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# THE COMMUNICATOR

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PLK NEWSLETTER

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**PRESIDENT FRANK SMITH** opened the meeting and led everyone in the **Pledge of Allegiance**. **Sue Harding**: Led us all in singing " Smile. "

Followed by the Invocation for tonight's meal given by **SUE HARDING**.



## This Week's Celebrations



This week we have the pleasure of celebrating the following **BIRTHDAY'S: NICK WLADYCZAK** January 13<sup>th</sup>  
Congradulations to – **TOM FRY** for **CELEBRATING** his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of service with our **KIWANIS CLUB**.

**GUESTS:** Include. **LORAINÉ BACKUS** Thank you LORAINÉ for joining us for dinner this evening. **LORAINÉ** who is from Ohio is visiting from Florida. She is a current **KIWANIS MEMBER** in the town of **ASTER, FLORIDA** where she resides.



We would like to Thank her for sharing some of the things they have going in within their club.

### **HAPPY DOLLARS:**

**SUE HARDING:** \$ 1 - Enjoyed making freat holiday memories with family and their safe return home. Along with the fact that she will now be able to Skype with her family in Wichita & St. Louis.

**LORAINÉ BACKUS:** \$ 1 for the fact that we had a wonderful dinner and she did not have to go to McDonalds.

**TOM VARLEY :** That a group of friends and family celebrated their Christmas and he was able to wear his Holiday shirt.



**CHARLIE KEPNES:** 1<sup>st</sup> For the fact that the weather will become nice again and they are continuing to work on his new garage. 2<sup>nd</sup> that the Guys out sang the Girls in Kareokee at the New Years Eve party.

**LARRY HUNTER:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thanking everyone for the wonderul work they did to make the New Year's Eve party a success.



## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VICKI KEPNES** is still collecting **ACME** receipts for the **Community Cash back program**. Please remember to check your receipts for Community Cash back dollars and turn them into Vickie as we will get 5% of that back. We can continue to collect the **Community Cash Back Receipts** through the end of February 2012.

**BOB DANGLER** - Announced that though the Entertainment Books did not sell as well as expected we did sell over 100 books. Hopefully all monies have been turned in and unsold books. If not please turn in the monies and unsold books to Charlie Kepnes at Akron Coin and Jewelry. Or bring to next week's meeting. This way we can get a final count on books sold. And Bob can ship back any unsold books.

**AL GRZESCHIK:** Is still looking at doing something for a Valentine's day social but hasn't come up with anything as of yet. Anyone with ideas please contact AL.

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:** Is still trying to gather any information anyone might have on past years of our Portage Lakes Kiwanis Club. We have received information from **TOM LONGWORTH**. **VICKI KEPNES** has a box of photo's that we will be going through. And we have a box of photo's and old newspaper articles that **GENE COLE** is currently researching and marking down names for us.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for the following PLK Members for their new positions:

**JEFF GOODWIN;** Jeff was voted in tonight as our new " Vice President " Congrats Jeff we know you will do a wonderful job.

**BONNIE SMITH:** Bonnie was voted in tonight to replace Jeff Goodwin as a member of the Board of Directors.

**TOM FRY:** Tom was also voted in as a new member of the Board of Directors.

## NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY

**BOB LONGWORTH:** is doing well and plans to leave in February for Florida. **As a Reminder:** his new address is: Amherst Meadows, 1610 1<sup>st</sup> Street N.E. Apartment 523, Massillon, OH 44646. The Amherst Meadows facility phone no. is 330-830-8500. Please stop in or send a note or call.

**LARRY YOTHERS:** Please continue to keep Larry & Laura and their family in your thoughts and prayers as he battles Liver Cancer. Larry did have another doctor's appointment this week and on Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup> he and Laura were headed to University Clinic in Cleveland to see another doctor.



## CORRESPONDENCE

### REMINDER:

**KEY CLUB CONVENTION:** Ian Mckinsage wrote to let us know they will be holding the " **Key Club Convention** " on **April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**. They are looking for any volunteers who would be willing to participate as Judges for the many Competitions and Contests that they will be having. Anyone who is interested in attending and Judging some events for them please contact **SUE HARDING** for more details.

**KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL NEW ORLEANS TOUR:** Registration for this event is June 28<sup>th</sup> thru July 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. If you register prior to February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the cost will be **MEMBER \$ 195.00, NON-MEMBER \$ 195.00**. This cost does not include Hotel registration fees. For more information you can either see **SUE HARDING** or visit the website @ **Kiwanis International** <[communications@kiwanis.org](mailto:communications@kiwanis.org)>, then click on the convention icon on the right hand side of your screen.

Just a reminder that the registration fees will be more if you are not registered by the 15<sup>th</sup> of February.

  
**NEW YEARS EVE PARTY**

**LARRY HUNTER;** Announced that the party was a huge success. There was an abundance of food and laughter. They played games socialized and even had **Karaoke**. Where evidently the Guys out sang the Girls. Everyone worked very hard to make this event a huge success. Below are some pictures from the evening:



*DATES TO REMEMBER*

**JAN 11<sup>TH</sup>            REGULAR MEETING**

**JAN 18<sup>TH</sup>            REGULAR MEETING & COPMMITEE MEETINGS NIGHT**

**JAN 23<sup>RD</sup>            PIRATES DAY MEETING @ THE CIVIC CENTER @ 6:30 PM**

**JAN 25<sup>TH</sup>            REGULAR MEETING & BOARD MEETING**

**FEB 1<sup>ST</sup>              OH DISTRICT Membership Growth Summit 6 – 9 pm @ PLK Civic  
Center/  
                            Along with Regular Meeting.**

**NOTE:    Watch upcoming newsletters for further updates on the  
Easter Egg Hunt & Pirate Days and other exciting events.**