

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 20 OCTOBER 2008

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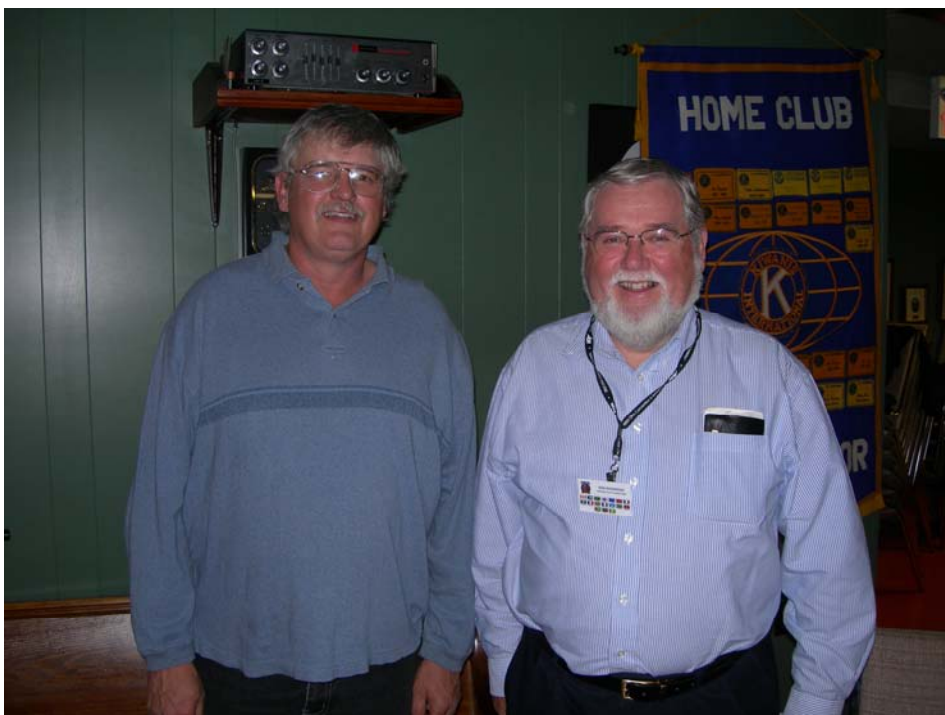
Twenty-one members and Key Club President Brendan engaged in a discussion on traffic safety. Thanks to Kiwanian Alan for taking notes and pictures.

Happy \$\$ - not many. \$ - Kiwanian Debbie was happy to see so many members reciting the Objects of Kiwanis since she watched the International President read them at a recent celebration.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kiwanian Abdi and his family on the death of his sister.

PLG Randy presented President June with the 4th quarter LG Ribbon. Congratulations to all members.

Kiwanian Craig asked Eb to speak to an upcoming interclub opportunity. There will be a presentation by the Roberts Research Institute on October 27, 2008, noon at the Shriner's Club in London. They would like to have four members attend.



PP Ken thanks Kiwanian John Wright

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E.C.& C. District Website: www.kiwanisecc.org

Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org



TRAFFIC SAFETY

Kiwanian John Wright spoke to the members and engaged them in a discussion on traffic safety. John is a volunteer fire fighter and operates a towing business. Through both he has seen too many accidents.

Areas discussed included:

Roadside assistance – two major types are CAA and the package provided by the vehicle manufacturer. Both provide motorists with a toll free number to phone where they will dispatch help. Locally that may just be Kiwanian John.

Air bags and seat belts – many people feel there are good and bad aspects to air bags. Most drivers and passengers are now wearing seat belts – it's expensive if you get caught not wearing them. We certainly hear that both do save lives in the case of an accident.

Driver error – most 401 accidents are caused by driver error – over correction from going off the side of the road. I am sure driver fatigue plays a big role in many accidents as well. Maybe we all need a drive safe course.

Living in a rural area we spend a lot of time on the highways. Traffic safety is something we should all think about when we are driving. Watch out for other motorists.

VP Alan thanked John on behalf of the members for a great discussion on an area that affects each of us.



KEY CLUB

The next fundraiser will be the concession stand at Quiz Night and one team participating. Key Leader weekend is November 14 – 16.

The club is repainting their concession stand after a little incident the last time it was used.

The Key Club is setting up a display case at school showing where their donations to KIVA are sent.

AKTION CLUB

The next meeting of the Aktion Club is Wednesday, October 22 at the Village. They will be assisting the residents with Bingo. The Legion is hosting a Halloween party for the Aktion Club on Wednesday, October 29.

QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz night is ready to go – runners and judges in place and questions completed.

Teams are Needed.

Get your team registered! It is fun to play. Setup of tables at RDHS begins around 6:00 pm, registration by 7:00 pm and quiz starts at 7:30 pm. Our quiz master is Greg Hetherington. We are very fortunate to have Greg's huge support of our quiz nights. He does a great job! Thanks Greg.

A LITTLE SMILE

Eagles may soar in the clouds, but weasels never get sucked into jet engines.

An expert is a man who tells you a simple thing in a confused way in such a fashion as to make you think the confusion is your own fault.

Duct tape is like the force. It has a light side, a dark side, and it holds the universe together.

“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

November 8 & 9 is the fall craftshow. Lots of help will be needed for both days as well as set up on Friday. This is a project needing all members help. Plan to help. Sign-up sheets are circulating. Kiwanians Kevin Hoskins and Allen Ure have the sheets to fill. Two areas of work needed – the admission and the canteen. See Kevin and Allen to fill the spots.

Working set-up on the Friday morning will be June, Gary, Debbie and Eb. Patty Peters will be there to share her expertise in setting up. One more person to move tables would be helpful.

Vendors arrive to setup on Friday afternoon from 3:00 to 8:00. June and Debbie will be there to meet them and help Patty.

Hotdogs have been ordered, pop and water purchased on sale and we are ready to go. If the trailer and barbeque are ready it could be used to barbeque the hotdogs outside the canteen. If the barbeque is not available, we'll get the assembly line going in the kitchen.

We still have a few vendor tables available which we hope we fill over the next couple of weeks.

This is a very labour intensive project but one that has the potential to make a great profit for our club. It is also a lot of fun to work. Plan to attend and help.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Oct 23	Quiz night
Oct 30	Business and Board meeting
Nov 6	Remembrance Day program
Nov 8&9	Craft Show
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.



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