



The COMMUNICATOR

“ WE BUILD ”

PLK WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JAN 18TH, 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 “ GOD BLESS AMERICA. ”

Followed by the Invocation for tonight’s meal given by **GEORGE DERRY**

GUESTS FOR THIS EVENING: It was our pleasure to be joined by **CAROL EUBANK, LEW & LYNN STAMP** for our evening meeting and dinner.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



NORM ELIAS - Norm will be celebrating his birthday on January 19th.

TED COLE - Ted will be celebrating his birthday on January 22nd.

ALL OF US AT PLK WOULD LIKE TO WISH BOTH OF YOU A “ VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY “ AND HOPE THAT YOU EACH HAVE A TERRIFIC DAY.

CONGRATULATIONS

This special Congratulations is being sent out to **Mr. Bob Dengler**. This is the first year that our club sold “ Entertainment Books “. Bob oversaw this project from the ordering of books to be sold to the finish of returning unsold books. In total there were 94 books sold. And the club earned approximately \$ 800.00. We would like to Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to this project.



HAPPY DOLLARS



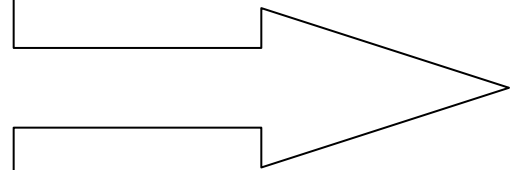
SUE HARDING: 1ST For the terrific attendance at this evenings meal and for our 3 guests being able to join us.

SCOTT SHOOKMAN - That he and his family were able to join in Santa Delivery and the fun they had in delivering the engagement ring.

CHARLIE KEPENS: 1ST - That the garage being built at his home will be completed soon. And they are also working on the vault at **Akron Coin & Jewelry**. 2nd - That the new Red & Blue tickets for the “ **Pirate Day Silent Auction / Reverse Raffle** “ event are in. 3rd That he was able to buy a new “ Cry Baby “ for his guitar.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR INSIDE THIS ADDITION:

- Kiwanis Family News / Inspiration from our President
- Committee News / Club Announcements
- Upcoming Social & Other Area Events
- Open Position Notifications
- Dates to Remember
- Notes from the Editor



CONNIE NAGY - Has recovering nicely and is looking forward to returning to work next week.

LARRY YOTHERS: Please continue to keep Larry & Laura and their family in your thoughts and prayers Larry was at University Hospital in Cleveland last week and unfortunately he did not respond to the medicine as they had expected he would. Unfortunately due to this he will not be able to have the treatment they wanted to give him. Larry returned home on Monday, January 16th. They will be having Hospice visit at the home. Laura would like to get Larry situated at home and then says visitors would be great. Also please continue to send cards. Larry really enjoys them.

PATTERSON FAMILY - Our sincerest Sympathies go out to the entire Patterson Family. Brenda was a former Kiwanis Member and good friend who passed away January 12th. Calling hours were held Monday evening January 16th, 2012.

INSPIRATION FROM FRANK SMITH: Wanted to remind us all that as we keep all these Dear Families in our Thoughts and Prayers: That we never know from day to day what may happen " To live life to the fullest, Enjoy your family and friends, create wonderful memories and take nothing for granted. Laugh daily and share a smile with someone you never know how much that little smile many mean to them.

CLUB & COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS



VICKI KEPNES We still have time to turn in **ACME** receipts for the **Community Cash back program** through February 17TH 2012. She has already turned in receipts for the first \$ 1,500.00 and that will earn the club \$ 75.00. And will be totaling up the second batch of receipts to be mailed in this week.

YCP1 - Is starting a " Collection Project " collections will be accepted starting **FEBRUARY 1ST, 2012**. The project is for " **Tammy's Totes.**" Donations of travel size toiletries would be greatly appreciated. See insert for acceptable donations All donations can be made at any of our Wednesday Night meetings or during normal Civic Center operating hours. If the Civic Center is not open please feel free to drop off donations @ **Akron Coin & Jewelry to Vicki Kepnes.**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Larry Hunter announced that they will be holding a " **Membership Drive Dinner** on **March 14th, 2012 @ the Civic Center.** Dinner will consist of Corn beef & Cabbage. Please turn in your reservations to Larry so that they can get an idea of how many people to expect. This is an open invitation for all current members to come and bring a friend. Let's show them what terrific members we have and how much fun it is. The dinner will be followed by conversation and Karokee.

UPCOMING SOCIAL & AREA EVENTS

AL GRZESCHIK / VICKI KEPNES: FEBRUARY 1ST, 2012 - Mark your calendars our club will be hosting the " Growth Summit " at the Civic Center. Food is being provided by **AL GRZESCHIK & 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.

AL GRZESCHIK: February 15th at the Bomber Squadron in North Canton. Happy Hour is from 4 – 7 pm and you can get a variety of dinners. Come join this Valentines celebration with friends and loved ones.

GUEST SPEAKER: February 22nd, 2012 Along with our regular meeting we have the pleasure of having **MR. JEFF DANIELS** as a guest speaker. Mr. Daniels will be showing a brief video presentation with narration on the walk he has been nominated to take. It should be a very interesting presentation as he was one of few **selected** to participate. We hope you will mark your calendars to attend this meeting.

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.

CAROL EUBANKS: Our Guest for the evening announced that they will be holding a “ **Chase your Shadow Race** “ (**5k Run/ Walk**) which will be held on Saturday February 4th, 2012 @ Portage Lakes State Park on a Scenic closed course. Start time: 10:00 am. Registration fees: \$ 20 in advance / \$ 25 the day of the event. You can registrar on line at: www.friendsofportagelakes.org. Or contact Carol herself @ 330-644-3748. There are also sponsorship Options and the deadline for these is January 30th, 2012.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Is also selling “ **IMAGES OF AMERICA PORTAGE LAKES** “ these books are 128 pages long and have many colored pictures in them. They are autographed and sell for \$ 21.99. We will have books on hand for sale at our Wednesday night meetings. Please see **DEBBIE RUBINO** if you are interested in purchasing one of the books.

GEORGE DERRY – Announced that the women at Kiwanis Towers have ask: “ How the Towers came to be. “ George as been able to get a CD which shows the construction of the building. He will be showing this at the Towers next Wednesday, January 25th, 2012 for anyone who is interested in watching.



PIRATES DAY COMMITTEE: Is looking for anyone interested in overseeing either of the following to positions:

- 1) Design of the: Program Guide
- 2) Silent Auction Donation Co-ordinator

KIWANIS TOWERS: SCOTT SHOOKMAN announced that they are in need of a New Member on the Board of Directors. This position will be available in June of 2012. If you are interested in the position or would like more information please contact: **Scott Shookman, Gene Cole or Tom Longworth.**



PIRATE DAYS

Preparations have begun for the second annual "Pirate Days" kick off. This event is being held at "Prime 93, on July 21st, 2012. And will be followed by a fun filled week of events such as: Boat Rides, Poker run and Treasure Hunt for the kids all events are based around the lakes. The following positions have been filled to try and make this run very smoothly. And assure everyone has a great time.

TICKET SALES:	ESTHER COLE
ADVERTISMENT:	AL GRZESCHIK
BALLOON POP:	JUANITA GEHM
CHINESE AUCTION:	BONNIE SMITH
PUBLICITY:	DANA RODERICK

As noted earlier in the newsletter there are still the positions of "Silent Auction Co-ordinator & Program Guide available. If you are interested in either of these positions please contact **CHARLIE KEPNES**.

Also keep your eye's open for further details on **PIRATE DAYS** in upcoming newsletters and on the PLK website.

REMINDERS:

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 - "The Personal Ask" webinar on Tuesday January 24th 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

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 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. **To submit your reservation
For this dinner please contact Larry Hunter.****
- FEB 18TH 9TH ANNUAL Portage Lakes Polar Bear Jump**
- FEB 22nd REGULAR MEETING & COMMITTEE MEETING. PLUS A GUEST SPEAKER**
- FEB 29TH REGULAR MEETING & BOARD MEETING**

Watch upcoming newsletters for further updates on the upcoming: Social Events, Guest Speakers, Special Meetings Pirate Days , Easter Egg hunt and other exciting events .

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR: I would like to Thank everyone for their kind words towards me since I started this project. It has been fun writing these newsletters. I realize this weeks is a bit lengthy, but there are so many wonderful activities going on over the next several months that I wanted to be sure to include everything.

If there is anything that anyone would like to see in these weekly newsletters, or anything that you would like to share please feel free to contact me at dew1687@yahoo.com. As I am new to this project I am certainly open to suggestions. Thank you once again.