

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 8 DECEMBER 2008

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December 4, 2008

WHAT A GREAT EVENING! Thanks to Brad and Bethé Carnie for their hospitality and dinner. Also thanks to Kiwanians David, Brad and Bill Johnston for their work at the Trees Project before our tour. Brad led twenty members, two Key Club members and two guests through the project, educating us on the ecology of the area. Our club was granted a 99 year stewardship of the property by the Township of Howard PUC (before municipal amalgamation) to preserve native trees, green space and protect the wells that feed the Town of Ridgetown with their drinking water. Approximately seven years ago, our club planted many new trees throughout the forest which we saw growing nicely. Many bird houses have been added throughout the property and Kiwanian David found a nest in one.

Following our “winter walk through the woods” – a very cold walk – we moved to the home of Brad and Bethé Carnie where members tried out the new barbeque by grilling their own steak for dinner. Bethé had baked potatoes and salad to accompany our steaks and a delicious layered chocolate dessert to end the great meal. The recipe can be found in “Kiwanis is Cooking”! Thanks Bethé.

Before our meeting ended we were visited by two very special friends of the Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown. Bob and Justin Cornell from Genoa, Ohio surprised us with a visit and a rather unique presentation. Bob gave a new history of members Betty and Allen Ure and Dr. John. Following their presentation, PLG Allen presented Bob and Justin with honorary membership in the Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown. Thanks to Bob and Justin for making the trip to Ridgetown and your continued friendship.

Thursday, December 11 meeting is our Christmas meeting, candy pack for the parade on Saturday and a brief Board Meeting. The Church caterers have planned a traditional Christmas dinner for this meeting. Plan to attend!

Thursday, December 18 meeting is the Children’s Christmas party. This meeting is for everyone, not just members and their children. The meeting is being held at the Church this year and ALL members are urged to attend. Join the children and grandchildren of members and celebrate Christmas together. I am sure we will be honoured with a visit from Santa Claus.

Thursday, December 25 – Merry Christmas. On Tuesday, December 30 members and their guests are invited to the home of President June and Treasurer Gary for a little holiday cheer.



**Kiwanians Chris and Ron
grilling steaks on the club’s
new barbeque.**

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



ROBARTS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

PLG Eb received the following letter from H.J.M. Barnett, M.D. co-founder of the Robarts Research Institute.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to Kiwanis and the members of Division 4 for your continued support of Robarts Research Institute.

Over the past 19 years, the contribution from Kiwanis to Robarts has been extremely significant, with overall donations from Kiwanis Clubs of Division 4 totaling almost \$450,000. Through your generosity, you have supported state-of-the-art equipment, laboratory materials, and qualified personnel. You have also helped us engage a new Scientific Director and a new generation of researchers, ensuring Canada continues to produce and retain exceptional young scientists.

Thanks to your continued dedication and your commitment, Robarts Research Institute is like no other place in Canada. Your leadership as champions of Robarts – from its founding to today – is deeply appreciated by us all.

Yours sincerely with gratitude,
H.J.M. Barnett, M.D.

Dr. Barnett has been awarded the very prestigious Karolinska Stroke Award for Excellence in Stroke Research in 2008. The prize was awarded in Stockholm in November. Dr. Barnett is the first non-European to receive this award. He graduated from University of Toronto Medical School in 1944 and has had a very impressive career in Neurological Sciences. In 1986 he co-founded the Robarts Research Institute and was named its first Scientific Director.

Barnett's extraordinary contributions to stroke research have changed the management of millions of stroke patients. The implementation of his research has prevented an unaccountable number of strokes. He has shown the strength of research by revealing that some routinely used procedures were supported by science, others were not.

For these contributions, Dr. Henry J.M. Barnett is awarded to Karolinska Stroke Award for Excellence in Stroke Research in 2008.

A WALK IN THE WOODS



Back in the warm shop enjoying dinner – it was warm in there!

“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.



Presentation to our two new honorary members



They can't be explained!

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday, December 13. Tell your family and friends and invite them to attend. We have good community support of our parade and it is a great day for our town.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BREAKFAST AT YECK'S SMOKEHOUSE AT 9:30. From there we will start setting up. Lots of help will be needed that day so plan to be there.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Dec 11	Christmas program & candy pack
Dec 13	Santa Claus Parade
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	Mystery Tour
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

SANTA NEEDS REINDEER

Parade day -December 13 -1 PM to get him to the float from his home. Then at the end of the parade from Johnston Motors to the Royal Bank to meet the children and then back to his home when he is done with the children.

December 14 -about 7:30 PM from his home to New Scotland for about 30 minutes.

December 16 -about 7:30 PM from his home to St Michael's School for about 30 minutes.

If you are able to give Santa a hand with any of these dates, please contact his booking agent – PLG Allen.

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
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DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor Sheron Cameron-Dunn
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