

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 5 JANUARY 2009

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I took a break from the newsletter over the holidays so this newsletter will cover club activities for the holiday season.

December 18 meeting

Sixteen members and three Key Club members welcomed guests to our annual children's Christmas party. Guests – Marg Richmond, Pat Rumble, Stephanie, Shanna and Sean Rumble, Shannon and Ethan Hoskins, Margaret, Braiden and Caroline Arneill, Janet Wake, Jeff, Joel and Cameron Mardling, Evan, Denise, Isaac and Ella Johnston, Langdon and Avery Hoskins, Amanda and Brandon Vaughan, Mitchell Doxtater and very special guest Santa Claus. Kiwanians Ken Richmond, Brad Carnie and Alan Bloomfield barbecued hot dog and hamburgs for the group. After dinner Shannon Hoskins organized all the supplies for the children – some older – to decorate gingerbread men. Every child had the opportunity to sit with Santa and each received a gift. A big thanks to Kevin and Shannon Hoskins for all their preparation of the party and gifts. Everyone – young and old – enjoyed a great evening.

December 30 Open House

President June and Treasurer Gary welcomed twelve members, six guests and Key Club member Rebeccah to their home. Gary, with June's help, had plenty of holiday food for all to enjoy! Thanks June and Gary for your hospitality.

January 8, 2009 meeting

The holidays are over and we are back at the Church for our first meeting of 2009. Kiwanian Gary Wake will collect money for sold Christmas cakes and smoothies from those who have not submitted.



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

Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org



DIVISION 4 ROBERTS GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year will be the 20th annual Division 4 Roberts Golf Tournament. The date is Wednesday, June 10, 2009. The committee will be planning a special tournament to mark the anniversary. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

There will be a meeting of the golf committee following this week's meeting.

DIVISION 4 INTERCLUB OPPORTUNITIES

The Kiwanis Club of Forest City- London meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009 – lunch at 12:10 at the Mocha Shrine Centre. Cost is \$12.00 per person. Speaker will be the Honourable Deb Matthews MPP for London North-Centre, Minister of Children and Youth Services, Minister Responsible for Women's Issues and Chair of the Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction Province of Ontario.

Monday, January 22, 2009 the Kiwanis Club of North London will be hosting Dr John MacDonald, Scientific Director of Roberts research. This will be a "Friends of Kiwanis" meeting for this high profile and important presentation. The meeting will be at the Highland Country Club, 279 Commissioners Road East, at 6:00 PM. Dinner at 6:10 PM.

\$20.00 including tax & gratuity.

RIDGE MARSH MANOR

There is an apartment ready for painting at Ridge Marsh Manor. Anyone able to help contact Secretary Barb.



“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.

PAST PRESIDENT GORD SHAW



We extend our sympathy to Pauline Shaw and family on the death of Past President Gord. Gord and my father were fast friends for over 50 years. Gord often said that the greatest act of friendship that my father ever performed for him was introducing him to Kiwanis. Gord served as President in 1990. He was a proud Kiwanian and took great delight and pride in our many accomplishments. He never missed an opportunity to pass on words of praise or encouragement or to send a note of congratulations in his distinctive hand writing. He was a great fan and advocate of our annual golf days with our friends from Genoa. We will miss his wit and droll sense of humour on Thursday nights. Those present will never forget his ringing defence of the wrongly or rightfully accused – “Double jeopardy!” In recent years, Gord with good humour and good grace served as time-keeper for quiz nights and as foil for Greg Hetherington’s humour.

In over 20 years as a member of our club Gord was never loud but he was always there. We will miss him. Thank you Gord!
PG Dr. John

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

2009	
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

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

Member News

We extend our sympathy to John and Jean Case on the death of Jean’s mother, Mrs. Civalier. Visitation will be at Alexander Funeral Home in Chatham, Wednesday and Thursday evenings 7:00 – 9:00 pm, funeral service on Friday at 11:00 am.



CLUB OFFICERS:

President June Guyitt
Past President Randy Ross
Secretary Barb Duxtater

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

DIRECTORS:

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

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

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

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