

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 17 NOVEMBER 2008

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Eighteen members and Key Club members Brendan and Rebecca welcomed our two guests, Councillor Steve Pickard and Chatham-Kent's CAO Rob Browning.

Happy \$\$ - Kiwanian Debbie was happy for the tremendous help at the craft show. \$ - Kiwanian Dr. John was happy to attend the Aktion Club meeting and hear President Alicia tell the members "it makes me feel so good to help others" and to listen to the members discuss how they could include another member who is in a wheelchair in their plans for the Santa Claus Parade. \$ - Kiwanian Bill Verlaan was happy to thank the craft show committee for their work on planning the show. \$ - Kiwanian Alan was happy that half way through Saturday at the craft show they got heat! \$ - Kiwanian Craig was happy that Main Street is open again.

President June reminded members that we need to remember our local businesses when we think about shopping. We all gain from having a vibrant town and we should do whatever we can to help our town.



Kiwanian Abdi thanks our guests Steve Pickard and Rob Browning

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CHATHAM-KENT

Councillor Steve Pickard, chair of this year's United Way Campaign, thanked the club for inviting him back to speak. Steve was raised in a small town, Kingsville, moved to Ottawa to attend school, moved to New York City for 2 years then moved back to Chatham 3 ½ years ago. This is where he and his wife wanted to raise their family.

Steve described Chatham-Kent as a community of communities. In order to get a true sense of community, people have to learn to care for people they don't know or will never know. There is more to Chatham-Kent than the interaction between Chatham and the other communities. There also needs to be interaction between the other communities. Each community needs to feel included in the greater community.

Each community brings something to the table all 23 communities. We need to move forward together to chart the path for the next 10 years and beyond. How do we build a positive image of Chatham-Kent. We have a great community with great things to offer.

Change is going to happen – do we make it happen or will it happen to us. We need to find ways to keep the youth in our community. When they move away for school and careers, we miss their most productive years.

CAO Rob Browning brings a different perspective to the Municipality's administration. Rob has only lived in Chatham for one month. He agreed that amalgamation has not been a cost savings for the municipality but it has had other benefits.

Steve and Rob opened the discussion to any questions members had.

Kiwanian Abdi thanked our guests for their informative talk.

KEY CLUB

President Brendan and Vice-President Rebeccah will be attending Key Leader weekend and Rebeccah will be a student facilitator this year. Key Club will have a float in the Santa Claus Parade.

AKTION CLUB

The Aktion Club voted to donate a portion of their funds raised at the pie sale to the MRI Campaign and also purchase Sleeping Children Around the World bed kits.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday, December 13. The theme of this year's parade is "The Meaning of Christmas." Co-chairs Shawn and Adam have plans well in hand. The prizes for the free draw have been purchased and are displayed in the window of the Ridgetown Independent. There are 15 – 17 prizes worth between \$60.00 and \$80.00 each. Lots of help will be needed that day so plan to be there.



“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



MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

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:

President June Guyitt
Past President Randy Ross
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DIRECTORS:

Dale Smith, John Button, Brad Carnie, John Case, (1 year)
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