



KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN
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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF November 11 , 2013

Upcoming Meetings

Nov 14	CIRT Team
Nov 21	4 H Banquet
Nov 28	Surprise Christmas Craft Night
Dec 5	Christmas Dinner and Board meeting
Dec 12	Candy Pack Night
Dec 14	Santa Claus Parade
Dec 19	Kids Christmas Night Bowling Alley
Dec 27	Christmas Party at June and Gary Guyitt's Home

Meeting Attendance Nov 7

Guests - 14

Members - 22

Key Clubbers - 2

Happy Dollar

Vice Governor Allen was happy for the great turn out with Rotary.

Larry had two happy bucks for the great job at the Craft show and Foodland will give us all the bags we need for the candy pack.

Marian was happy for the great job at the Halloween Bus, and grateful for Brian Hoskins letting her know her heart was still beating.

MaryAnn was happy that 200 kids and 50 adults enjoyed the bus, and thanked everyone who came and helped out with the bus.

Jenn Vaughan had two happy bucks because Key Club had raised over \$400 for UNICEF for Eliminate, she was also happy that Dave will be home in six weeks.

Rachel was happy that the chocolates are selling great at the office even though the employees are the ones buying them.

Ben VanHeeswyck was happy because it was nice to be at our meeting.

Blake Sheets was happy that the Ursuline students collected so much food for the food bank.

Alan Bloomfeild was happy that he didn't have to work tonight.

Pictures in the Paper from the week before were Keith, John Wright and Marian.

Mystery Handshake

Alan Bloomfeid did not shake Larry's hand.

Remembrance Day

The Presidents of Ridgetown Kiwanis Club, the Aktion Club and the Key Club will all be laying a wreath at the Cenotaph after the church service.

Be at the church at 9:30am if you can attend.

Remembrance Day Speaker **Sheridan Atkinson**

Sheridan and Susan Atkinson have been married for 43 years, he is 92 years young, and of course it is not nice to ask Susan so we will assume she is no more than 30. He lived in Ridgetown in the late 1930's with his first wife Louise Bassett (Claire Bassett's sister). He then went to WWII, came back and then they moved to London. They had 7 children together, Louise passed away then he met and married Susan. Nine years later they had child number eight. His entire career was spent working for the Department of Veteran Affairs. He retired as District Director of Southwestern Ontario. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Regiment of London.

On July 10, 1944 he was involved in Operation Husky. This was the invasion of Sicily by 100,000 troops from Canada, Great Britain and the USA. 3,000 ships from all over the world were involved in Operation Husky. 25,000 Canadian troops stormed the beaches and fought their way into the hills of Sicily, liberating the island and its' people from the Germans. The operation was 28 days long and took them through many hill towns such as Pochino, and Modina.

There are Canadian markers throughout this region to commemorate the places where Canadian soldiers fell. There is one Cemetery on the island where 20,000 soldiers lay buried. The markers are slim white posts with red Maple Leafs with the Italian flag on them.

The island is very dusty and dry. Most of the time the Canadians were there, it was in plus 100 degrees Fahrenheit heat.

Sheridan and Susan took thousands of small Canadian flags for the school children of Sicily. They were treated very well by all the citizens and present day soldiers. Sheridan met "Gino" who recalled that Sheridan gave him a chocolate bar when he was a child (70 years ago). He returned the favour and gave a chocolate bar to Sheridan 70 years later with thanks.

Every town has a band and welcomed the Canadians wherever they visited. The last week was the one where they had the most ceremonies. Sheridan and one other Canadian soldier (from Picton) were the only ones at the final ceremony.

Sheridan was fortunate to lay a wreath and spend a few moments at the grave of one of his friends and fellow Regiment soldiers.

This was a wonderful experience for both Sheridan, Susan and two of their daughters. We are so very lucky to live in Canada where we are a peaceful country without war in our borders.

Thanks to all who serve to keep us safe and free.



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Club Website: <http://www.ridgetownkiwanis.com>
E.C.& C. District Website: www.kiwanisec.org
Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org

Aktion Club

Wednesday Nov 20 at the Village, 3:30-6:00pm PMAC meeting.

Christmas Concert at St. Paul's Church
Friday Nov 29

Key Club

The students will be holding a Pumpkin smash in the back part of the soccer field sometime next week. We need your old pumpkins

Craft Show

1222 people attended the show this year. It was again a successful show. And the dates for next year are Nov 1 and 2. Thanks to all who helped out with the show.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Brian Dunlop
Past President: Brad Carnie
Vice President: Karolyn Ure
Secretary: June Guyitt
Treasurer: Alan Bloomfeild

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Hope Markes
Governor Elect: Serge Viau
Vice Governor: Alen Ure
Division 4 Lt. Governor: Sandra Collier
International President Elect: Dr. John Button

DIRECTORS:

Marian Visser, Brian Hoskins, Rebecca Malott, and Greg Roberts (1 Year)
Gary Guyitt, Dennis Vaughan, Jenn Vaughan, Keith Hamilton (2 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.