



THE COMMUNICATOR

Trout Unlimited Guest Speaker

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This Wednesday our Guest Speaker was Mr. James Geary from " Trout Unlimited."

Trout Unlimited is an organization dedicated to "Conserving Cold Water Resources " what does this mean to us? It means that our local streams and brooks and rivers will be clean of pollutants that kill off the fish and other lively hood that live in them.

Did you know that every time a train derails near a stream or brook that the gas's and oils drain in one way or anther into the streams and rivers. Basically this makes it toxic for whatever is living in there. The native fish are unable to produce there for man has to try and stock these area's with fish. Some communities have fish hatcheries

who help with the reproduction of the fish.

Trout Unlimited has traveled to various places through out Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia to take the extra steps to clean up the rivers.

They have also started programs in the schools to en list the help of the local children.

So far in this area 1) Coventry Schools, Old Trail Schools and Next Frontier Charter School all have a program called " Trout in the Classroom "

The local Hatchery and ODNR provide the eggs to the schools. The classroom kids are

responsible for measuring ph, testing the water temperature and feeding.

The fish grow to approximately 3-4 inches long and then are returned (by Trout Unlimited and the classroom children) to healthy streams in the hopes that they will grow more and start to re produce on their own.

If you would like more information about Trout Unlimited please visit James @ www.tu.org or jimflyshop.com or westernreservetu.com

Project Eliminate

This is a project near and dear to many hearts. Kiwanis International took on the responsibility along with Unicef to provide Neo Natal Tetnus Shots to mothers in third world countries.

This series of 3 shot will protect one mother and her unborn children for a life time. And it only takes \$ 1.60 to provide these shots.

Kiwanis International has enlisted the help of Kiwanis Clubs all over the world.

Our own Vicki Kepnes collaborated with the Coral Gables, FL Kiwanis Club and decided to start the baby bottle

fund raiser project for eliminate. At the time the goal of \$ 1,000 was set and we can proudly say that Vicki and the other club members have met that challenge.

Is the " Baby Bottle Project " stopping at this point? Oh no we are continuing with the project and also trying to enlist the help of other non members in the community. How you ask? We are asking several of the area retailers to place baby bottles (large ones) on the counters in their establishments, you would be surprised how those pennies, quarters, nickels and dimes add up. When you go to drop that change in the bottom of your

purse or in your pocket – Just think " These little bits of change might just change someone's life. Then reach over a little instead of down and drop that change in the baby bottle.

You just never know who's life you might change by doing this.

Special points of interest:

- KIWANIS FAMILY
- WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR KEY CLUBS
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- Guest Speakers

UPCOMING EVENTS IN PORTAGE LAKES

ACME RECEIPTS

So far with a combined effort of Kiwanis Members and others Vicki Kepnes has been able to turn in approximately \$ 1,500 in Acme Receipts which the club will receive \$ 115.00. There is still some time left to get those receipts to Vicki. Any and all of the community cash back \$ amounts at the bottom of the receipts will make a difference. So check your receipt an then get them turned into Vicki before the end of the month

Winter is a rough time in Portage Lakes – People don't like to get out much and is there really much to do and stay warm at the same time?

Sure there is. You have the look establishments like Upper Deck putting on Chili Cook off events, Howies has band's and other events. And there is always Turkey foot lanes for a family friendly game of bowling.

If the cold and wet doesn't bother you - Dano's held there annual Polar Bear Jump in January and Portage Lakes Polar Bear Club has there annual jump in February.

There is always something going on out here. Whether it's winter or summer.

In a few short months you will have the

Antique Boat Show
Purple Martin Festival
Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt
Scottish Celtic Beltane Festival
Portage Lakes Fireworks
Pirate Days in Portage Lakes
Reverse Raffle / Silent Auction
Kids Treasure Hunt
Hotdog Eating Contest and Dunk Tank,
Boat Parade and much more.

There are so many non profit and profit organizations in the area that are constantly doing something or having so kind of event.

In an effort to keep everyone update on current things going on in the Portage Lakes Area we are going to

try and get up dates on the area activities.
And post them in our newsletter.

If anyone knows of an event that will be happening please notify us so that we can let the whole community know.

PROJECT ELIMINATE EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

February 1st 2014

Yes we will be hosting the first annual Euchre Tournament sponsored by Division 20 Kiwanis Clubs.

Several of the local area Kiwanis Groups have joined together to have this Euchre Tournament. The cost to participate is \$ 30.00 Per couple and \$ 15.00 per individual.

It will be a fast paced fun evening of food, cards and

fellowship. All the monies per couple or \$ 15.00 per individual.

earned with this will be donated to Kiwanis Interanational Project Eliminate Foundation.

We have band together to try and eliminate NeoNatal Tetnuas.

Join us in this united front to help these unborn children and their mother's

Several of the local area Kiwanis Clubs have banned together to make this fund raiser a huge success.

You still have time to secure your tickets. Even if you don't have a partner we will find you one. Please contact Al Grzeschik @ 330-644-8967

There is still time to plan ahead for a Tour by Glen

May 7th Jersey Boys Musical @ Cleveland Playhouse

May 16-17th Moses Landcaster, PA

July –Taste of Chicago 3 nite – 4 day

If interested please contact Glen Sheets @ 330-644-6124

Club Committee Meetings

There are many different committees within the Portage Lakes Kiwanis. Each committee performs a different function for the Kiwanis.

You have the: Scholarship Committee, Santa Delivery, Rose Day, Public Relations, Historical, Fund Raising, Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction, Treasure Hunt, President's Day, Pig Roast, Fish Fry.

The people within the committees work very hard all year long to make Portage Lakes Kiwanis a success.

And to help provide events and other

things for the communittee.

Some hold dinners: For example Scholarship Committee once they have chosen the recipients for Scholarships they hold a special dinner in their honor, where parents, family members and club members are present.

Fund Raising – has held one event to raise money during the holidays and are looking for other events for the summer , though they will be holding a Quarter Auction sometime this summer.

Are you a club member or a person considering joining? Please take time to speak with a member about the committee's if they are not on the committee they will direct you to someone who can answer any questions you may have .

We also are always looking for Guest Speakers that will interest everyone in the club.

If you have any suggestions please contact Jeff Goodwin.

Birthday's Club Anniversaries, Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Mr. Bob Longworth Jan 2nd

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Joyce Longworth Jan 1st

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. Tom Fry 4 years

"KIWANIS FAMILY "

Please keep these Kiwanis members and their families in prayer.

Scott Shookman - Is doing well, they have removed the port an it will be approximately 5-6 weeks before they can move on to the next step. If you would like to know more about Scott please visit "www.caringbridge.com Put in Scott Shookman and you can get updates on his condition as well as post a note to him or the family. Please continue to keep Scott and the entire family in your Thoughts and Prayers.

Don Reilly - Don was unfortunately injured back in November of 2013 when some sheets of drywall fell on him. After all the surgeries, rehab – Don is finally doing his rehabilitation at home. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Don for a speedy recovery.

Bob Dengler - Please keep in your prayers as well Bob is now on Oxygen 24/7. Continued Thoughts & Prayers with Bob and his wife.

Jeff – (Tom Varley's Son in Law) is doing well and is down to Chemo treatments once a week. Please also keep Jeff in your Thoughts and Prayers

KEY CLUB NEWS

ELLET KEY CLUB

School Advisor – Emily Keys
 Kiwanis Advisor – Jerry Schrop
 President - Kalli Butler
 Vice President - Caitlin Phillips
 Secretary - Madison Hayes
 Treasurer - Sam Page
 Editor - Brenna McGovern

GUEST SPEAKERS

Is there someone you would like to have join us the 2nd Wednesday of the month? A topic that you are either passionate about or would like to hear more about. Please contact: President Jeff Goodwin with your suggestions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 22nd Regular Meeting / Committee Meetings
- January 29th Regular Meeting
- February 1st Div 20 Euchre Tournament - Civic Center 6⁰⁰:30 pm
- February 5th Regular Meeting / January Board Meeting
- February 12th Regular Meeting / Committee Meetings
- February 19th Presidents Day Dinner Celebration
- February 26th Regular Meeting / Board Meeting

AKRON AERO'S GAME

We are trying to get a group together to attend an Akron Aero's game again this season. If you are interested in attending please contact Al Grzeschik for more details.

Notice to all Board Members:

Please note on the calendar above there will be a special Board Meeting on October 23rd which is in addition to our regular Board meeting on October 30th. We will need all current board members to be in attendance that evening.

Thank you for your continued support of the Portage Lakes Kiwanis

Division 20 Euchre Tournament

CONTACT AL : 330.644.8967

Held at the Portage Lakes Civic Center

725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, OH

Serving the Children of the World
Kiwanis International

DATE: 02/01/14
TIME: 6:00

What: A Euchre Tournament
When: Saturday, February 1st
Doors Open at 6PM—Tournament at 7PM
Where: Portage Lakes Civic Center
Why: To raise money to **ELIMINATE**
Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus
Who: Division 20 Kiwanis Clubs
Cost: \$30 per couple or \$15 per person



Prizes

Appetizers, Beverage, and Desserts

Fast-paced euchre tournament

Silent Auction

*** Reservations Requested
by January 29, 2014 ***



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