



The COMMUNICATOR

“ WE BUILD ”

PLK WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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DANA RODERICK – EDITOR

PRESIDENT – FRANK SMITH – Opened the meeting by leading us in the “ God Bless America ” And the INVOCATION BY: **SUE HARDING**

GUESTS

RC Norris, Carol Eubank, Sylvia Johnson, Pamela & Bob Darr and many others joined us this evening for our annual Pig Roast

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Dr. Tim Husser - 8 YRS

HAPPY DOLLARS

SUE HARDING: \$1 For the Clear Blue Water Project that her son in law participates in through the Cornerstone Methodist Church.

GUEST SPEAKER

Tonight's Guest Speaker was - **Mr. Dan Reynolds** from the **Rotary Club**. The Rotary Club was founded in 1924 by two members of the Akron Rotary Club. The inspiration for this club came from Mr. Simmons (who started the camp) 1st born child. This Child sadly did not make it long in life but, the thought was what if she had. What would have been available for her to try to live a normal life.

In 1926 it was moved to the Portage Lakes area of Rex Lake. The purpose is to sever Children and Adults with all sorts of disabilities through out Ohio. The camp slogan is “ The way things should be “ the meaning behind this is it is very hard for these children to fit in to everyday settings such as school, going to the store, swimming ect. At camp the kids come first. It is a place the kids are encouraged to be themselves.

Encouragement: The camp and it's counselors also provide support to the families of these children. The help by going to the school meetings, Dr. Appointments with the parents and try to be a voice for the families. Along with Social workers at the camp who are available to the entire family.

Vision - As this camp was started many years ago the cabins and restrooms were very old and drab. The Rotary Camp and long with many volunteers and donations from people has been able to rebuild and refurbish the cabins. Which now also have airconditioning. Also the re did the restrooms which are now large enough for children in wheel chairs and the counselor who needs to be in there to help them. It was amazing to see where the camp started and how far it has come over the years. Mr. Reynolds had some very interesting information to share with us/

Now the goal is to raise enough money to build a nesw Recreation Center for the kids and their families.

I encourage you to take time to check their website @ gotcamp.org and see all the ownderful things this camp probides for many children and adults.

Thank you very much Mr. Reynolds for joining us at the Pig Roast and speaking to the entire club and it's guests for the evening.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARLIE KEPNES: Announced that the Golf Team is doing well. Tuesday night's game was a little wet due to the rain. But everyone played well.



PIRATE DAYS

We have a very short time until "*Pirate Days Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction*" which will be held at "Prime 93, on July 21st, 2012. The doors will open at 5:30 pm with Festivities beginning at 6:00 pm. **TICKETS ARE GOING QUICKLY..... PLEASE CONTACT: ESTHER COLE @ PHONE: 330-414-7021** or by e-mail @ ercole275@att.net to get **GRUB TICKETS** for only \$ 35.00 or **GRUB + RAFFLE TICKET** for only \$100.00. Invite your friends and family to join you in what promises to be a fun filled evening and purchase a **TABLE OF 8** for \$ 345.00. (which includes 1 – Raffle + Grub Ticket and 7 Grub Tickets.)

This weekend promises to be filled with fun for people of all ages: **Pontoon Boat Tours, Poker run and Treasure Hunt for the kids** followed by a **Pontoon Boat ride around Treasure Island, Dragon Boat Rides, Vessel Safety Checks and Child Safety Vest Exchange Program.**

Please visit the website @ www.plkiwanis.org for dates and times of events for the weekend.

The poster's, flyers and post cards announcing all events will be ready for distribution shortly. A special Thanks to **CHUCK SEELEY** for all of his hard work on this project.

AL GRZESCHIK - Is putting together an advertising booklet. If you would like to purchase an ad, or know someone who would - **PLEASE** contact **Al** for details and pricing.

Pirate days weekend is moving up on us pretty quick. But everything is well under control. Dates and times for the individual events have all been confirmed and **CHUCK SEELEY** has been working very hard on getting the posters, flyers & post cards ready. The post cards are printed and several have been handed out already. It will only be a short time before the posters are hung at the individual establishments along with the flyers.

CHARLIE & VICKI KEPNES - are working very hard on securing donations for the Reverse Raffle/ Silent Auction. If you have any ideas or would like to make a donation please contact either Charlie or Vicki.

TOM BURGE: **Rose Day KICK OFF - TOM** - announced this evening that Rose Day Kick Off meeting will be held on - Wednesday, August 15th, 2012.

Div 16 & 20 FAMILY PICNIC

Will be held **July 28th, 2012** in Green @ Greensburg Park. This should be a fun time for all interested in attending. Please see **Sue Harding** as she has a signup sheet for anyone who is planning on attending.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special Thank You to Larry Hunter, Dr. Phil Pinnow, Vicki Kepnes, Bonnie Smith, Polly Price, Betty Seeley, Judy Hunter and all the other people who worked so hard with set up and clean up of the Pig Roast on Wednesday evening. Thank you to everyone who brought a covered dish. The meal was wonderful.

Dates to Remember

- June 8th, 2012 Akron Aeros game with Fireworks - **Game Time: 7:05pm**
- June 13th, 2012 Regular Meeting / Guest Speaker **Cecil Dutch**
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- June 18th, 2012 Pirate Days Meeting - Time 6:30pm, Civic Center, Portage Lakes Drive
- June 20th, 2012 Regular Meeting / Committee Meetings
- June 27th - 30th Regular Meeting / Board Meeting
Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans.
- July 2nd, 2012 Pirate Days meeting: Time: 6:30pm, Location: To be Announced
- July 20th - 22nd - Pirate Day's Weekend events to be held around the Lakes all weekend.
Visit the website @ www.plkiwanis.org to see where each event is being held.
- July 28th Div 16 & 20 Family Picnic @ Greensburg Park 11:30 -2. Contact **Sue Harding** for
Details and sign up sheets.
- Aug. 15th, 2012 Rose Day Kick Off

HAVE YOU TAKEN THE TIME TO: Get your **Pirate Days Reverse Raffle Tickets** both are on sale now.

Please take time to check the web @ www.plkiwanis.org which has this newsletter in addition to a calendar listing future guest speakers and other events, and photo's.

Or find us on Facebook

