



The COMMUNICATOR

“ WE BUILD ”

PLK WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JAN 11TH, 2012

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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 “ AMERICA. ”

Followed by the Invocation for tonight’s meal given by **TOM VARLEY**

REASONS TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK



BIRTHDAYS: NORM ELIAS – will be celebrating his birthday on January 19th, 2012

“ Happy Birthday Norm - we hope you have a terrific day ”



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - **CYNDI & DON WEAVER** - January 11th

GENE & JUDI COLE - January 19th

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH COUPLES

GUESTS FOR THIS EVENING: R.C. NORRIS – joined us for our meal this evening and meeting afterwards.



SUE HARDING: 1ST - That her son Jimmy has had the surgery on his arm and though he is still in pain it is not the same kind of pain and he will be returning to work on light duty soon.

2nd - To announce that her neighbor has donated a computer & printer to the club.

CAS That she was able to leave her students and attend a conference and **NONE** of them got into any trouble.

TIM PETERSON: That he was not in a good mood Christmas Eve but participating in Santa Delivery Quickly brought him into the Christmas spirit and he is glad he went.

VICKI KEPNES: That her son in law was also a Santa for Santa Delivery and had a wonderful time seeing all the children and babies. And he thinks he would like to participate again next year.

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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 1st 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 last week and on Thursday January 5th he and Laura were headed to University Clinic in Cleveland to see another doctor.

PHIL PINNOW - Had to go into the hospital for Kidney Stones this past week. Please keep Phil in your thoughts and prayers.

ADDITIONAL PLK FAMILY NOTICE:

Please keep the family of **Brenda Patterson** in your Thoughts and Prayers. **Brenda** who was a Coventry Township Trustee, in addition to being a past member of Portage Lakes Kiwanis and a Dear Friend passed away Wednesday night January 11th, 2012.



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 17TH 2012. She has already turned in receipts for the first \$ 1,500.00 and that will earn the club \$ 75.00.

VICKI KEPNES – also announced that Santa Delivery has received another \$ 120.00 donation.

BOB DENGLER - Has announced that the final count on Entertainment books sold is: 94 books - All unsold books have been turned in and he will be returning them to the company

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Is trying to set up a Committee meeting sometime in the next month. We are checking to see if the Civic Center will be available on a Sunday. Anyone on this committee who isn't available on Sunday's please contact either Dana Roderick or Esther Cole and let them know what days you are available. We would like to start organizing the information that we do have to date. Also anyone who would like to join this committee or just want to come and help please feel free. See future Newsletter for an exact meeting date & time.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

AL GRZESCHIK: Announced that we will be holding our first Social Event for 2012 the first Wednesday in March at the wine barrel in North Canton. It is a very nice place that serve's Wine & Beer. He would like everyone to bring some sort of dish to share. If you would like to see a list of wines/beers that they have available see Al at the next meeting.

AL GRZESCHIK: Is also looking into having a dinner on February 15th at the Bomber Club in North Canton. Please see future Newsletter for updates on times.

FEBRUARY 1ST, 2012 - Mark your calendars our club will be hosting the "Growth Summit" at the Civic Center. Food is being provided by **AL GREZSCHIK & VICKI KEPNES**. The cost of dinner this Wednesday night will be \$ 5.00. The meeting will start at 5:45 and end at approximately 9 pm. Please contact or e-mail **VICKI KEPNES @ vickikep@aol.com** and let her know whether you will be attending. They would like to get a head count in advance of this event if possible.



CORRESPONDENCE

REMINDER:

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL NEW ORLEANS TOUR: Registration for this event is June 28th thru July 1st 2012. If you register prior to February 15th, 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>, 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 15th of February.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL: Will be hosting a "New Member Orientation webinar on Tuesday January 17th from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. As space is limited they are requesting that you pre register for this. You can reserve your webinar seat @ <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/785614114>

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Macintosh®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.4.11 (Tiger®) or newer

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM LOUANNE DERRY: Along with a business card for a referral for a gentleman who is the co owner of : " Harbor Lite " which is a Hospice care center. She suggested that we might enjoy having him come to the club to speak about the " Myth's on Hospice "

North Akron Kiwanis Club at our annual fundraiser, Night at the Races.

Tickets are \$10 pre-sale and \$12 at the door. Admission includes all-you-can-eat dinner, dessert, coffee, beer, and soda.

Sponsorship's and horses are available for purchase!

Gold Level sponsorship is \$30 and provides the businesses name (or individual name) announced during the races as well as a business card sized add in the program.

Silver Level sponsorship is \$10 and provides a business card sized add in the program.

Horses are \$15. The purchase of a horse gives the buyer the opportunity to name the horse. Owners of winning horses win \$50.

Sponsors and horse owners do not need to be present the night of the race.

The fun doesn't stop there! We will also be having a 50/50 raffle, a gift raffle that includes a wine basket and a pair of season passes to the Akron City Roller Girls, and a horse for the auction race!

If you are interested in attending or know of people who may be interested in attending, feel free to contact me!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- JAN 18TH** **REGULAR MEETING & COPMMITEE MEETINGS NIGHT**
- JAN 23rd** **PIRATES DAY MEETING @ LIBRARY @ 6:30 PM (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION)**
- JAN 25th** **REGULAR MEETING & BOARD MEETING**
- FEB 1ST** **OH DISTRICT Membership Growth Summit 6 - 9 pm @ PLK Civic Center/
Along with Regular Meeting. **Contact Vicki @ vickikep@aol.com to get your reservations in.****
- FEB. 8TH** **REGULAR MEETING / PRESIDENTS DAY DINNER.**

NOTE: Watch upcoming newsletters for further updates on the
Pirate Days and other exciting events .

Easter Egg Hunt &