

Kiwanis

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2012

January 26, 2012 Meeting:

Twenty-six members enjoyed dinner at Mt Zion and then took part in the annual Club Auction. The Board met following the Auction.

Happy \$\$: PLG Peter expressed appreciation for the life of Norm Robertson who recently passed away.

This week's Indy News printed an excellent tribute to IT Dr. John to commemorate his retirement, complete with reminiscences and photos from previous years. Dr John made a donation of \$50 to the Eliminate Project to fulfill his obligation for having his picture in the paper approximately 22 times. Other Kiwanians had to pay substantial amounts for pictures as well; Kiwanian Dale donated \$10 to Eliminate to compensate for his disco-era haircut.

Kiwanian Wendy circulated thanks from her son Caleb, who will be wearing our name on his jersey when he plays at the all Ontario championships (fingers crossed).

For upcoming Interclub opportunities, please see the back page.

After dinner, Auctioneer Ken Richmond led the club in this year's version of our annual club Auction. Ken ended up with the Moroccan rainbow hat this year – a fitting tribute to his skills.

The auction raised \$446 to support the club's service projects. Thanks to all those who bid, which in some cases was more than they would want to admit to their spouses. Thanks too to those who contributed treasures and non-treasures, from baby food to birdhouses to a complete birthday party kit. Some photos of the night appear at the end of the newsletter.

Last week's newsletter included the first section of DPP Debbie's very informative New Member Education presentation. The second section follows:

Member Benefits

What's in it for me? Members have the opportunity to:

- Change children's lives
- Improve their community and the world

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- Build friendships in your community and around the world
- Enhance leadership skills
- Develop business contacts
- Have fun

Members receive the Kiwanis magazine, giving news and ideas from Kiwanis clubs around the world.

Expectations

What do I need to do?

- Attend club meetings as often as your personal schedule allows.
- Take part in as many club service and fundraising projects as your personal schedule allows.
- Spread the word about Kiwanis. Members are the best ambassadors for Kiwanis. By spreading our commitment and enthusiasm for Kiwanis we will attract new members to our club.

About Our Club

The Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown was chartered in October 1947. We meet weekly for a 6:30 pm dinner at Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church for the months of September – June. For July and August we meet in the backyard of a member's home or somewhere in the community.

A typical club meeting for September – June consists of a brief opening, dinner, some club business and a program, usually a presentation on a local or global topic.

Our club's meeting traditions:

- Happy dollars are paid during our meetings when you have something to celebrate or announce.
- Our Sgt-at-Arms collects fines in fun for a variety of "infractions" such as not wearing your name badge or Kiwanis pin.
- The Objects of Kiwanis are important to our club and are recited during the opening of each of our meetings.

Officers and Directors of Our Club

Each year, usually in April, the club holds the Annual Meeting. At this meeting the officers and directors are elected. The officers serve a one-year term commencing October 1.

Several weeks prior to the annual meeting, the nominating committee asks for nominations of members to serve on the board of directors for the next Kiwanis year. Our club has eight directors elected for a two-year term.

Each year four new directors are elected to their two-year term, while four complete their second year of their two-year term. This process ensures the board has a mix of experienced and new directors.

Once the nominating committee receives nominations from all members, they prepare a list of nominees and present the list to the membership. Two weeks after the list of nominees is presented, the annual meeting is held at which time the vote takes place.

Historically the President-elect is the sole candidate for President, and the Vice-President is the sole candidate for President-elect. The position of Treasurer is elected annually, while the position of Secretary is appointed by the President.

Members vote to:

- Elect club officers and directors
- Approve the annual club budget
- Amend club bylaws
- Adopt a multi-year project

The Board of Directors:

- Determines club policy
- Approves club projects
- Approves and controls budget
- Manages the club

Next Week: Role of Club Officers and Directors

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

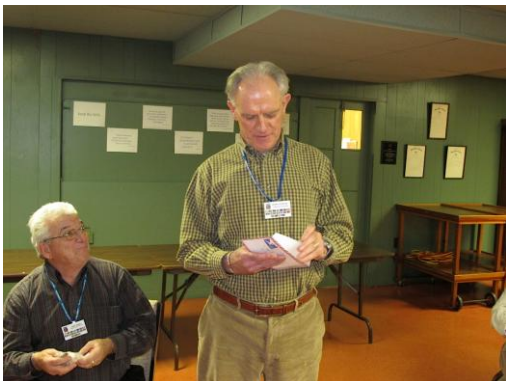
2012 Club Auction Night



Auctioneer Ken with his purchase



His and Hers



The Nfld Fog Specialist

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

- February 2 Derby Car Repair Night
- February 9 Heidi Wyma – Technology at the Library (and see below for committee meeting)
- February 16 **Partners' Night.** Bill and Margaret Johnston talk about their Peru trip
- February 23 Quiz Night – meet at RDHS
- March 1 TBA
- March 8 Chili Cook-off

Interclub Opportunities

- February 25 Rodney's Quiz Night - \$20/team
- March 10 Indoor Yard Sale at Rodney Arena

Announcements

- The meeting of February 2nd will be a working session. After dinner at the Church we'll go to Wrights' shop to work on the Derby Cars. Please dress appropriately.
- An evening of community appreciation for Dr John Button will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at Wilson Hall, U of Guelph. Tickets are \$50 which includes a donation of \$25. Donations will go to the Eliminate Project. Tickets available at HMMC, Mittons Jewellers, or through Treasurer Gary.
- The Golf Tournament Committee will meet following the February 9th meeting.



CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Alan Bloomfield
 President-elect: Brad Carnie
 Secretary: John Henderson
 DIRECTORS:
 Brian Dunlop, June Guyitt, Wendy Millyard, Dale Smith (2 years)
 Brian Hoskins, Bill Johnston, Greg Roberts, Gary Wake (1 years)

Past President: Debbie Button
 Vice President: Kevin Hoskins
 Treasurer: Gary Guyitt

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Janet Atkinson
 Governor Elect: Peter Tudisco
 Immediate Past Governor: Paul Toussaint
 Division 4 Lt. Governor: Jim Scott
 Division 4 Past Lt. Governor: Jim Garey