



We Build!

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PLK NEWSLETTER

Vicki Kepnes, Editor

President Frank Smith opened the meeting and led everyone in pledge of allegiance; and **Sue Harding** led us in singing "America", and offered the invocation. There were no guests this evening.



This Week's Celebrations

Becki Cole is having a Happy Birthday on March 23rd, where she is a lot warmer than we are, and **Brenda** and Tom **Patterson** are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on March 27th. **Cyndi Weaver** now has 4 years of membership, and **Dave Fielder** is celebrating 10 years this month!! Congratulations to you all!!



Club Activities

Plans are moving forward on the first **Annual Pirate Days Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction Extravaganza** sponsored by **Portage Lakes Kiwanis and the Kiwanis Civic Center** to be held on Friday, July 15th. Pledges for tickets are being accepted now as the tickets have not been printed yet. Ticket prices are \$100.00 for a chance on the main reverse raffle board and Pirate Grub, and \$35.00 for a Pirate Grub only ticket. All profits will help make up the budget shortfall from Rose Day dwindling profits. Please let **Vicki or Charlie Kepnes** know if you want to help. We will need a lot of volunteers!!! Those of you that did not make this meeting or are out of town reading this newsletter may pledge to buy tickets by e-mailing **Vicki Kepnes** at vickikep@aol.com and we will add you to the list. Early pledges will help us determine early ticket sales. Right now the minimum cash prize is \$1000.00 for the Reverse Raffle. **PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING THE PLEDGE SHEET. It is important to note that this projects success is the responsibility of all PL Kiwanis members to help as they do on Rose Day. For this project to be a success we only have to sell between 100 and 150 tickets (not sell and deliver 5,000 doz. Roses).**

The tickets have been designed and are presently at the printer. Future meetings have been set up to occur the first Wednesday following the Board Meeting so as not to conflict with other Committee meetings. PLK members can help by:

- #1 Buying and selling tickets
- #2 Contributing and seeking tax deductible donations for the Silent Auction.
- #3 Help on a committee.

Open Committees:

Ticket Sales Coordinator

Info/Rental of equipment needed, microphones-set up/take down

Silent Auction Coordinator

Young Children Priority One, Easter Egg Hunt Committee, and Scholarship all met and will present their needs at the Board Meeting next week. We will have dinner presented by Mark Snyder, Bonnie Smith and Vicki Kepnes!!!! Come and enjoy!!!

HAPPY DOLLARS

Betty Schadl had two things to be happy about, the first was that she took her horse out on the Tow Path and he did a great job and is a great horse for her. She also is happy to be on the board of Camp Y Noah and they are looking for pledges right now and she passed out pledge cards for our consideration.

Vicki Kepnes was happy to have hitched a ride with Sue Harding and Mark Snyder to go to the Division 20 meeting last week, and very happy for Bonnie Smith who is such a great help in cleaning up after the meeting in the kitchen and thanked Mark Snyder for helping her. She also hopes more members will pitch in at the end of the meeting and make sure we leave everything in place for the next group coming in.

Chuck Seeley was happy to give us his last \$2.00 so that **Larry Hunter**, who always has something for him to spend money on, did not get it this time!!!

Charlie Kepnes had fun helping Vicki do the bulletin board and running around getting things that they had forgotten to bring!!

Mark Snyder was happy to be able to donate \$100.00 from The Friends of The Portage Lakes State Park to thank us for the use of our building for their meetings.

News in our Kiwanis Family

Congratulations go out to Ted Cole for being presented with the Distinguished Member Award for the Cape Coral Kiwanis from Kiwanis International for the year 2009-10. What a great honor to add to all of his other Kiwanis Achievements.

Reminder: The Ohio State Dept. of Natural Resources wants to close down the Portage Lakes due to the spill way on State Mill Road is failing. This closing would be for 4 months. They have delayed this until after Labor Day on the 9th of Sept. **If you have boats on the lake you will want to remove them before Labor Day!!! We all hope this spill way holds up so that the Portage Lakes Pirate Days water events will be successful.**

CORRESPONDENCE

We received thank you note from the Friends of The Portage Lakes State Park thanking us for the use of our portable loudspeaker.

We also received an invitation to have an interclub with the North Akron Kiwanis Club on Thursday March 31, at The Office on North Main St.. They will be having two speakers from the Summit County Metro Parks on their programs and events. Dinner is available off the menu and members meet between 5:30 and 6:30 for drinks prior to the meeting. We need to let them know how many would attend by **March 28**. E-mail northakronkiwanis@yahoo.com or call 330-794-5998 (Samantha Cornell) Or contact **Vicki Kepnes** is you want to go and she will contact them!!!

Reminder: there will be a Division 20 Picnic hosted by Green Kiwanis on June 27th. We will be the host in September and it will be on Wednesday, not Tuesday that week.. More information and dates for Division meetings will be listed later.

Summit County Sheriff's Office will be having a Charity Basketball Game with the Pittsburgh Steelers on Friday or Saturday night April 15/16th in Green. Funds raised will go to the Weaver Learning Center. More information later when date is confirmed.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Al Grzeschik announced that we will need lots of helpers at the Tudor House for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 23rd. We are still looking for games to have the children play. We will have the Bounce House from Camp Y-Noah, the Fire Safety house from the New Franklin Fire Department, Lou Anne Derry is working on a small Petting Zoo. **Lots of fun, but we need you all to come out and help!!!! We will be stuffing eggs on the 16th with the Manchester Key Club. We may still be stuffing on the 20th if not finished on the 13th.**

Post These Dates!



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| March 30 | Regular meeting/ Board Night / Dinner |
| April 2 | KIWANIS ONE DAY PROJECT/ Tom Varley Retirement Party |
| April 22 | Good Friday Breakfast w/ Barberton Kiwanis* |
| April 23 | Easter Egg Hunt |
| May 14 | Plant Swap Here |
| June 1 | Pig Roast \$25.00 per person/Covered Dish
Speaker will be Paul Liikala on "Fishing with the Bears" |
| July 15 | Portage Lakes Kiwanis Pirate Days Kick Off
Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction at Prime at Anthes. |
| September 7 | Fish Fry!!!! Larry will announce when we can start fishing! |

***Speaker at breakfast Ohio Dist. Governor John DeVilbis. Deadline for reservations by April 18th. Call Leroy Martin 330-666-3984. First Presbyterian Church, 636 W. Park Ave. Barberton. 7-9 A.M. Cost \$8.00 payable at the door.**

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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.**

**ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR IS COMING UP. WE NEED A PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDENT- ELECT. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND HELP ONE OF THE BEST KIWANIS CLUBS AROUND A TAKE A POSITION TO HELP US GET EVEN BETTER.**

**Breast Cancer Fundraisers: The Dragon Dream Team "Breast of Friends Gala" on Saturday April 9, 2011 at Guy's Party Center. Donation to: Dragon Dream Team, 765 Bridge Rd., Akron, OH 44312. <http://www.dragondreamteam.org/>**