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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2013

December 5, 2013 meeting:

Twenty-nine members and Key Club LG Jennifer welcomed sixteen guests to our Christmas meeting. Guests were: Karen Dunlop, Shelley Bloomfield, Jim Negro, Janice Wright, Margaret Johnston, Bethé Carnie, Jean Case, Maxine Guyitt, Lynn Beavis, Mary Helen Wilson, Pat Rumble, Owen and Talia Visser Roberts, Lis Hoskins, Rosemary Mitton and Margaret Richmond. Thanks to our guests for joining us and making our Christmas meeting special.

Happy \$\$

\$ -Kiwanian Marian was happy the Ridgetown Girls Choir will be performing at Mt. Zion Church. \$ - Kiwanian Larry was happy to be sitting beside a Dutch lawyer. VG Allen was happy to see so many partners at the meeting and thanked them for their support of Kiwanis. \$ - PP Craig was happy to see PP Ron and Lynn Beavis at the meeting and glad Ron is home from the hospital and feeling better. \$ - Kiwanian Mary Ann was happy for last week's meeting and the publicity the surprise Christmas craft received in the Ridgetown Independent. She was glad that DP June's picture was on the front page and not her own. \$ - Kiwanian Gary Guyitt was happy that there were four Kiwanians at the Aktion Club Christmas party on December 4. \$ - IPE Dr. John was happy to be back at a meeting and happy to complete the board inductions by presenting members of the 2013-14 board with their respective Kiwanis pins.

Pictures in the paper

Thanks to the Ridgetown Independent for the great coverage of our "mystery Christmas craft" meeting, front-page coverage plus many other photos. Kiwanian Dennis was happy they caught his "best side". Kiwanian Larry was honest and paid for his picture even though he was not on the list!



Once again the Helping Hands group of Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church served a delicious Christmas dinner including Christmas pudding. Thanks to their group for this special dinner and the many great dinners throughout the year.

Following dinner we enjoyed another of Kiwanian Mary Ann's fun activities. Everyone received a gift from a table of packages supplied and wrapped by Mary Ann. Mary Ann read a unique version of "The Night Before Christmas" supplemented with many "left and rights". When we heard the word right - we passed the gift in front of us to the person on our right - when we heard the word left the gift was passed left. And so it continued until the end of the story. It appeared that Kiwanians had a little trouble with left and right as the story progressed! At the end of the story we opened the gift that ended in front of us and then were given one chance to exchange it with someone else at the table. Thanks Mary Ann for all your work on another fun project!

Aktion Club Christmas Party



The Aktion Club held their Christmas meeting on December 4. Thanks to Paul and Pauline Monette for supplying a turkey dinner for all in attendance.

Reindeer Restoration Project

The reindeer on the float will be ready to make their way down Main Street! Just a little restoration was needed after they hit some overhead wires last year!



The Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown meets weekly at 6:30 pm in the basement of 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.



President Brian's special Christmas gift!

Annual Santa Claus Parade

Saturday, December 14 will be our annual parade down Main Street. We will meet for breakfast at 8:00 am at Yeck's Smokehouse. Following breakfast there will be plenty of preparations to complete. Floats will gather on Harold Street between noon and 12:30 and the parade will start at 1:00 pm. Following the parade Santa will be meeting children and giving out candy in the Royal Bank parking lot. The free gift draw will take place there as well.

Kiwanis Minute

VP Karolyn shared a Kiwanis minute at our Christmas meeting. "In the Ure household Christmas is all about the magic of Christmas. That magic has a lot to do with Santa. If Santa calls for a ride would you say no?" Well Kiwanian Chris has never said no to Santa when he needed a ride - even if he did take him to the wrong house on one occasion!

PLG Peter recalled joining Kiwanis in September and being told in November, "you are in charge of this year's parade."

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Dec 12	Candy pack
Dec 14	Annual Santa Claus Parade
Dec 21	Christmas party for members' children and grandchildren.
Dec 27	Christmas social time at the home of Gary & June Guyitt.
Jan 2	Business and board meeting
Jan 9	Crime Stoppers

Key Club

The Key club will be raking leaves in Kiwanis Park, selling popcorn at the school and running a concession stand at the semi-formal. A busy group!

Children's Christmas Party

The annual party for members' families will be December 19 at Ridgetown Bowling Lanes. Meet at 6:00 pm for dinner, bowling and a visit from Santa Claus. All members are welcome to attend. Contact Kiwanian Rebecca if you plan to attend and if you have children or grandchildren attending.



"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas... perhaps...means a little bit more!"

— Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Brian Dunlop

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Brian Hoskins, Marian Visser, Rebecca Malott, Craig Mitton (1 year)

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