

JUNE 2, 2010 PLK NEWSLETTER

Vicki Kepnes, Editor

PRESIDENT FRANK SMITH welcomed everyone to the first **PIG ROAST**. He then called the meeting to order and led us all in the "Pledge of Allegiance". **SUE HARDING** led us in singing "God Bless America", and Pastor Dale Gharky offered the invocation.

BIRTHDAYS

JOHN CUSMA **JUNE 2ND**
JOE REINMANN **JUNE 4TH**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

JIM and Wendy DAVIS **JUNE 6TH**

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

HAPPY DOLLARS

Due to the large crowd attending the dinner, Happy Dollars will resume next week. **SUE HARDING** did share a couple of **JOE KLOPE** stories.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

VICKI KEPNES announced that Lukity's Restaurant will cater the dinner on June 9th. The dinner will be Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, and we will also have a dessert. We will discuss what we will do for the next dinner at this meeting. Suggestions are always welcome.

PIG ROAST

LARRY HUNTER was very happy at the huge turn out at the **PIG ROAST**. Leis were handed out at the reception table ably 'manned' by Connie Feldman and Judy Hunter. **JAY FELDMAN, LARRY HUNTER, TOM BURGE, TOM LONGWORTH, AND LARRY YOTHERS** carved the meat and chickens and **AL GRZESCHIK, CHARLIE KEPNES, Bonnie Smith, Polly Price, SUE HARDING** all were setting up and getting the food ready and tables decorated. Thanks to Polly Price for the beautiful flowers on the tables. Thanks to **AL GRZESCHIK** and **TIM PETERSON** for setting up the tables and sprucing up the outside mowing and trimming the grass!!! It was amazing to see all the side dishes that filled two long tables, we are fortunate to have many good cooks in the area!! Many, many thanks to the wonderful group of members and friends who worked hard to set up the tables and then clean up after the dinner, without all of this help we would not be able to have these great dinners!!!

OFFICER OPENINGS

We need a President-Elect, Vice-President, and next year Treasurer. We also have a couple of new openings, we need a Civic Center President, and a Board of Directors position just opened up. If you would be willing to serve, please contact **AL GRZESCHIK** at **330-524-2979**.

We also need help in working on the grounds surrounding our building. Please stop when you have free time, and trim, edge or sweep up the parking lots.

DUES

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES FOR THIS YEAR, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SPEAKER

Our speaker for the Pig Roast was Dave Gates, who works for the Metro Parks Department. Dave spoke about "Hobos". Hobos started approximately in 1869, when soldiers from both sides of the Civil War found that they did not have any family or home to go home to and decided to see a bit of the outside world. Hobos, tramps, or bums as they could be called are not today what they were in the past. They had a family of sorts and a sign language posted to let travelers know where they would be welcomed or persecuted and run out of town. They knew where they could get work and a meal and even where there were mean dogs!! They also found out that riding the rails could be dangerous and they could lose arms and legs trying to hop a moving train!! Dave, who is an honorary member of the Hobos, gave a great talk and showed some pictures from the past. He also had a wonderful display of the life of Hobo. Something interesting was that women also rode the rails and their life was very difficult! **On July 16-18 there will be Hobo Days at 5779 Riverview Rd. Peninsula...Starts on Friday at 7 P.M. Bring hot dogs, marshmallow sticks and a can of soup or vegetables. The weekend sounds like fun. Call 330-865-8065 or www.summitmetroparks.org for more information and times for the rest of the weekend!!**

MEMBER PRESENTATION

JAY FELDMAN asked member **DON REILLY** to step up to the front of the room and proceeded to present him with an award for his outstanding membership. To those in the audience, **JAY** spoke about the many ways **DON** had served **PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS** and **KIWANIS** over the past 32 years. **DON** has been a Past-President, a Past-LT. Governor, a **HIXSON AWARD** winner (which really meant a lot to him) and was our Treasurer for many years. **DON** bought a house in Arizona, and will be joining a **KIWANIS** group there!! Thank you **DON** for all you have done for us and for continuing to serve the communities wherever you go!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 9	REGULAR MEETING/DINNER FROM LUKITY'S HERE AT CIVIC CENTER
JUNE 16	REGULAR MEETING DINNER TBA
JUNE 23	REGULAR MEETING COMMITTEE NIGHT DINNER TBA
JUNE 30	BOARD MEETING
JULY 16-18	HOBO DAYS DEEP LOCK QUARRY Peninsula, OH 44264