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KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2011

April 28, 2011 meeting:

Sixteen members welcomed nine Key Club members to our meeting. Immediate Past President, now District Governor Jordan chaired the meeting. Key Club President Jordan acted as Sgt.-at-Arms. Thanks to Secretary John for taking notes and President Alan for taking pictures.

Happy \$\$ - PP Dale was happy for the great party following highway cleanup last week. \$ - PP Craig was happy for the picture of Dale in a wig. \$ - DP June was happy the Key Club was here tonight. \$ - Kiwanian Brian was happy because the Easter Egg Hunt went so well.

Everyone in attendance greatly enjoyed the entertainment which featured Key Clubber Sunny Baek playing the piano and offering a medley of popular favourites.

DP June then introduced the Key Clubbers and inducted their new executive. She noted that the Ridgetown District High School Key Club is 56 years old and reminded the executive to take good care of it.

The new Key Club Executive are:

President	Brendon Fysh
Vice President	Chelsea Eade
Immediate Past President	Jordan Dunlop
Secretary	Kevin Goodger
Treasurer	John Oulds



Nina Schmitz

The speaker for the evening was Nina Schmitt an exchange student from Germany studying at RDHS. Nina has joined the Key Club during her study time here. Nina talked about how her life at home differs from her life here in Canada. At home she lives in a small farming village very close to the Germany-Netherlands border, although she has also lived in the historic town of Aachen, and she often visits family in Cologne. While Ridgetown is no larger in population than her home village, it is much more spread out geographically, so that a trip that would involve a short walk or bike ride at home now means a car trip. Farms are much larger here, neighbours are much farther away and a lot more time is spent in just getting around.

At home Nina and her classmates spend a much longer day in school, classes are from 8 to 5 and then homework every night. The result is that most of the academic work that she has been taking at RDHS is already familiar to her. Here she is the top student in her English class. However, she does not feel that students here are necessarily less busy or pressured than those in Germany. Here everyone has a part-time job and many students do volunteer work so their day is just as long as that of a German student. She particularly noticed that volunteering is generally expected here whereas it is almost the exception in Germany. Students here also have the pressure of making enough money for College or University, both of which are nearly free in her country.

Nina impressed us all with her warmth, her self-confidence, her communication skills and her obvious ability to connect with people. These are qualities that she shares with several of our other Key Clubbers. We certainly have every reason to be proud of these fine young people.



Nina shows a map of Germany

More Easter Egg Hunt Pictures



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.

Interclub Opportunities

District Convention is **May 12 – 15** at Blue Mountain. At this time we have several members attending. There is still time to register if you are interested in attending. The District Convention is always a great time. We have six members registered for convention at this time. There is still time to register.

Monday, May 30 – The Kiwanis Club of Forest City London and the London Rotary Club are holding their annual joint meeting at the Convention Centre, 300 York Street, London. The meeting starts at noon, the speaker is Mayor Joe Fontana and the cost for lunch is \$20.00. Let interclub chair PLG Allen know if you are interested in attending. RSVP is due by May 16.

CLUB DUES

A reminder to all members: Your dues are payable at least monthly. Dues are \$40.00 per month whether or not you can attend the meetings. The club pays for your meal even when you are not in attendance. The \$40.00 covers your club, division, district and international dues plus your weekly meal. If you are unable to attend the meetings please get your dues payment to Treasurer Gary – drop off or mail to P.O. Box 1642, Ridgetown, ON N0P 2C0

ROBARTS GOLF TOURNAMENT

There will be a meeting of the golf tournament committee following the May 5 meeting.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

May 5	Jim Morris – research on stray voltage from hydro lines
May 7	Barbeque at Ridge House Museum
May 12	Woodlot clean up – dress according to the weather! There will be dinner at the church prior to the cleanup
May 19	to be determined
May 26	Key Club vs Kiwanis ball game
May 28	Teddy Bear Picnic
June 8	Robarts Golf tournament
June 16	Car Rally

Club Officer Training

June 18	Division 3 club officer training in Chatham
June 25	Division 4 club officer training in London

This is training for the 2011-2012 officers, most importantly President, President-elect & Secretary. Members are welcome to attend either session. Please let DP Debbie know which you are attending.

CARTER HOME HARDWARE TAPES

When you shop at Carter's Home Hardware save your receipt and give it to Treasurer Gary. Gary submits these receipts to Carter's and the club receives a credit to our account equal to 5% of the pre tax amount on all receipts submitted. The credits we accumulate are used to buy toys given at the Santa Claus Parade, Christmas lights for Kiwanis Park and many other supplies needed by the club. We thank Carter's for their support of local service clubs.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Alan Bloomfield **Past President:** Debbie Button
President-elect: Allen Ure **Vice President:** Brad Carnie
Secretary: John Henderson **Treasurer:** Gary Guyitt

DIRECTORS:

Shawn Hoskins, Craig Mitton, John Wright, David Vaughan (1 year)
Brian Hoskins, Greg Roberts, Gary Wake, Bill Johnston (2 years)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

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