



We Build!

***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 and **Sue Harding** led us in singing "Take me out to Kiwanis" sung to the tune of "Take Me out to the Ball Game". **Debbie Rubino** offered the invocation. There were no guests this evening, unless we were counting **Don Reilly**, visiting from Arizona.



**This Week's Celebrations**

**Happy birthday to Jim Bacher on April 4<sup>th</sup>, he was visiting tonight and we got to sing for him!!! Happy Wedding Anniversary to Bob and Rebecca Goff on April 11<sup>th</sup>!!!**



**Club Activities**

**Charlie Kepnes** asked for volunteers to take on the leadership for a couple of Committees for the Pirates Days Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction. 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets have now been printed. 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](mailto: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. **GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY NOW THAT THEY ARE AVAILABLE AND MAYBE EVEN GET YOUR LUCKY NUMBER!** It is important to note that this projects success is the responsibility of all PL Kiwanis members.

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:

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

Next meeting of the committee will be May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Larry Hunter** announced that there are 24 local organizations endorsing the Pirate Days Week at the Portage Lakes. They have added a Bike-A-Thon, thanks to Tom Fry. **Larry** will also be meeting with local merchants in the next few weeks handing out membership brochures and speaking on the Pirates Days Events.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

**Larry Hunter** was happy that the first Purple Martin was seen on the 1<sup>st</sup>, which was a bit late for them.

**Jim Bacher** was happy to be with us after finishing his chemotherapy and radiation for cancer and is doing better. He also commented that his wife had said he had lost so much weight that he had no behind, and **Vicki Kepnes** told him that men loose it there, and women lose weight in their “chest”!!!

**Charlie Kepnes** was happy to see Jim Bacher, beat everyone with the first Silent Auction Donation with some Chocolates from his wife Corrine!!! His second dollar was for **Joe Reinmann** getting our fliers and Raffle tickets finished!! His third dollar was for the meeting tonight of the Fundraising Committee after the regular meeting!

**Frank Smith** wanted to tell everyone if you missed **Tom Varley’s** Retirement Party, you missed a good time!!!

**Scott Shookman** was happy that the Board of Directors voted to fully fund the Scholarships this year. He said that it came to mind that we make sure that we give out scholarships to students who are very active in community service, not only academics or sports...

**Scott** also let everyone know that **Joe Klope** had passed away on April 1<sup>st</sup>. His family has asked that any donations be made to the Portage Lakes Kiwanis.

**Don Reilly** was happy to be able to visit with us and that he is having a good time out west and is ½ hour from Sedona and the weather is great!

**Sue Harding** had two happy dollars, one for son-in-law Chris who serviced her car so she could go to the Orientation meeting for her trip to the Holy Land in May. And her unhappy dollar for **Joe Klope** who passed away on April fool’s Day!! She then read some memorial Joe Klope Stories.

**Dr. Phil Pinnow** shared a joke about a man who thought his wife was trying to poison him, and went to his minister who asked to talk to the wife. After speaking to the wife, he counseled the man to “take the poison”.

## News in our Kiwanis Family

**Reminder:** The Ohio State Dept. of Natural Resources will be closing the Portage Lakes for needed levy repair for 4 months. They have delayed this until after Labor Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> 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

Portage Lakes Advisory Council will be having a Nimisila Reservoir Litter Clean up on Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. Meet at the parking lot on Christman Rd., south of Caston Rd. Rain or shine, and a pizza lunch will be provided at the Coventry Town Hall at 68 Portage Lakes Dr. from noon till 1:00 P.M. We will be participating as part of our Kiwanis One Day project. Several of our members will be working on this. We will also be cleaning up Portage Lakes Drive, which we have adopted...We received a letter on the upcoming Healthy Baby Fair in Oct. Sue Harding and Mark Snyder will be meeting with the committee.

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

## EASTER EGG HUNT



**Al Grzeschik** announced that the Easter Egg Hunt is gaining more fun things to do while waiting for the Hunt to start. We had discussed a balloon launch, but will now be a balloon “pop” with prize tickets inside and will be given out at the event. There are several volunteers needed to man the games and put stickers on children. “Gasp” Guardians against Sex Predators, will be there to do free identity kits (Photo, electronic finger prints, and video) for families from 10:30 till 1:00 P.M. We are still looking for more 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, and Lou Anne Derry has Fran Kitchen from Operation Wildlife Rescue to show how abandoned and injured wild animals are cared for and then released back into their habitat... **Lots of fun, but we need you all to come out and help!!!!** We will be stuffing eggs on the 13<sup>th</sup> with the **Manchester Key Club and Coventry Key Club**. **Lou Anne Derry** has 5 **Coventry Key Clubbers** confirmed and even has 3 of her alumni from school coming out to help stuff eggs!! **Bricey Kepnes, President of Manchester Key Club** will be here with 4-5 members to stuff eggs on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We may still be stuffing on the 20<sup>th</sup> if not finished on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Post These Dates!



- April 13** Regular Meeting-Lukity’s dinner
  - April 20** Regular Meeting-Committee meetings-Lukity’s dinner
  - April 22** Good Friday Breakfast w/ Barberton Kiwanis\*
  - April 23** Easter Egg Hunt
  - April 27** Regular Meeting-Board Meeting
  - May 4** Regular Meeting-Lukity’s Dinner/Fundraiser Meeting
  - May 14** [Plant Swap Here?](#)
  - May 15** [Flea Market/Yard Sale here-Planning now.](#)
  - June 1** Pig Roast \$15.00 per person/Covered Dish
  - July 15** Speaker will be Paul Liikala on “Fishing with the Bears”  
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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR IS COMING UP. WE NEED A PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDENT- ELECT. THERE WILL BE 3 OPENINGS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS . PLEASE COME FORWARD TO HELP ONE OF THE BEST KIWANIS CLUBS AROUND AND TAKE A POSITION TO HELP US GET EVEN BETTER.**