

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 29 JUNE 2009

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Fifteen members welcomed guest Lynda Ross, former Key Club members Mike Jay and Jordan McClanahan and Key Club members Brendan, Jordan and Rebeccah.

Thanks to VP Alan for chairing the meeting and Secretary Barb for taking notes in my absence as I attended International Convention. VP Alan declared it “double or nothing” fine night – each time a fine was levied, the member had the option of paying the fine or answer a Kiwanis question – correct answer no fine, incorrect answer double the fine.

Rumor has it that an attempt was made to overthrow the President at the meeting. VP Alan assured me that a fine was collected when PLG Randy addressed VP Alan as President Alan. History could have been made as the shortest term of a President in the history of the club.

Happy \$\$ - Former Key Club member Rebeccah was happy to have graduated from RDHS the night before. PP Craig was happy to be hosting the Key Club end of year beach party behind his home. Secretary Barb was happy for her two RDHS graduates. Congratulations to Rebeccah, Mitchell and Mackenzie on their graduation.

Former Key Club member Rebeccah thanked the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada for her scholarship and the members of the Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown for being family to her during her time in Key Club.

July 2 meeting will be hosted by Kiwanian Bill and Margaret Johnston. They live at 11966 Rose Beach Line. Rose Beach Line follows the shore of Lake Erie east from Rondeau Park. From Ridgetown proceed South, through Morpeth (after stopping) following Hill Road which turns into Rose Beach Line. Follow Rose Beach Line to 11966 on the lake side. From Chatham exit the 401 at County Road 15. Follow County Road 15 to Rose Beach Line. Turn left onto Rose Beach Line.



VP Alan, Guest speaker Mike Jay and Kiwanian Greg Roberts

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

Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org



MIKE JAY'S EXCHANGE IN TURKEY

Former Key Club member Mike Jay gave a very interesting presentation on his one year exchange in Turkey. Mike lived with three different host families during the year – two lived in apartments in the port city of Mersin and one lived in a house on the Mediterranean Sea outside of Mersin. Mike attended high school for three months and then taught English for the University English program for another three months. Mersin is a city of approximately 1.5 million people.

Mike found the Turkish people to be very proud of their heritage. Traffic in Turkey was horrible. There is public transportation but also lots of cars with daredevil drivers.

About 99% of the population are Muslims, the balance being Jewish or Christian. There is a small percentage of the population who are wealthy, the remaining part of the large population are very poor.

Football (or soccer as we call it) is a very big sport in the country. Also, the Arts are very important – many operas, plays, concerts and musical presentations. There is compulsory military service for 1.5 years for all young men.

The country receives very little rain and no snow. The summer months are very hot and humid.

Clothes are expensive to purchase, but travel and restaurants are inexpensive. The food was very different but very good.

The Capital city of Turkey is Ankara. The country is sided by 3 seas – the Black Sea, the Mediterranean Sea and the Aegean Sea.

Mike made many friends during the exchange. He had many opportunities to travel and see many parts of Turkey. He wished he had had more time in Istanbul, a very beautiful city.

Mike found it interesting that they had “Christmas trees” but called the “New Year’s trees”.

PP June introduced Mike and before he started his presentation he thanked Kiwanis for the scholarship he received. Kiwanian Greg Roberts thanked Mike. Mike answered a lot of questions about his trip from members.

RDHS GRADUATION



PP June with Key Club graduates Mike Jay and Rebekkah Malott



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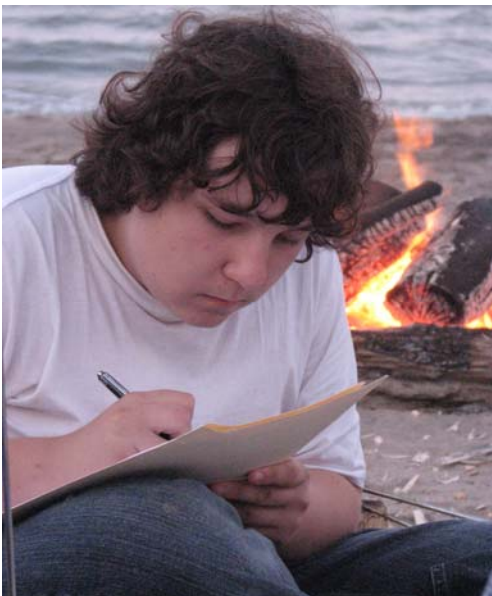
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The Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown meets weekly at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Mount Zion Presbyterian Church, 59 Main St. E., Ridgetown, every Thursday, from September 1st through June 30th each year. Summer meetings are hosted by members at various local addresses.

KEY CLUB END OF YEAR PARTY



Key Club members enjoyed a great beach party to celebrate the end of a successful year. Thanks to PP Craig and Rosemary for hosting the group on the beach at their home.



MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

July 2	Bill and Margaret Johnston
July 9	Barbeque in Kiwanis Park
July 16	open
July 23	PLG Allen Ure
July 30	open
August 5 – 8	E.C.&C. District Convention
August 6	open
August 13	Dave Vaughan & John Wright
August 15	Downhill Derby
August 20	open
August 27	President Debbie & PG Dr. John
October 29 2010	Quiz Night
February 11	Quiz Night

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



International Trustee-designate Dr. John addressed the house of delegates at the 94th annual Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville. Thanks to E.C.&C. Governor-elect Gary Levine for the photograph.

President Debbie will give a report on International Convention at the July 2 meeting.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Debbie Button Past President: June Guyitt
Vice-President: Alan Bloomfield
Secretary: Barb Doxtater Treasurer: Gary Guyitt

DIRECTORS:

Dale Smith, John Button, Brad Carnie, John Case, (1 year)
Kevin Bartlett, Chris Arneill, Abdi Yuya, Kevin Hoskins (2 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