



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 "America", and **Tom Varley** offered the invocation. **Larry Hunter** welcomed our guest, Mark Snyder, soon to become our next new member!!!



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

We had three birthdays to celebrate this week, **Mike Whaley**, on February 25<sup>th</sup>, **Bob Goff** on February 28<sup>th</sup> and **Larry Hunter** on March 1<sup>st</sup>. As **Larry Hunter** was here, at the meeting, we got to sing to him and harmonized very well!!! We also had a few Club Anniversaries!!! **Jay Feldman** (still sunning in the south) is celebrating 28 years of membership, **Tom Burge**, who is still in sunny California, is celebrating 17 years, and **Jacob Grimm**, **Vicki Kepnes** and **Sue Harding** have reached the 10 year mark!! Great job and many thanks for your service!!!

### **Club Activities**

Past Due Members have been now been suspended and two members have been dropped from membership.

**Acme Community Cashback receipts are being collected by Sandy Engle and Vicki Kepnes. Sandy has just submitted over \$80 and Vicki submitted approximately \$35 more. We can still submit any receipts dated Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> and before, up until the beginning of March. PLK will earn money for your grocery purchases. Check all your receipts for the dollar amount on Community Cashback!!!! We have until March 3 to turn in receipts dated before the 20<sup>th</sup> of February!!!**

### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

**Lou Anne Derry** was happy that she has gotten three of her students to jump in the Polar Bear Jump this weekend, and they are busy getting donations!

**Charlie Kepnes** was happy that **Vicki** cooked yesterday and today to make dinner for us tonight, and really rushed here because she was worried it would not be hot enough!! He was also happy that she took him shopping for more parts for his guitar and brought him a Looper...**Al Grzeschik** guessed it was something to crochet carpet with, and **Russ Friess** guessed it was something to look at diamonds with!! It is actually to record your rhythm guitar part and then add background sounds and then play the lead part with it!!

**Sue Harding** was happy that after going to the doctor for shoulder pain, that after medication, felt better and not a rotator cuff problem!! She is also jealous of the wonderful tan that **Glen Sheets** got on his vacation to the Florida Keys!! She then shared a few **Joe Klope** stories.

### News in our Kiwanis Family

Scott Shookman updated us on Judi Cole, who is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation. She will have reconstruction surgery after these treatments are over. We are all thinking about you Judi, and keeping you in our prayers!!!

### TAKE US OUT TO THE BALL GAME!!!

**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 50 general admission tickets sold at \$7, we have about 20 people committed so far. This would be a great night out.**

### INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**Past-President Tom Varley** spoke about some very interesting parts of Kiwanis history that many of us had never heard!! Kiwanis was started by a tailor and an organizer and the organization was originally known as the "Supreme Lodge of Benevolent Brothers" Over the years the name changed and became an International Organization. Tom recounted many of our key phrases; like in 1915 it was "We Trade" finally became "We Build" to today "Kiwanis is a Global Organization of Volunteers Dedicated to Changing the World One Child and One Community at a Time". **Larry Hunter** then introduced us to **Mark Snyder**, who attended both Akron U and Kent State, and also studied abroad. He has worked in construction, does catering and event planning. Mark has written many grant applications for the Friends of the Park, and is a member of the Summit County Historical Society. He loves learning foreign languages and is studying Arabic and other languages. He is married to Bree and has a daughter named Victoria. Welcome **Mark**, we look forward to meeting with you and learning more about you!!!!

**Jon** and **Cassie Freeman** are now official members of Portage Lakes Kiwanis as their transfer finally came thru, and they received their official badges!!!! Welcome to another generation of Kiwanians as **Jon's** mother Barb is a past member!!!! All were presented with copies of the Kiwanis By-Laws.

### 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.

**Green Kiwanis** will be having a Wine Tasting and Dinner at Chenoweth Golf Course on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$40.00 per person. Call Jack Gillman at 330-906-2628 or e-mail at [cls5812@aol.com](mailto:cls5812@aol.com) for tickets or donations.

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

**Post These Dates!**



- Feb. 26**      **Polar Bear Jump @ Portage Lakes State Park**  
**March 2**      **Regular Meeting/Lukity's dinner**  
**March 9**      **Regular Meeting/Lukity's dinner**  
**March 12**     **Mid-Year Education Day in Columbus**  
                 **Anyone interested in going with Sue Harding, Vicki Kepnes,**  
                 **And Bonnie Smith, please call.**  
**March 16**     **Regular Meeting/Lukity's dinner**  
**March 23**     **Committee Meetings/Lukity's Dinner**  
**March 30**     **Regular meeting/ Board Night / Dinner ideas???????**  
**April 23**      **Easter Egg Hunt**  
**June 1**        **Pig Roast \$25.00 per person/Covered Dish**  
**July 15**       **Portage Lakes Kiwanis Pirate Days Kick Off**  
                 **Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction at Prime at Anthes.**  
**September?** **Fish Fry!!!!**

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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.**

**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/>**