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**KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN**

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## **NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

### **November 6, 2014 meeting**

Eighteen members welcomed guest Leonard Hearn. Thanks to Secretary Alan for taking notes at the meeting.

**Happy \$\$** - Kiwanian Larry was happy to have secured another \$500.00 donation to the splash pad.  
**\$** - Kiwanian Marian was happy to announce the upcoming Holiday Here House Tour November 28 & 29 in support of Jack & Jill Daycare. **\$** - Kiwanian Bill was happy to report his business has replaced their XP computers with newer ones. **\$** - DP Brad was happy to announce the Ridgetown Chiefs will have a thank you game on November 29. Wear Kiwanis logo wear and get in free. **\$** - President Dennis was happy Larry solved his problem in 3 seconds and Dennis did not get heckled at Howard Mutual Foundation presentation on Monday. **\$** - DP Dale presented a letter from Kiwanian Mary Ann asking that her photo in the paper fines should be paid by DP Brad, Kiwanian Brian Hoskins and IP Dr. John. DP Brad explained the ordeal at Howard Mutual Foundation presentation and suggested she pay her own fines.

**Halloween Bus** - Kiwanian Mary Ann reported 350 people went through the bus.

**Bracebridge Dinner** - The dinner has been rescheduled for just one night, Saturday, November 15. Ridge Players will be looking for help to set tables and clear tables on Saturday. I am sure Kiwanian Wendy will get that information to members.

**November 20 meeting** - There will be no meeting at the church. This is the annual 4H Banquet we host, to be held at Erie Street United Church. Members are encouraged to attend the banquet to support our local youth and their accomplishments through 4H clubs. If you plan to attend please let Secretary Alan know for catering purposes.

**Key Club** - Advisor Jenn advised members that the Key Club would be selling tickets to a dinner at Boston Pizza in Chatham. Boston Pizza will donate a portion of each ticket to the Key Club. The ticket cost will be \$20.00 for adults.

**Christmas Cakes & Chocolates** - Kiwanian Gary Wake has Christmas cakes and smoothies ready for sale. The cost of the Christmas cake will be \$16.00 this year. Smoothies were bagged and they are still \$10.00 for a bag of 5. Both make great gifts. Please contact Gary to get your supply to sell.

**Splash Pad Fundraising** - Kiwanian Mary Ann reported that Howard Mutual Foundation has awarded a grant of \$15,000.00. A group in Highgate led by Jen Clark raised \$209.00 and Howard Mutual Insurance has awarded a grant of \$15,000.00.

The greatest donation to date has come from Grace and Jack Vandergrindt - they emptied their piggy banks and donated \$232.99! A big thank you to Grace and Jack.

### **Remembrance Day Presentation**

Leonard Hearn's grew up in Ridgetown. At the age of 16 he wanted to join the armed forces and joined the Navy. He started his training in Cornwallis, completed his communications training in British Columbia then was sent back to the East Coast where he lived in a dorm with 23 other men.

In September 1969 he left on his first tour of duty in Europe.

He had the opportunity to sail on the HMCS Bonaventure before it was retired. After the Bonaventure he was assigned to a French speaking ship. He had some time in Newfoundland but always wanted to be back at sea. He had to learn how to sleep on a ship that was moving up and down. Many times they would stop in the middle of the ocean to go swimming. For three years he sailed out of Victoria, BC. During that tour he visited many of the countries of the south Pacific such as Hawaii and Fiji.

He became a teacher for the Navy and alternated between time teaching and time at sea. When he became a Chief Petty Officer he was moved back to Halifax. He was assigned Chief Petty Officer of a ship and sailed it for two years, retiring from the Navy when they retired his ship. Four months after his retirement he returned to the Navy to start a recruitment office in Borden and ran that office for the next six years.

Throughout his career he spent 22 years at sea.

In 2009 he was assigned Formation Chief for the Naval Reserve, the highest NCO position.

When asked if he would do it again, his answer was "yes, in a heartbeat. I made friends for life. At this time of year it is important to remember your friends."

The Remembrance Day service in Ridgetown was well attended this year. Kiwanis was represented by ten members. Each year our club as well as Key Club and Aktion Club lay a wreath at the cenotaph. President Dennis represented our club, Key Club President Brandon and Aktion Club member Edith represented their clubs.

At the service Captain Ryan Moore, RCAF gave an excellent presentation on life in the current armed forces. He talked about how having a family member in the forces affects a family and their feelings. He ended with "Do not be afraid."



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

### **INTERCLUB OPPORTUNITIES**

Nov 29 Division 4 caucus meeting in London at Kiwanis Senior Centre

2015

Jan 24 Detroit #1 Club celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Gala dinner and entertainment at Renaissance Centre, Detroit. The following link has more information.

[Detroit 2015](#)

Tickets are going fast.

**If you are planning to attend the celebration book your tickets soon. The price increases after November 17.**

### **Kiwanis Timeline**

#### **1915 - JANUARY 21**

Kiwanis is founded in Detroit, Michigan.

#### **1915- OCTOBER 19**

The second Kiwanis club is chartered in Cleveland, Ohio.

#### **1916 - MAY 18-19**

The first convention is held in Cleveland, Ohio. Business includes approving the organization's constitution and electing George Hixson as the president of the "National Kiwanis Club".

#### **1916 - NOVEMBER 1**

The Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, is chartered, making Kiwanis an international organization.

#### **1917**

The first issue of an official Kiwanis publication is titled Kiwanis Club.

### **MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE**

Nov 13 Presentation by OPP Identification Officer Gary Scoyne – this would be a great meeting to invite a guest/potential member

Nov 14 & 15 Ridge Players presents Encore to Bracebridge dinner. Proceeds to splash pad

Nov 14 Blues night fundraiser for splash pad

Nov 20 Annual 4H banquet

Nov 23 One Stop Christmas Shop fundraiser at Ridgetown Legion

Nov 27 Dinner at church and then to Crazy 8 Barn to make a Christmas decoration

Dec 4 Business & board meeting & candy pack

Dec 11 Children's Christmas party

Dec 13 Annual Santa Claus Parade

Dec 18 Christmas dinner meeting – guests/partners invited

Dec 25 Merry Christmas! (no meeting)



#### **2014-15 CLUB OFFICERS:**

**President: Dennis Vaughan**

**President-elect: John Wright**

**Treasurer: Jenn Vaughan**

#### **DIRECTORS:**

**Gary Guyitt, Bill Johnston, Greg Roberts (1 year)**

**Mary Ann Hawthorne, Brian Hoskins, Craig Mitton, Dale Smith, (2 years)**

**Past President: Brian Dunlop**

**Vice President: Keith Hamilton**

**Secretary: Alan Bloomfield**

#### **DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:**

**Governor: Serge Viau**

**Governor -elect: Allen Ure**

**Vice Governor: Phil Rossy**

**Division 4 Lt. Governor: Sandra Collier**