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***THE COMMUNICATOR***

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PLK NEWSLETTER

Vicki Kepnes, Editor

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**President Frank Smith** opened the meeting and led everyone in pledge of allegiance; **Sue Harding** chose "God Bless America" for the opening song, and offered the invocation. **Larry Hunter** introduced our guests for the evening: Lynn & Lew Stamp, and Mark Snyder, potential new member.



### **This Week's Celebrations**

**Birthday boy Bob Longworth** was with us tonight and we were able to sing to him for his **January 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday!!!** **Tom and Joyce Longworth** celebrated their wedding anniversary on **Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>!!!** **Cyndi and Don Weaver** will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on **January 11<sup>th</sup>!!!** **Tom Fry** has reached the two year mark as a member of **Portage Lakes Kiwanis!!** **Congratulations to all!!!**

### **Club Activities**

**PLK Dues –Dues are now past due. 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 are now payable to Kiwanis International, and once paid will not be refunded. Past Due Members will be suspended 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)**

Newsletter advertising and online advertising forms are available now and contact **Sue Harding** if you wish to participate. E-mail **Sue** at [maqistraharding@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maqistraharding@sbcglobal.net)

**Larry Hunter** reminded everyone about all the wonderful upcoming projects we have coming next year!!! Try to come to a few meetings and see what you would like to work on. Some projects scheduled are The Pirates Day weekend, July 23 and 24th, Friends of the Portage Lakes Park "Chase your Shadow Walk/Run" on the first weekend in February (Ground Hog Day) Presidents Day, where we will invite presidents of clubs in the area to a meeting to discuss what their organization does for the community. **Larry** also reminded everyone we are selling Portage Lakes Calendars for only \$5.00, Portage Lakes Kiwanis Christmas Cards at the discounted price of \$20.00/box. **We are also considering a "Bootleggers Ball" or maybe even a "Pirates Booty Ball" to be held as a Kick Off for the Pirates Day Weekend. If you have ideas or suggestions, please come to the meeting and help plan this fundraiser!!**

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!!!! Thanks to all who are helping!!

□ Happy Dollars □

Charlie Kepnes was happy that the new years eve party was fun and Larry and Judy Hunter, Phil and Judy Pinnow worked hard to make it a fun evening. All had fun playing Bingo and raised \$35.00 for the club!!

Lew Stamp was very appreciative of the Santa Group that let him follow them around on Christmas Eve to take pictures for the South Side Leader.

Larry Hunter had a great time New Years Eve at the party, the food was great. There were lots to do with many games going on and bingo too!! Larry also turned in \$16.00 after all expenses were paid for the New Years Eve Party to be donated to the club.!

Sue Harding had two happy dollars. One for Lew's excellent pictures in the South Side Leader, and for her neighbors, Bev & Doug Hale who came with her to the party. #2 was for the success she had in guessing the amount of candy in the three jars!! She won all three thanks to "Curious George" and if you want to learn her trick, just ask her!!! She then shared two Joe Klope Stories.

News in our Kiwanis Family

Julie Grzeschik is doing great, back at work already!!!

Nathan Brant is recuperating from his surgery. Drop him a note or check on face book and say HI!!

Committee Reports

Youth Services – Charlie Kepnes announced that we are still receiving Santa Delivery donations and will update us later with the current count.

Nominating Committee – Al Grzeschik has volunteered to fill either the VP or the President Elect position. If you can serve as either Vice-President or President-elect, please contact Al Grzeschik. We need some of you long term members to step up and give us a hand until some of the new members are ready to step up!!

Roster – It's time to check your personal information as they are almost ready to re-print. Call Al Grzeschik or Sue Harding with additions and corrections to the last edition. Target completion date is January 5<sup>th</sup> 2011. Sue Harding included a copy in Christmas Cards sent or handed out at the meeting!!

Connie Nagy announced that the total man hours have not been counted up yet, but Route 10 was the first one in at 7:55 P.M. and Larry Hunters Route was last at 10:30 P.M. There were 2887 gifts delivered and 124 free gifts given out. There were 748 stops for Santa this year!!!

## CORRESPONDENCE

Kiwanis International is again proposing a “Skip-A-Meal” day again and we will decide when we will do it.



**Post These Dates!**



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| <b>Jan. 12</b> | <b>Regular Meeting/ Lukity’s Dinner</b>                    |
| <b>Jan. 19</b> | <b>Regular Meeting/ Lukity’s Dinner/Committee Meetings</b> |
| <b>Jan. 26</b> | <b>Regular/Board meetings/ Pizza and salad?</b>            |

**We have 2011 Portage Lakes Calendars. Tom Burge and Tom Fry are selling them for \$5 each. They are also available at Akron Coin & Jewelry, Inc.**