

Kiwanis

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

P.O. BOX 1642, RIDGETOWN, ONTARIO N0P 2C0

www.ridgetownkiwanis.com

email: admin@ridgetownkiwanis.com

NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2010

April 29, 2010 meeting:

Twenty members welcomed three guests – Taylor Bartlett, Brandon Vaughan and Rebeccah Malott – and eight Key Clubbers attended and chaired the meeting.

Happy \$\$ - IT Dr. John was happy to pay for his pictures in last week's paper and to announce his new business of wine steward and opener of sparkling wines. \$ - Kiwanian Kevin Bartlett was happy to have his daughter Taylor with him. \$ - Kiwanian Brian Dunlop was happy to see Key Clubber Jordan, his son, cleaned up. \$ - Treasurer Gary was happy to have had the pleasure of attending the Key Club convention. \$ - Key Clubber Amanda was happy to see Kiwanian John Wright 's haircut. \$ - John Wright was happy to be celebrating his 32nd wedding anniversary. \$ - Rebeccah was happy to have completed her first year at college and to be moved out of residence. \$ - Kiwanian Adam was happy to report he is still not smoking!! \$ - Kiwanian Kevin Hoskins was happy that it was his last day of school!

Acting Sgt.-at-Arms John Case did a great job of collecting fines for the Key Club.

Rotary exchange student Marion Dugue, a member of the Key Club, gave a presentation on her hometown in France. Marion showed pictures of her home, her town and the surrounding area. She explained that classes in her school go from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. These longer hours give them more time out of school – a week in October, December, April and two months in the summer.



Key Club President Jordan Dunlop, Past President Brendan Fysh, Marion Dugue and VP Ryan Robinson

KEY CLUB

Message from Past President Brendan

"I would like to start off my speech by thanking everyone for giving me the honour of being R.D.H.S.'s Key Club President for the past two years, and what an honour it has been. These past two years have been an extraordinary experience, and I'm lucky I had a great team of Key Clubbers behind my back who have also grown to be some of my closest friends.

Through my role in president I got to experience many different things, like running meetings, having a say in what goes on, and my favourite part was to sign the Cheques. I never thought before that it would be possible to be in the position of president. But now I can see anything is possible. It's such an honour to represent the Key Club and even stand before you and to tell you the Key Club business. Just to serve my community and school has changed me as a person and really gave me a warm feeling inside to know I'm doing that much more to help people around the world.

Before I even joined Key Club, I used to be the kind of kid who was a person considered to be a "follower". Someone who does what others do, too scared to say what I wanted because of what others might say, and always relied on others ideas. But out of my years as president I have grown to follow my own path, express my own opinions, and to be the one who gets the ball rolling. Now I see myself to be the kind of kid who is considered to be a "leader".

Key Club's statement is "Caring – our way of life". I never really thought much of this statement, but from serving the community, and the school, I can now truly say "Caring, it's part of my life"."



At Convention RDHS Key Club won six awards:

Distinguished Club

Strive for Five Growth Award

First place in the talent contest – Sonny Baek

Early Bird award for dues payment

First Club in the Division to pay dues

First Club in the District to pay dues

Thanks to Key Club advisor PP June and staff advisor Elsa Natvik for all their work with the Key Club. Their time and commitment to the students is greatly appreciated.

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.

Message from incoming Key Club President Jordan Dunlop:

"Thank you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Key Club Members for electing me to the position of president. I would also like to thank my fellow Key Club and Kiwanis members for their support during my campaign for presidency.

As president of the Key Club of Ridgetown District High School I would like to help our club grow. I would like to work on maintaining and growing our membership; growing our bank balance so that we are better able to fund events and donate to approved charities; and helping our members grow as individuals and as part of a team.

I will focus on keeping our club well organized, and involving all members, to ensure equal participation at all club events and activities.

As president I will always be focused on the current business and projects of the club, while also taking time to look at what is down the road for the club.

Thank you to everyone; and I look forward to another great year of service with the RDHS Key Club."

I am sure the Key Club will have another very successful year under the leadership of President Jordan.

Jordan has already shown great leadership and been a great help to our Kiwanis Club – he invited his father to join Kiwanis. Thank you Jordan.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

May 6	Laurel Quinlan – Victim Services, Chatham-Kent
May 13	Tim DeActis
May 20	Mark Brewer, Division 7 LG
May 27	Key Club vs. Kiwanis ball game
May 29	Teddy Bear Picnic
June 3	Debbie Comuzzi – CEO Children's Health Foundation for Children's Hospital of Western Ontario
June 10	William Bossence – tour of duty in Afghanistan
June 17	Genoa visits Ridgetown – Gary & June hosting dinner
June 24 -26	Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas
July 24	Ridgetown visits Genoa
August 4 – 7	District Convention in St. John, New Brunswick

SKIP A MEAL

At the May 6 meeting we will participate in the Kiwanis International program Skip-a-Meal. We will still have dinner, but we will donate to the Kiwanis International Foundation Children's Fund. All funds donated through the Skip-a-Meal project are used to fund Kiwanis projects that help children around the world.

Members will have the opportunity to donate to the project if they wish and the club will donate as well.



CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Debbie Button **Past President:** June Guyitt
President-elect: Alan Bloomfield **Vice President:** Allen Ure
Secretary: vacant **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