



We Build!

***THE COMMUNICATOR***

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Vicki Kepnes, Editor

PLK NEWSLETTER

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**President Frank Smith** opened the meeting and led everyone in pledge of allegiance; and **Debbie Rubino** offered the invocation. **Larry Hunter** introduced our guest for the evening: Mark Snyder, who was voted in at the Board Meeting as our new member!! Welcome Mark!!



### This Week's Celebrations

**Gene Cole** was celebrating his birthday today!!! He was not with us tonight, but **Charlie Kepnes** who will be celebrating his birthday on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> was with us and we got to sing for him!! **Vicki Kepnes** brought a birthday cake and cupcakes for dessert tonight!!

We had several members celebrating their membership anniversaries this month, **Drew Alexander, Juanita Gehm, and Brenda & Tom Patterson**, all with 10 years, and **Bob Goff** with 22 years with us!!! Congratulations and many thanks to you all for your help and support!!

### Club Activities

**PLK Dues –Dues are now past due. There are only a few members we have not heard from and are in the process of contacting them. Please contact Treasurer, Charlie Kepnes if you would like to make arrangements to pay your dues. Installment payments can be accommodated, upon request. You can contact Charlie at [charliekep@aol.com](mailto:charliekep@aol.com) If you are NOT planning to renew your membership, please let us know as soon as possible for dues have been paid to Kiwanis International already, and once paid will not be refunded. Past Due Members will be suspended effective Feb. 1, 2011 and given 30 days to pay up or be dropped as members per By-Laws. If you wish to make arrangements to make payments for your dues, you must contact **Charlie Kepnes, Treasurer, as soon as possible. (330-644-2646) there are still 5 unpaid members!!!****

Newsletter advertising and online advertising forms are available now and contact **Sue Harding** if you wish to participate. E-mail **Sue** at [magistraharding@sbcglobal.net](mailto:magistraharding@sbcglobal.net) we need your business card, or copy to be used for the internet advertising.

**Acme Community Cashback receipts are being collected by Sandy Engle and Vicki Kepnes. PLK will earn money for your grocery purchases. Check all your receipts for the dollar amount on Community Cashback!!!! We received our first check from Acme and now have \$75.00. Keep those receipts coming!!! Sandy will be turning in more this week!!There will be a Thank You Coffee and Cookie Reception at the Kiwanis Towers on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 PM, to thanks the ladies for their help in collecting the receipts for us!!**



## Happy Dollars 😊

**Betty Schadl** traveled to Albuquerque to visit her granddaughters and then went on to Phoenix and back home. She was happy to have had a great time visiting her granddaughters and a nice two week vacation!!

**Larry Hunter** was happy to announce that **Larry Yothers** had presented us with a check for \$200.00 from the Purple Martin Society for the Purple Martin Fest held here in the Civic Center.

**Sue Harding** was very happy that she has survived 5 sessions with her personal trainer who is working with her to get in shape for her trip in May!!! You go girl!!! She then shared a couple of funny **Joe Klope** stories.

## News in our Kiwanis Family

**Sandy Engle** announced that her father is doing well and they will finish their move this weekend. If you did not get their new address last week we repeat it here. Their new address is 354 Whittier Ave. N.W., North Canton, OH 44720 and they can be reached on their cell phones 330-323-3676 and 330-324-5549. Ric Spring is finally feeling better and will try to be with us next week!! Jim France is recuperating from very painful shoulder surgery and is back at work.

## Committee Reports

**Fund Raising-Larry Hunter and Charlie Kepnes** reported on Pirates Days and proposed a Kick Off Pirate Day Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction to be held the weekend before Pirates Days, and a Boating Project whereby PLK members with Pontoon Boats would shuttle people between restaurants on the lake during Pirates Week. **These ideas were voted on at the Board Meeting and were passed and we are now starting to actively find a place to hold the Raffle.** There were more projects discussed and were tabled until more information is clarified.

**Larry Hunter** announced that the Portage Lakes Advisory Council meets here in the Civic Center on the first Thursday night each month.

**President Frank Smith** thanked all Committees who are working hard this year and came out tonight to meet and get things started!!

**Al Grzeschik** announced that we will not be having the Valentine Social originally proposed for the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, as the location was not available that night. We will plan something for later. We need to have some commitments for the Akron Aeros outing. Please contact Al if you are interested in this. It is a great time and we would like to plan on a Friday night which would include fireworks!!! The flier was included in the mailing last week and is on the internet.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Sue Harding** announced that there will be a Division 20 Picnic hosted by Green Kiwanis on June 27<sup>th</sup>. We may be the host in September and will try to get the date changed to Wednesday if possible. More information and dates for Division meetings will be listed later.

**Vicki Kepnes** announced that we have received a check from Magic City Kiwanis for \$70.00 which is commissions for selling Entertainment Books for them!!!



**Post These Dates!**



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- Feb. 1**            **Thank You Coffee & Cookies for Kiwanis Towers Residents @ 3 PM**
- Feb. 2**            **Regular Meeting with guest speaker Kelly Pariso about Polar Bear Jump at PL State Park on Feb. 26 Lukity's dinner**
- Feb. 5**            **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CHASE YOUR SHADOW 5kWalk/Run (in the snow?) @ Portage Lakes State Park**
- Feb. 9**            **Regular Meeting...NOTE: Committee Night!!Lukity's dinner**
- Feb. 11**           **Deadline to register for Ohio District Mid-Year Education Day On March 12 in Columbus**
- Feb. 16**           **Presidents Night @ PLK Civic Center/Lukity's dinner**
- Feb. 23**           **Regular & BOARD of Directors MEETINGS**

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**We have 2011 Portage Lakes Calendars. Tom Fry is selling them for \$5 each. They are also available at Akron Coin & Jewelry, Inc. Akron Coin & Jewelry will be selling Temo's Chocolates for Magic City Kiwanis. One pound chocolate heart is \$13.00 and two pound chocolate heart is \$23.00.**