



The COMMUNICATOR

“ WE BUILD ”

PLK WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dana Roderick, Editor

PRESIDENT FRANK SMITH opened the meeting and led everyone in the **Pledge of Allegiance**. **Sue Harding:** Led us all in singing “ AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL. ”

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



URGENT SPECIAL REQUEST



I have just received word that one of our members **MR LARRY YOTHERS** that we have all been keeping along with his family in our thoughts and prayers for sometime now. Is not doing well at all. Please take a moment out of your day and remember what a special and dedicated member Larry is. Though he was not feeling well over the Holidays and was not going to be running a route for Santa Delivery. Larry did come to the Civic Center and make sure that everything for his route was ready to go and Laura, His daughter and her two children actually ran the route for him. Please take one moment and say a special Prayer for Larry & Laura and the entire family at this time. I know they would all really appreciate it.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



JANUARY 26TH - GENE COLE

JANUARY 29TH CHARLIE KEPNES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BOTH OF YOU FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT KIWANIS

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

DREW ALEXANDER & JUANITA GEHM - EACH ARE CELEBRATING 10 YEARS.

BOB GOFF – IS CELEBRATING 22 YEARS WITH THE CLUB

JERRY SCHROP - IS CELEBRATING HIS 24th YEAR..

THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE CLUB AND THE COMMUNITY. Between these Four members the have 65 years of service with the Kiwanis.



SUE HARDING: \$1 - That she is glad to see Chuck Brown back at the meeting. \$2 - Thanking George Derry for the presentation that he put on at Kiwanis Towers and for calling out 7 games of bingo.

CHARLIE KEPNES: \$1 -For everyone who has volunteered to help with Pirate Days. **2nd** -That there is now electricity in the newly built garage. **3rd** - That Gold just skyrocketed.

CHUCK SEELEY - \$1 - To Thank Connie Nagy for letting him participate as a Santa in Santa Delivery this year.

GEORGE DERRY - That he is glad that he, Carol Derry and Betty Friess were able to Go to Kiwanis Towers and show the CD on how the building came to be. And afterwards George called out 7 games of Bingo. One of the tenants there also shared with George that one time when the elevator was down several off duty firemen from the “**COVENTRY FIRE DEPARTMENT**” came to the Towers and would carry some of the people down the stairs so that they were able to make it to their individual Dr. appointments and the store or whatever they needed to go to. They were also there when the person returned to get them back up stairs to there rooms. This story really touched George’s heart so he wanted to share what wonderful Firemen we have at the Coventry Fire Department.

CLUB & COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS



YCP1 - “Collection Project” collections will be accepted starting **FEBRUARY 1ST, 2012**. The project is for “**Tammy’s Totes**.” . *Last week’s Newsletter had a Yellow insert with a list of item’s if you do not have this insert PLEASE see the PLK website for the list and there is also one hanging on the Bulletin Board at the Civic Center.* 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.

VICKI KEPNES: Has turned in another \$ 1,339.00 worth of Acme receipts and wants to remind everyone that we have up till **FEBRUARY 11TH, 2012** to turn in receipts.

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 356 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. RICHARD DAVIES** as a guest speaker. Mr. Davies 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 along with the 356 Bomber Squadron dinner, And the Social at The Wine Barrell in North Canton he is in the process of organizing an event at one of the Aero's games. He will keep us informed of Dates and Times as he receives the information.

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. **DEBBIE RUBINO** had one book left for sale as of last night. And **GLEN SHEETS** will be bringing more to our meeting next Wednesday. Please make checks payable to: Portage Lakes Historical Society or bring \$ 22.00 cash. There will also be a book signing held @ Dusty's on February 11th, 2012 from 4 to 7 pm for anyone interested in obtaining one of these books.



PIRATES DAY COMMITTEE: The position Design of the: Program Guide has been accepted by Al Grezeschik with the help of Lou Ann Derry. But there is still an opening for:

Silent Auction Donation Co-ordinator.

Please contact Charlie Kepnes if you are interested in this position

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.**

PRESIDENT ELEC: Just a reminder to everyone that as of last night's meeting the position of President Elect within our club has not been filled yet. Please contact Frank Smith if you would like to know more about this position, or are interested in the position.



PIRATE DAYS

Preparations have begun for the second annual " Pirate Days " . The Silent Auction / Reverse Raffle being held at " **Prime 93, on July 21*, 2012. TICKETS ARE NOW BEING SOLD** Please contact:

ESTHER COLE @ PHONE: 330-414-7021 or by e-mail @ ercole@prodigy.net

TIM PETERSON - Will be in charge of the " **PIRATE DAYS COINS** " This year.

Prior to and after this there will be some fun filled events such as: **Pontoon Boat Tours, Poker run and Treasure Hunt for the kids ,Dragon Boat Rides, Vessel Saftey Checks and Child Saftey Vest Exchange Program.** All events are based around the lakes.

There is still the position of " Silent Auction Co-ordinator. If you are interested in either of these positions please contact **CHARLIE KEPNES.**

We will continue to update the newsletter weekly for news on **PIRATE DAYS** events also feel free to check the website

@ www.plkiwanis.org for news. Or visit us on Facebook.

REMINDERS:

Registration dates for discounts are drawing near, Reserve your seat for:

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**.

" CHASE YOUR SHADOW " (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 register 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.



George Derry & Chase



Esther Cole, Gene Cole, Al Grzeschik, Dana Roderick

NORTH AKRON KIWANIS CLUB: annual fundraiser, Night at the Races. MARCH 10TH, 2012 - 6:00PM

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!



LIST of DATES TO REMEMBER

HAVE YOU :

- ✓ **February 1st, 2012** Made your **reservations** for the Ohio District Growth Summit Dinner and Meeting @ The Civic Center. If not please contact **Al Grzeschik** or **Vicki Kepnes**. **Dinner is Being served at 6pm.**
- ✓ **February 8th 2012** Contacted **Larry Hunter** to **reserve** your place for the “ Presidents Day Dinner “ There are currently 18 presidents scheduled to attend.
- ✓ **February 10th -** Deadline for registration for “ Mid Year Education Day “
- ✓ **February 15th 2012** Marked your calendar for Dinner and Socialization at the “ **356 Bomber Squadron** in North Canton. Happy Hour 4-7pm Followed by dinner.
- ✓ **February 18th 2012** Made plans to attend and participate in the “**9th Annual Portage Lakes Polar Bear Jump** “
- ✓ **February 20th, 2012** Pirate Days meeting @ Library. Meeting starts @ 6:30pm.
- ✓ **February 22nd 2012** Marked your calendar to attend the meeting / committee meetings and hear the Guest Speaker Mr. Richard Davies.
- ✓ **February 29th 2012** Attend the Regular meeting and 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 .

EXTRA, EXTRA:

In an effort to spread the word on what wonderful work our Club does for the Community we will be leaving some extra newsletter and Kiwanis brochures on the tables at the Civic Center. Please feel free to invite your friends who maybe attending another meeting there to look at them.

Also check the bulletin board for lists of need items. And pictures of events.

We would also like to get into a regular basis every several months of having a “ Guest Speaker “ What would you like to hear more about? Please let us know. At this point we have several ideas but are interested in hearing from all of you on your ideas.