

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 10 NOVEMBER 2008

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Twenty five members and two Key Club members, Rebecca and Brendan, welcomed our guests Amanda and Brandon Vaughan and Marjorie Johnston.

Happy \$\$ - PLG Allan was happy that by next week's meeting he will be enjoying the sun on the beach in Cancun. \$ - Kiwanian John Case was happy to give the last of his calendar payments for 2008. \$ - Rebecca was happy that it was her birthday. \$ - Kiwanian Larry was happy that he has received over 3000 pieces of candy for our Santa Claus Parade goody bags. \$ - Kiwanian Ron Fuller on behalf of the Legion was thankful for everyone's support of the poppy fund. \$ - PG Dr. John was happy that the MRI campaign was progressing.

November 27, 2008 will be the 4H banquet. Plans are well under way. It will be held at the new Erie Street United Church and the church will be catering the meal. All members are urged to attend.

Co-chairs of this year's Santa Claus parade are Kiwanians Adam and Shawn. The theme this year is "The Meaning of Christmas". The parade is Saturday, December 13. Plan to be there to help.

Christmas Cakes are here. The price is \$14.00 each. Please see Kiwanian Gary Wake to get cakes to sell. Gary also has the mint smoothies ready to be sold.



President June, Marjorie Johnston and Kiwanian John Case

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

“We must remember. If we do not, the sacrifice of those one hundred thousand Canadian lives will be meaningless. They died for us, for their homes, families and friends, for a collection of traditions they cherished and a future they believed in; they died for Canada. The best gift of love is Remembrance.”

Our guest speaker for our Remembrance Day program was Marjorie Johnston. Marjorie's spouse Walt was a charter member of our club. Marjorie spoke to us about the thousands of war brides that came to Canada during and after the war.

Marjorie and Walt met while he was serving in the Army Medical Corp - 11th Field Ambulance. After receiving permission from the Canadian military, they were married in 1944. In 1945 Marjorie left England alone and travelled to Canada, staying with Walt's family while she waited for him to return from serving. The Canadian military paid the passage for brides of Canadian soldiers to come to Canada. The average cost of such a trip was \$149.29 which included transportation from their home to the port, ocean transportation, train to their rural home in Canada and meals during the trip.

48,000 British and European women left everything that was familiar, travelled to Canada alone or with young children and waited for their spouses to join them at the end of the war. They brought with them their culture and values and are a very important part of our Canadian history. Many of these women served in the forces in Britain before they married and moved to Canada. Marjorie was a telephone operator. Communications were so important during the war that her job was frozen and she was not allowed to leave to join the military. She road her bike 5 miles to work each shift.

Marjorie left England from Liverpool and sailed to Halifax Pier 21. There she boarded the Bride Train to the station in Chatham. She was met by Walt's mother and father, brother and sister. It was June 1945 and she remembers the strawberries, picking washing and canning. She was warmly welcomed by Walt's family and the Ridgetown community. She joined Erie Street United Church and Confederation Chapter IODE. At one time there were 80 war brides in Ridgetown, now only 4 remain.

KEY CLUB

President Brendan and Vice-President Rebeccah will be presenting a wreath at the Remembrance Day service. Next week is Key Club week at RDHS and they have a different activity planned for each day. Their next fundraiser will be the concession stand at the semi-formal dance.

AKTION CLUB

The next meeting of the Aktion Club is Wednesday, November 12 at Emmanuel Church. All members are welcome to attend any Aktion Club meeting.

SPECIAL DONATION TO MRI



Amanda Vaughan presents Dr. John, co-chair of the MRI campaign, with a donation raised by Amanda and her family. They hosted a pig roast with all profits going to the MRI. Thanks to Amanda and her family for their support of our community. Amanda is the daughter of Kiwanian Dave and Jen Vaughan.

“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.

CRAFT SHOW

What a weekend - three days, 70 craft vendors, over 2,000 customers through the door, 250 hotdogs, five pounds of fried onion, soup and sandwiches! All that means a great fundraiser for the club. THANK YOU to all members for your help. A special thanks to Margie, Marg, Bethe, Maxine, Lynnly, Shannon, Mary Helen, Joanne and Amanda. These family members of Kiwanians were a great help. Setting up was a learning experience that tested our math skills and logic. Thankfully we had a teacher and a principal to guide us. Our food purchases and preparation skills improve each time we operate the canteen.



MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Nov 13	Steve Pickard
Nov 20	Business and Board meeting
Nov 27	4H banquet
Dec 4	Fun night
Dec 11	Christmas program & candy pack
Dec 13	Santa Claus Parade
Dec 18	Children's Christmas party at the Church
Dec 25	Merry Christmas – no meeting
Dec 30	President's party
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Jan 1	Happy New Year
Jan 8	Mystery Tour
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

The program committee of VP Alan, PP Ken, Kiwanians Bill and Brad have been busy preparing for this year. They have asked members to organize a few meetings throughout the year. This will give many members a chance to be involved in meeting plans.



CLUB OFFICERS:

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