor Elect: Paul Toussaint
 Immediate Past Governor: Sheron Cameron-Dunn
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