

# **KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN**

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## **NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 24 NOVEMBER 2008**

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### **November 20, 2008**

Twenty-one members and Key Club members Brendan and Rebecca welcomed our guest Jen Vaughan.

Happy \$\$ - PP Ken was very happy - \$ - happy that Kiwanian Bill Johnston stayed away from Kiwanis while he was sick. \$ - happy for PG Dr. John being honoured last Friday night at the CKHA awards night with the Tri-Board Award of Excellence for Caring People Caring for People. \$ - PP Craig was happy for PP Ken and Evan Johnston (son of Kiwanian Bill and Margie Johnston) and their work on the downtown rejuvenation committee. \$ - Kiwanian Brad was happy to have flown in a small plane piloted by his son Jonathan who recently passed his pilot's licence with 94%. \$ - guest Jen Vaughan was happy for daughter Amanda winning the Optimist award for community service. We witnessed Amanda's community service when she made a donation to the MRI Campaign. \$ - Key Club Vice-President Rebecca was also a winner of the Optimist community service award.

PP Ken still has a few Rotary Calendars for sale. Our club receives \$10.00 for each calendar we sell. Contact Ken if you have not yet purchased yours.

November 27 meeting is our annual 4H Awards Banquet. Our involvement with 4H has been going on for 60 years. The banquet will be held at the new Erie Street United Church on Erie Street North ( the old Salvation Army building). All members are encouraged to attend this special evening. Each 4H club recognizes their members and presents their awards. This year's guest speaker will be Janie McGrail, speaking about her agricultural tour in Europe. Plan to attend and support the local 4H clubs.

December 4 meeting will be a fun night. We will meet at our Trees Project property for a tour. This property is located on the Scane Side Road across from the golf course. When heading East into Ridgetown on the Ridge Road, turn South – that's right – onto Scane Side Road, go through the first intersection and it will be on your left just after the intersection. We will meet there at 6:30 for a tour – bring your flash lights and warm weather proof clothing. After the tour we will "season" our new barbeque at the home of Brad Carnie. Dinner will be grilled on our new barbeque equipment – part of our new trailer.

PLG Peter spoke to members on the status of the Salvation Army Food Bank. With the sale of the Salvation Army property, the food bank has been moved to a central warehouse in Wallaceburg. Each year at this time, Peter has secured cases of canned goods free of charge from the Nabisco plant in Dresden. These canned goods have been transported – by John Wright – to the Ridgetown Food Bank. The club voted to continue with this tradition even though they are now stored at the central warehouse in Wallaceburg. Ridgetown residents are still accessing the food bank through Wallaceburg and Christmas hampers will be delivered to needy Ridgetown families from Wallaceburg. Peter will enquire about the free canned goods. PLG Peter estimates that we have given in excess of 900 cases of canned goods to the food bank over the past several years.

The December 18 meeting will be the annual Children's Christmas Party. It will be held at the Church this year. If you have children or grandchildren that will attend the party, contact Kiwanian Kevin Hoskins with the numbers. All members are urged to attend this very special meeting with our members' families. Kiwanian Kevin and Shannon Hoskins have generously hosted this party for the past several years and have done a great job of entertaining the children. The party this year will continue to be a great evening for children – young and old.

**KIWANIS is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.**

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Club Website: <http://www.ridgetownkiwanis.com>

E.C.& C. District Website: [www.kiwanisecc.org](http://www.kiwanisecc.org)

Kiwanis International Website: [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)



### BOARD MEETING

A copy of the updated club bylaws is being circulated for members review and approval.

The Board voted to relax the club dress code from business attire to business casual attire. The Sgt-at-Arms will no longer be collecting a fine for the lack of a tie. The Board felt that a business casual code was more reflective of 2008 practices, includes the women of the club, and more welcoming to new members.

The Board voted to make a donation to World Vision to supply fresh drinking water to ten families. We serve the children of the world and so many children throughout the world do not have access to fresh drinking water – such a simple item in our lives – but desperately needed in the lives of many.

A reminder, that Board meetings are open to any member of the club to attend. All members are welcome to sit in and listen to the Board deliberations.

### KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

From the Kiwanis International website a message from Vice-President Paul Palazzolo:

Kiwanis needs more members to better serve their communities and young people in the future. “We need more eyes to see what is needed in our communities. More ears to hear the cries for help. And more hands to make things happen. And a sense of humor to make the meetings more fun,” he said. “If we have more people join these efforts we can do more.”

With economic hard times at hand, Palazzolo said the need for volunteerism is vital. People need to get over the “too busy” disease.

“We’re all busy. I am making time to make a difference. And I hope some people will say, ‘Hey, he’s a 43-year-old guy serving as Kiwanis International president. Maybe I can make time to make a difference with my club,’” he said.

### KEY CLUB

President Brendan and Vice-President Rebeccah enjoyed a great weekend at Key Leader. Key Club continues to promote themselves throughout the school.

### AKTION CLUB

The next meeting of the Aktion Club will be Wednesday, November 27 at the Village. Aktion Club members will be helping with Bingo for the residents.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Summer meetings are hosted by members at various local addresses.

### INTERCLUB INVITATIONS

The Kiwanis Club of West Lorne invites members to attend their annual Christmas dinner at Lakeview Gardens. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm and the cost is \$25.00 per person. PLG Randy and Lynda will be attending. If anyone else is attending please contact PP Craig.

The Kiwanis Club of Chatham invites members to their annual Christmas dinner at Country View Golf Course on December 10 at 6:00 pm. The guest speaker for the evening will be Greg Hetherington speaking on his Climb for Miracles. Contact PP Craig if you are able to attend.

### DRAW FOR MAYAN RIVIERA VACATION

Keep selling your tickets. The draw will be February 5, 2009. Only 350 tickets to sell. First prize is 1 week all inclusive trip to a Mayan Riviera resort or \$2,000.00 cash. Second prize is a \$500.00 gift certificate to Mitton's Jewellery and third prize is a \$250.00 gift certificate to Mitton's Jewellery.



### MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

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  
Secretary Barb Doxtater

#### DIRECTORS:

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

President-elect Debbie Button  
Vice-president Alan Bloomfield  
Treasurer Gary Guyitt

#### 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