



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 **Sue Harding** led us in singing “ The Star Spangled Banner”, just to make sure we all remember the words, and offered the invocation. **Larry Hunter** introduced our guest for the evening: Kelly Pariso from the Polar Bear Club.



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

**Tom Varley** celebrated his birthday on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. Hope his birthday was fun in all this snow!! **Jay & Connie** Feldman celebrated their anniversary on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> also, but in the south with sunny and warm weather!! **Cathy Caddell** is celebrating 2 years of membership with us!! Hope warmer weather will bring out more of our members soon!!!

### **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 have been 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) there are still 5 unpaid members!!!****

**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!!!! More receipts have come in and are being submitted to Acme. The final day for the receipts to count is Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. When submitting, check to make sure all are for that date and before. We still have a couple of weeks to go!! Keep those receipts coming!!! Sandy will be turning in more this week!! There was a Thank You Coffee and Cookie Reception at the Kiwanis Towers on February 1<sup>st</sup> to thank the ladies for their help in collecting the receipts for us. There were more than 20 who attended and Russ and Betty Friess and George and Carol Derry were the hosts for us!!! Thanks to all who are helping make us a little more successful!**



## Happy Dollars 😊

**Charlie Kepnes** was happy that **Vicki** bought him a new Les Paul Gibson guitar and amp for his birthday. He used to play in a band after high school for many years, and would like to play a bit again. He was also happy to get a new Apple I-Mac for work and amazed that it only had to be plugged into the wall and started up immediately. All wireless and hard drive in the 21- ½ inch screen!!! Wow technology!!

**Betty Schadl** wanted to remind us how pretty the snow is as we were all complaining!!!

**Larry Hunter** was happy that 30 volunteers worked hard on the “Chase Your Shadow” Walk/Run last weekend and they made over \$2500.00 despite all the snow and ice!! He also reminded that we need 750 blue gills for the fish fry, and he will drill a hole in the ice if you want to get started!!!

**Vicki Kepnes** was happy for the fallout from the “Chase Your Shadow” Run that brought two runners in to Akron Coin and Jewelry looking at diamonds!!! Hope they come back soon!!!

**Frank Smith** updated us on **Bonnie’s** mother. He was glad that she is doing better and got after him for being late for dinner!!!!

**Sue Harding** was happy that daughter Lee Browne was named Assistant Branch Manager for the year of 2010 in her First Merit Bank District. She is also getting many e-mails from her family out west complaining about their cold and snowy weather!!! She then shared a couple of **Joe Klope** jokes.

## News in our Kiwanis Family

Heard via e-mail from **Becki Cole** that her mother is doing better, and Ted is doing well and working in the Kiwanis Store daily with Tom Longworth!! Enjoying the newsletter, and take the jokes to their meetings. Their Kiwanis group just did a backpack project for feeding hungry children at school and will send us information, as they raised \$15,000 in one night. She is enjoying retirement, but misses her friends and family. Her new e-mail is [becki1806@yahoo.com](mailto:becki1806@yahoo.com)

## Committee Reports

Committees meeting tonight were **Easter Egg Hunt**, and **Fund Raising**. **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. It was discussed that we will be finding the location and then will meet to get the rest of the committee to get the ball rolling. Members are pumped up and there were lots of ideas and suggestions. This should be a fun and profitable project!! **Easter Egg Hunt** is in the planning stages and supplies and prizes need to be bought. **Al Grzeschik** and **Connie Nagy** will be requesting about \$750 at the Board Meeting.

All members and guests, who would like to participate in the Akron Aeros Game Night Out on May 27, need to contact Al Grzeschik so that we can try to get 20 people which is the minimum to have a meal and game on that Friday night!! This would be a great night out. We have about 6 committed so far.

### SPEAKER

Kelly Pariso from the Polar Bear Jump Club spoke about the upcoming jump in the lake to take place on Feb. 26. This has been going on for 8 years now and this year all proceeds will go to the Food Bank. This is a great project and if you would like to participate there are fliers at Friess Welding and Akron Coin & Jewelry. As Kelly said this is a way to "Freeze your body and Warm your heart"!!! Thanks Kelly for a wonderful talk, and your ideas. Kelly is also a prospective member, thanks to **Russ Friess** for asking him!!

### CORRESPONDENCE

**Reminder:** 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.

Post These Dates!



- 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**  
**Surprise Dinner by Vicki**
- Feb. 26**      **Polar Bear Jump @ Portage Lakes State Park**

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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.