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KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2010

January 28, 2010 meeting:

Nineteen members and six Key Clubbers welcomed guests Marg Richmond and Bethe Carnie.

Happy \$\$ - Key Club President Brendan was happy that Key Clubber Brittany was starting work at Pinell's and he would be training her. \$ - Key Clubber Amanda was happy for the hockey tickets PLG Allen gave them. They enjoyed a great Spitfires game. \$ - Kiwanian Adam was happy that it has been one month since his last cigarette. Congratulations Adam! \$ - IT Dr. John was happy to have attended the 95th Anniversary of the Detroit #1 Kiwanis Club.

Aktion Club – will be making their Valentine Chocolates at the Legion on Wednesday, February 3 at 3:00 pm. If anyone has some time to help, please stop by the Legion.

PP Ken is organizing a shipment of medical equipment from Ridgetown to an agency in Toronto that sends the equipment to areas in need, such as Haiti. The equipment is from the community clinic in Highgate that closed sometime ago. Kiwanian Larry and Pat Rumble have been generously storing the equipment in the garage at Pat's office. This equipment, along with some items from Rotary, will be loaded on Tuesday at 3:00 pm and PP Ken and Kiwanian Bill Johnston will deliver them to Toronto on Wednesday. PP Ken has secured a U-Haul truck at no charge as it is for a charitable cause. Thanks to PP Ken for all his work in organizing this and all members helping.

February 4 meeting – MP Dave Vankestern will speak on his role as our MP.



VP Alan, Bethe Carnie, Kiwanian Brad and President Debbie

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN!

The Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown has earned Distinguished Club for the 2008-09 year. Congratulations to all members for your hard work, Secretary Barb for all her work in filing the quarterly reports and PP June for her leadership. During the 2008-09 Kiwanis year, Secretary Barb submitted a quarterly report that summarized the various activities of the club for the past three months. Each area of the report carried a point value, the points accumulate for the year and at the end of the year, a club attaining at least 80 points is named Distinguished Club.

Distinguished Club

To qualify, a club must excel in service, leadership education, and growth.

Service:

The Kiwanis club fulfills its responsibilities to Service Leadership Program club(s) (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, or Kiwanis Junior), which includes providing club leadership education to club officers - *10 points*

The Kiwanis club builds and charters a new Service Leadership Program club (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, or Kiwanis Junior) - *5 points maximum*

The Kiwanis club participates in a Kiwanis-branded service project, such as Young Children: Priority One, Read Around the World, Bring Up Grades, Terrific Kids, Key Leader - *10 points*

The Kiwanis club financially supports the Kiwanis International Foundation - *10 points*

Leadership Education:

The Kiwanis club president and secretary participate in the Club Leadership Education (CLE) training session (or equivalent) prior to assuming office - *20 points (10 points per officer)*

The Kiwanis Club ensures that all new members receive the Kiwanis International new member orientation - *10 points*

The Kiwanis club is represented at two of the following three educational opportunities: the district midyear conference (or equivalent of Kiwanis University, zone conference, regional conference), the Kiwanis International convention or the Kiwanis district convention - *10 points*

Growth:

The Kiwanis club has a net membership gain by the end of the administrative year.

1 member - *10 points* 2 members - *20 points* 3 members - *30 points* More than 5 members - *additional 10 points*

The Kiwanis club sponsors (or co-sponsors) a new Kiwanis club - *20 points*

A Kiwanis club that accumulates at least 80 points and has properly submitted its annual report will qualify as distinguished and receive appropriate recognition acknowledging the achievement. The president of a distinguished club who also has received distinguished member recognition will receive a Distinguished President lapel pin. The Secretary of a distinguished club who also has received Distinguished Member recognition will receive a Distinguished Secretary lapel pin.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Every path has a few puddles.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

Most of the stuff people worry about is never going to happen anyway.

When you quit laughing, you quit living.

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.

SAILING ONTARIO'S NORTH CHANNEL

Kiwanian Brad and Bethe Carnie gave a great presentation on their trip last summer, sailing Ontario's North Channel. According to PP Ken in his introduction of Brad, "Sailors have the right of way and they are ALWAYS in the way".

The North Channel is the area North of Manitoulin Island from Killarney to Sault Ste. Marie. The North Channel is among the Top 10 Places to Sail according to Cruising Magazine. They drove 10.5 hours to Little Current, where they launched their boats. The boat, loaded on the trailer weighs over 3 tons so Brad had a careful launch. Once in the water at Little Current, they had to time their harbour exit with the opening of the Bridge. It opens once each hour for at short time.

Bethe's job was to watch for rocks off the bow of the boat. "Are there any rocks?" It was all rocks! The scenery was incredible. The weather was cool and rainy, but the views had to have made up for the weather.

Brad and Bethe travelled with a group called the "Trailer Sailors", meaning they trailer their boats to an area, then set sail. Much of the area on the North Channel is very remote. There were no roads into Killarney until 1962, but the town has the best fish & chips in Ontario.



MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

February 4	MP Dave Vankestern
February 11	Warm up to quiz night and board meeting
February 18	Quiz Night
February 25	Mystery Tour
February 27	Division 4 caucus in London
March 4	Annual Chili Cookoff
March 11	PLG Allen presentation on trip to Ireland
March 18	
March 20 & 21	Spring Craft Show
March 25	
April 1	Annual Club Elections
April 8	Highway Cleanup
April 15	Gail Stucke, Administrator, Lambton Kent District School Board
April 23 – 25	Key Club Convention in Niagara Falls
April 29	Key Club chairs the meeting and induction of Key Club Officers

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