

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2009

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Twenty-one members welcomed seven Key Clubbers – Jordan Dunlop, Andrew Wood, Marie Welch, Amanda Vaughan, Brittany Wood, McKenzie Hills and Brendan Fysh – to the meeting.

Happy \$\$ - Bill Verlaan was happy to be sitting next to Dr. John. \$ - Dr. John was happy to render an act of kindness by sitting next to Bill Verlaan and \$ - he was happy to report that at the golf day for Dr. Appreciation he played with three women – they hit dragged John, hit dragged John. \$ - Bill Johnston had another look at the benches painted last week and he thinks he should ask for the prize back. \$ - Peter is happy that Saturday is hazardous waste recycle day so you can clean out your garages. \$ - Randy Ross was happy to report he looks better this week than last week. \$ - Barb was happy for another Kiwanis year coming to an end. \$ - Key Clubber Amanda was happy that another minor hockey season is in full swing.

Aktion Club – Advisor Gary reported their next meeting will be a birthday celebration with pool party. He is keeping the location to himself! Happy Birthday to the Aktion Club member – Amanda.

Board meeting: The Board approved a leave of absence for Adam Larkin from September 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010. Adam is currently working in Alberta. We wish him well and hope to see him back to our meetings as soon as he returns home. The Board approved a donation of \$1,000.00 to the 4-H Canoe and Kayak Club to help with the purchase of a new kayak. The Board approved a donation of \$400.00 to help with shipping of school supplies, computers and clothing to a school in Jamaica. The Board has approved a recommendation to decrease active members' monthly dues to \$40.00 per month effective October 1, 2009. It is also recommended to change the family membership to \$60.00 per month. This recommendation will be presented to the members at the October 8 meeting for discussion and vote. The Board has also approved a change in policy – to not charge a member for the meal of any guest they bring to a meeting. The Board feels that this change in policy will encourage members to invite guests with the hope of increasing our membership.

SLEEPING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD (SCAW): It is the time of year that our club makes the annual donation to Sleeping Children Around the World. As passed in the club budget for 2008-09, twenty bedkits will be purchased by the club. Any member wishing to donate a bedkit, may do so through the Kiwanis Foundation of Ridgetown. The cost of a bedkit is \$35.00, payable to the Kiwanis Foundation of Ridgetown. Each donation receives a photograph from SCAW with the contents of the bedkit and the recipient. In many areas local Kiwanians work with SCAW to purchase the items in the bedkit, choose the recipients, set up the site for distribution and transport the volunteers from Canada to the various sites. All items in each kit given are purchased in the country where they are distributed. This helps the economy of the country and ensures the items are useful to the recipients. SCAW is very active in the Philippines and John and I toured a couple of areas where these kits are distributed. The need is great and the recipients are very appreciative. In many cases the kit is shared with family members.

[KIWANIS](http://www.kiwanis.org) is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.



A LOOK AT THE PHILIPPINES LUZON DISTRICT



Opening ceremonies with Governor-elect Vicente Punay and wife Emma. The dress for the evening was their traditional dress. Vicente and Emma gave John and I our outfits for the evening.



A large house of delegates.



Their election process. The ballots are counted and marked on the board as the delegates watch.



Public transit. Not quite Johnston Bus and Rentals!



Another form of public transit.



A view of Baguio City where the convention was held.

“ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

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.

GOURMET MEAL DRAW

PP Dale has issued all the tickets. The draw will take place at our October 15 meeting. If all tickets are sold we can make approximately \$2,500.00 on this fundraiser. Keep selling! As you sell each book of tickets please return the stubs and money to PP Dale.

FALL CRAFT SHOW

Plans for the fall craft show are well under way. PP June has done a great job of securing new vendors and confirming returning ones. The crafter space is close to a sold out show. Thanks PP June! Advertising is being planned and radio remote booked. All we need now is help at the show. Set up of booth space will be Friday, November 13 after 1:00 pm. There is another function at the Kinsmen Auditorium that morning.

Mark November 14 & 15 on your calendar and plan to help. It is a busy weekend for us, but has proven to be a great fundraiser for our club.

2009-2010 BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

There will be an organization meeting for the 2009-2010 year on Wednesday, October 7 at 12920 Onoko Road. Committee chairs and board members are asked to attend. Meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Please contact me if you are unable to attend. Committee chairs may send budget requests to me anytime.

Thanks
President Debbie

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

October 1	Thanksgiving message
October 8	
October 15	2009/2010 officer installation
October 22	Quiz Night – change in date
October 29	
November 5	Remembrance Day message
November 26	4H banquet
Nov 14 & 15	Fall craft show – plan to help

2010
February 11 Quiz Night

INTERCLUB OPPORTUNITY

Monday, October 5, 2009 the joint officer installation of the Kiwanis Clubs of Rodney and West Lorne to be held at the Rodney Legion. PLG Allen, John and I will be attending – we need one more for an interclub. LG Jim Garey will be installing the officers of these two clubs. It is always a fun evening.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Imagination is the highest kite one can fly.

Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened.

Happiness is the only good. The time to be happy is now. The place to be happy is here. The way to be happy is to make others so.

A positive attitude will not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Debbie Button Past President: June Guyitt
Vice-President: Alan Bloomfield
Secretary: Barb Doxtater Treasurer: Gary Guyitt

DIRECTORS:

Dale Smith, John Button, Brad Carnie, John Case, (1 year)
Kevin Bartlett, Chris Arneill, Abdi Yuya, Kevin Hoskins (2 year)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Sheron Cameron-Dunn
Governor Elect: Gary Levine
Immediate Past Governor: Chuck McIlravey

Div. 4 Lt. Gov. Jim Garey
Div. 4 Past Lt. Gov. Randy Ross