



We Build!

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PLK NEWSLETTER

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**PRESIDENT FRANK SMITH** opened the meeting and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. **GEORGE DERRY** offered the invocation. We had a great turnout for the "Clean Up Portage Lakes Drive" Night. **LARRY HUNTER** introduced our guests for the evening: Dale Dietz and Dana Roderick, who after this meeting will be members, and John Hercules, grandson of **ROSANNE MIHALY!!!** We then broke for a very welcome dinner of fried chicken, Jo Jos, Cole slaw and hot rice from Lukity's!! Everyone was hot and hungry!!!

#### This Week's Celebrations

There were no member birthdays this week, but **LARRY & Laura YOTHERS** are celebrating their wedding anniversary on June 10<sup>th</sup>, and **DR. TIM HUSSER** will be celebrating his 7<sup>th</sup> year of membership in Kiwanis!!! Congratulations!!!



#### Club Activities

**CHARLIE KEPNES**, this time sporting an eye patch and earring to make the point that we are getting closer and closer to the Pirates Days Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction. He pointed out that if each member sold only 3 tickets this fundraiser would be successful!!! Please continue to sell tickets and solicit Silent Auction donations. Small donations will help fill baskets too! As of tonight, we have 39 Silent Auction Donations. Mary Galluch from Galluch Pizza donated \$100 to the Scholarship fund and three large pizzas for the Silent Auction!!! If you can help with the Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction please contact Vicki or Charlie Kepnes. We still can use more volunteers. **GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY NOW THAT THEY ARE AVAILABLE AND MAYBE EVEN GET YOUR LUCKY NUMBER!** We were able to get an announcement out on the internet and hopefully get some responses back. Thanks to **MARK SNYDER** in charge of Public Relations on putting a Press Release together. **PLEASE ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT FUND RAISER. IF EACH KIWANIAN WOULD SELL JUST THREE TICKETS WE WOULD HAVE A SUCCESSFUL EVENT.**

We are offering a Sponsorship of a table for \$345.00 which will give you 8 "grub" tickets and one entry in the Reverse Raffle. You will be listed as a sponsor in the program. This is a great way to reward your employees or your family and have a get-together!! Grub tickets can be upgraded to a Reverse Raffle ticket for \$65.00, as long as numbers are available. Upgrade tickets early if you are interested. This will also get you a listing in the Program for the evening.

Locations to get tickets are:           A-1 Mower  
Akron Coin & Jewelry  
Friess Welding  
Norman Elias Insurance  
Kiwanis Club of Portage Lakes

Members who have tickets as of this date, to sell are: Larry Hunter, George Derry, Mark Snyder, Russ Friess, Norm Elias, Al Grzeschik, Charlie and Vicki Kepnes, Scott Shookman, Tom Burge and Mike Ohl. Thanks also to Tim Peterson and Al Grzeschik for sending another e-mail to our Rose Day e-mail file. We can accept credit card transactions for the Reverse Raffle, which is an available option.\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!!**

**LARRY HUNTER** announced that so far the Pirate Coins will be for sale in 15 business locations. Next Thursday there will be a big article in the Suburbanite about Pirate Days in the Portage Lakes. Hopefully this whole project will make money for several groups!!

**Please see the calendar at the end of the newsletter for Pirates Day Meetings. Time is short and we have a lot to accomplish!!**

**Please let Rosanne Mihaly, the coordinator of the Silent Auction know if you can help with getting donations for the Silent Auction. Challenge your minds and see whom you know who can donate an item that would knock the socks off of everyone attending!!! We have a listing of over more than 39 items that we already have and some pending. Please keep them coming!!!**

### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

**VICKI KEPNES** was happy for the wonderful donation of two beautiful quilts donated by Laura Yothers for the Silent Auction!!!

**PRESIDENT FRANK** thanked everyone who came out to help clean up Portage Lakes Drive tonight.

**LARRY HUNTER** was happy that we had a successful Pig Roast and was thrilled with all the volunteers who showed up to help!! We made approximately \$700 plus!! Fishing started last week and he caught 35 bluegills!! Fishing with **LARRY** will start on Mondays at 6:30 P.M. at 4737 Bickford!! He promised wife Judy he would not leave early and strand anyone standing on the dock!!!

**LOU ANNE DERRY** was very happy to be here tonight to help induct her two friends into Portage Lakes Kiwanis and for **VICKI** putting the information in last week's newsletter about the dinner for her friend's church. She was also very happy that **SUE HARDING** is back with us, and that **FRANK** is up and walking!!!

**GLEN SHEETS** was happy to have gone fishing with Paul Liikala, and they caught 66 perch at Wildwood Marina!!!

**STEVE ENGLE** was very happy to have 16 members help clean up Portage Lakes Drive tonight and was impressed by 2 quick-change-artists.

### **NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY**

**AL GRZESCHIK** reminded everyone that there will be a Social at The Unexpected in the Legends plaza in Green. Cost is \$10 and you get 3-4 samples of an assortment of wines to try. **AL** and **VICKI** will be bringing an assortment of goodies to eat and The Unexpected will add to it!! Bring guests if you like!!

**REMINDER:** **Al Grzeschik** announced that we will be helping at Camp Y-Noah in June or July to clean up the creek there as soon as the rushing water slows down.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**SECRETARY SUE HARDING** announced that the early bird deadline for the Ohio District Convention in Toledo is July 18<sup>th</sup>. The regular price is \$63 and the reduced price is \$53!! If you are planning on attending, contact SUE!!!

**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.

July 30<sup>th</sup> is the date for the combined Division 16/20 Kiwanis Family Picnic on Saturday at Greensburg Park. We will need to decide who is going and what we can bring to share. Contact **Vicki Kepnes** for what is needed. [vickikep@aol.com](mailto:vickikep@aol.com)

## INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**PAST-PRESIDENT TOM BURGE** spoke about how honored he was to be here to induct the two newest members into our club. He spoke about how another member's husband brought him into the club over 25 years ago. He spoke of the six objects of Kiwanis, and how important serving the children and the community is to Kiwanis. He then had **LOU ANNE DERRY** introduce each of her friends, she was very honored to present them to us: **DANA RODERICK**, grew up in the Portage Lakes area and was in the first class to attend the JVS. She attended Akron U and then UNCC in N. Carolina. She has three boys, and works at Spectrum Plastics, is an animal rescue person, and has a brown belt in Karate. **DANA** has already been involved with our projects and stuffed eggs, and will be manning a pontoon boat during Pirates Week. **DALE DIETZ** went to Manchester High School and his wife graduated with **LOUANNE** and **DANA**. His family moved to Brazil when he was small, but moved back here when he was 4. His parents moved to Manchester during his freshman year. He currently lives in Ellet. He is married to Kathy, his high school sweetheart. Their daughter attends Malone College. **DALE** helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and also volunteers at his church. We are all very happy to welcome **DANA** and **DALE** into one of the BEST Kiwanis Clubs!!!!

## PLEASE POST THESE DATES

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| <b>June 15</b>     | <b>Wine Tasting at the Unexpected in Green. Wine Tasting \$10 per person. Round Table at Civic Center.</b>      |
| <b>June 22</b>     | <b>Regular Meeting/Committee Meetings/Pirates Day Meeting</b>                                                   |
| <b>June 27</b>     | <b>Division 20 Picnic hosted by Green Kiwanis</b>                                                               |
| <b>June 29</b>     | <b>Regular Meeting/ Board Meeting/Pirates Day Meeting</b>                                                       |
| <b>July 15</b>     | <b>PORTAGELAKES PIRATES DAY REVERSE RAFFLE SILENT AUCTION AT PRIME 93 (ANTHES) DO YOU HAVE YOUR TICKET?????</b> |
| <b>July 30</b>     | <b>Divisions 16 &amp; 20 Family Fun Picnic at Greensburg Park</b>                                               |
| <b>August 10</b>   | <b>Division 20 Meeting at Portage Lakes Kiwanis Civic Center</b>                                                |
| <b>September 7</b> | <b>FISH FRY!!! Larry announced fishing at Larry's on Mondays At 6:30 to Catch Fish!!!!!!!!!!</b>                |