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This has been a very busy year for the Portage Lakes Kiwanis. If you look around the small community of Coventry Township more than likely you will see one of the Portage Lakes Kiwanians participating in some sort of event.. It could be an event sponsored by the Kiwanis or just an event that is happening and a Kiwanian member or one of their family members are participating in.. For example there was the Polar Bear Jump that several members participated in in February of 2012. There was a Turkey Trot in November that a members son in law participated in.

As you all know we sponsor several of the Key Clubs and the advisors for a few of those are Cass & John Freeman and Jerry Schropp who were busy keeping us updated on Key Club activities as well as helping in Kiwanian functions.

And lets not leave out the Easter Egg Hunt in April, Pirate Days & Pirate Days on the Lake, Picnic for Families with Disabilities, Santa Delivery and Rose Day run by Mr. Tom Burge. We also helped with Tammy's Totes and are working currently on ton Fund Raiser for Project Eliminate. Collecting Acme Receipts and many other projects. This busy group also had a New Years Eve Party

There are so many worthy projects that there is not enough room to mention all of them.,

We took a field trip to Channel 3 News Station and were shown around by Sara Shookman.. As well as an outing to a local Aero's game and several other places.

Guest speakers were plentiful ranging in topics from Hospice Care to Hower House located at Akron University to a speaker who told us all about the

new Akron General Facility in Green.

Please review the photo's on the last page of this newsletter and see what you remember.

Or view our website for more information. Better yet join us any Wednesday Night @ 6:30 for a meeting, dinner and a little fellowship

Special points of interest:

- What's Happening in our local area Key Clubs?
- Helping out Project Eliminate.
- Have you said a kind word to a child today? View the kids corner.

YEAR IN REVIEW 2012

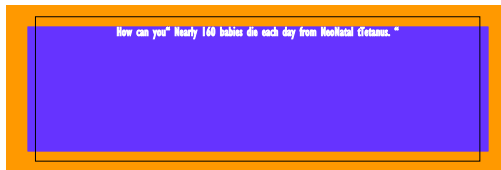
Project Eliminate

Project Eliminate is a campaign to help stop Neo Natal Tetanus. This disease affects over 1 million mothers and their unborn babies in 3rd world countries. It is caused by unsanitary living and birthing conditions.

The purpose of this project is to be able to provide the Tetanus shot to women in these 3rd world countries. In giving them the tetanus shot they themselves are protected from Teanus for a life time as well as

any of their unborn children. Each mother will need to take a series of three shots in order to be completely protected.. The series of three shots will cost approximately \$ 1.80. Portage Lake Kiwanis has joined the fight to help raise money for these needed shots. We will be taking on several projects in order to raise donation money. The first of these projects is what I will refer to as the Baby Jar

is know of or have any baby bottles in your possession that you would be willing to donate the club would really appreciate it. Please contact Vicki Kepnes or Jeff Goodwin for further details of if you would be willing to assist ion this committee.



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Friess Welding & Summit Trailer Sales

Russel and Betty Friess started Friess Welding & Radiator, Inc. in 1968. Russel & Betty started off their company working regular jobs and working to start a new company. Working with your Spouse can be quite trying at times, but they found a way to make things work. Mr. Friess also went to Reese Hitch School to learn how to do weld on hitches. From his ingenuity and hard work he has made this company work for the past 45 years. His determination to fix and repair broken parts is what sets his company above all others and has kept him in business all these years. He has always said "People bring us a problem and we fix it". Friess Welding & Radiator, Inc. is now just Friess Welding, Inc. They discontinued their radiator business about 1985. Friess Welding, Inc. is a Family owned and operated business. Doing what they

Summit Trailer Sales on our website: Summit Trailer Sales & Service, Inc. was established in January 1996. Before this date the hitches and trailers were sold under Friess Welding, Inc. Once Summit Trailer sales separated from Friess Welding, Inc. Their hitch and trailer business began to flourish. In 1994 Summit Trailer Sales became a Hitch Pro Dealer for Drawtite and Reese Hitches. Summit Trailer Sales is a proud member of the Greater Akron Better Business Bureau, NFIB, The West Akron Board of Trade, NATM and the NATDA. Summit Trailer Sales is constantly striving to be the leader in providing trailer towing products and giving the best price for the

products they sell.



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, CLUB ANNIVERSARIES, KEY CLUB NOTES & Kids Corner

BIRTHDAY'S

Mr Bob Longworth 91st Birthday

ANNIVERSARIES

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

KEY CLUB NEWS

ELLET _
Advisor—jerry Schropp

Coventry—

Manchester—
President Brooke Lowry
Secretary—Katie Adkins

Advisor - Brad Johnson
Five members of Manchester Key Club helped with the Haunted Hay Ride at Boetler Park this fall. Though it was rainy and cold they all worked in the Graveyard and had a wonderful time. This Key club also assisted in the sales and delivery of Roses.

10 things to say to a child

This weeks encouraging words for every child:

Keep up the good work, you're an awesome child

Acme Cash Back Receipts

It's that time of year when we are all buying those little extra items for the Holidays whether it is and item needed for baking or that Turkey you need for Tahnks giving of Christmas dinner. Remember to check the your receipts for the : Community Cash Back \$ amount that is listed at the bottom. You can turn all receipts into Vicki Kepnes . Most Tops Care products and items wehre you earn fuel points will



also get you the Community cash back dollars on your receipt. But if you have any questions on what items earn that cash back dollars you can visit the Customer Service Center of your ;;pca; Acme Store where they should have a complete listing. We Thank you in advance for your participation in this program.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 7th—Pirate Days Meeting—Larry Hunter
- January 9th Regular Meetin/Board Meeting
- January 16th Regualr Meeting Guest Speaker Mr. Russ Friess

Happy New Year Everyone—we hope everyone will join us for some food fellowship and a meeting or two this year..

Considering joining come an see what this club is all about any Wednesday Evening

Year in Review

