



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; **Sue Harding** led us in singing "You are my Sunshine" suggested by **Glen Sheets** for the opening song, and **Sue Harding** offered the invocation. **Larry Hunter** introduced our guests for the evening: Alice Elias, Betty Friess, and Mark Snyder, here for his fourth official visit!! Welcome all guests and it was great to see Alice and **Norm Elias!!**



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

**Norm Elias** chose to share his birthday with us and we in turn sang to him!!! We even had a bit of harmony going on!!!! Happy Birthday, **Norm!!!** There was no Wedding or Club Anniversary this week!

### **Club Activities**

**PLK Dues –Dues are now past due. There are only a few members we have not heard from and are in the process of contacting them. Please contact Treasurer, Charlie Kepnes if you would like to make arrangements to pay your dues. Installment payments can be accommodated, upon request. You can contact Charlie at [charliekep@aol.com](mailto:charliekep@aol.com) If you are NOT planning to renew your membership, please let us know as soon as possible for dues have been paid to Kiwanis International already, and once paid will not be refunded. Past Due Members will be suspended and given 30 days to pay up or be dropped as members per By-Laws. If you wish to make arrangements to make payments for your dues, you must contact **Charlie Kepnes, Treasurer, as soon as possible. (330-644-2646) there are still 10 unpaid members!!!****

Newsletter advertising and online advertising forms are available now and contact **Sue Harding** if you wish to participate. E-mail **Sue** at [magistraharding@sbcglobal.net](mailto:magistraharding@sbcglobal.net) we need your business card, or copy to be used for the internet advertising.

**Acme Community Cashback receipts are being collected by Sandy Engle and Vicki Kepnes. PLK will earn money for your grocery purchases. Check all your receipts for the dollar amount on Community Cashback!!!! Thanks to all who are helping!! Will have update on receipts turned in next week!!**

☐ **Happy Dollars** ☺

**Norm Elias** was happy he and Alice could be with us tonight to celebrate his birthday!!

**Larry Hunter** was glad to announce that **Larry Yothers** had cataract surgery yesterday and is doing great!!

**Charlie Kepnes** was happy to announce that we now have a Finance Committee and have been discussing how they could meet due to members not being in town. Granddaughter Bricey Kepnes, showed grandpa how to access SKYPE which will enable them to talk to each other over the computer and actually see each other! His second dollar was for **Vicki** who is finally feeling better after a bout of the flu!!

**Sue Harding** had three make up **Joe Klope** stories for us as she did not have any last week!!!! Funny!!

### **News in our Kiwanis Family**

**Steve Engle** announced that the prognosis is good so far for **Sandy's** father and their new address is 354 Whittier Ave. N.W., North Canton, OH 44720 and they can be reached on their cell phones 330-323-3676 and 330-324-5549. Take care, **Julie**, we are thinking about you and miss you!!

### **Committee Reports**

**Youth Services – Dr. Phil Pinnow** announced that the plans are under way for the Easter Egg Hunt and **Al Grzeschik** is looking for some help with the Bounce House from Y-Noah, face painting and other games for the children!!

**Nominating Committee – Al Grzeschik** has volunteered to fill either the VP or the President Elect position. If you can serve as either Vice-President or President-elect, please contact **Al Grzeschik**. **These positions are still open and we NEED your help!!**

**Young Children Priority One- Sue Harding** said plans are in the works to make more labels for car seats and to deliver them to child care centers in the area to put information on all car seats needed in case of an accident. We are also looking into finding a project to help fire departments with equipment in the case of Pediatric Trauma.

**House and Reception/Membership- Larry Hunter** reported that Mark Snyder has turned in his application for membership after having completed his three visits with us and membership committee will present their recommendation for membership at next board meeting.

**Interclubs/Conventions- Tom Varley** Announced the upcoming Division and Kiwanis International events which will be listed in the calendar. You can easily sign up to receive the **Buckeye Bulletin** by going to the "E-Newsletter Request" page on the left side of our district website at [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org).

**Civic Center – Charlie Kepnes** announced that there are two openings on the Civic Center Board, and if any members are interested, please contact either him or Civic Center President, Russ Friess.

**Coventry Key Club/Scholarship- Lou Anne Derry** tabled any discussion as she was the only member attending tonight.

**Social – Al Grzeschik** has been working on a few outings for us. There will be a potential outing on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> to Maize Valley Farms for dinner and wine tasting and a special program. The cost will be between \$8 and \$11.00 per person. He is also working on an outing to see the Akron Aeros Play on a Friday night and the 27<sup>th</sup> of May looks like the best option. Look at the flyer attached to the web site and included in the mailed copy of newsletter. We would need 50 people to get the best prices. **Al** also apologized if anyone had problems accessing information on the web site. They are working on it!

**Laws and Regulations-Dr. Tim Husser** announced they are working on priorities and topics that need to be discussed and will be reporting on these later.

**Public Relations/Spiritual Relations – Steve Engle** and **Chuck Seeley** are working on doing some press releases thanking the community for their donations and support of the Santa Delivery project, and are also going to speak to churches in the area and see

if they would like to come and tell us about the community projects they are working on and see if we can be of help to them. We are also planning to invite JW Upholstery to a dinner and present them with an award for all the wonderful work they have done for us!!

**Fund Raising-Larry Hunter** reported on Pirates Days and discussed a Boating Project whereby PLK members with Pontoon Boats would shuttle people between restaurants on the lake during Pirates Week. **Charlie Kepnes** discussed the Pirates Ball, a reverse raffle/ Silent auction to be sponsored by Portage Lakes Kiwanis and would kick off the Pirates Week. He plans to submit a request to the Board of Directors next week to approve the project.

**President Frank Smith** thanked all Committees who are working hard this year and came out tonight to meet and get things started!!

### CORRESPONDENCE

**Sue Harding** announced that 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.



**Post These Dates!**



- Jan. 26** Regular/**BOARD MEETING!** / Pizza and salad
- Feb. 1** Thank You Coffee & Cookies for Kiwanis Towers Residents @ 3 PM
- Feb. 2** Regular Meeting with guest speaker Kelly Pariso about Polar Bear Jump at PL State Park on Feb. 26
- Feb. 5** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CHASE YOUR SHADOW 5k Walk/Run (in the snow?) @ Portage Lakes State Park
- Feb. 9** Regular Meeting/**Valentine Social Event** at Maize Valley Farms/Vineyard
- Feb. 11** Deadline to register for Ohio District Mid-Year Education Day On March 12 in Columbus
- Feb. 16** Presidents Night @ PLK Civic Center
- Feb. 23** Regular & BOARD of Directors MEETINGS

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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.