



THE COMMUNICATOR

District Euchre Tournament

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Back in October at the District 20 meeting hosted by Downtown Akron Kiwanis Club the decision was made to hold a Euchre Tournament. All monies collected would be donated to Kiwanis International Project Eliminate Fund.

With the holidays right around the corner the decision was made to hold this in February of 2014.

The tournament would be held at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Civic Center. And all clubs involved would try to secure baskets for the Silent Auction as well as individuals to participate in the Euchre Tournament.

Tickets were sold at \$ 30.00 per couple and \$ 15.00 per individual. Individuals not worry we would find you a partner all you had to do was get yourself to the event.

Last Saturday night – February 1st, 2014, There was a gathering of individual District 20 Kiwanis groups at the Civic Center on Portage Lakes Dr.

It is estimated that there were approximately 32 people in attendance from several different Kiwanis Clubs.

Kent, Stow, Barberton, Medina, Downtown Akron and Portage Lakes and joined together for a fun evening of cards, food, a Silent Auction and 50/50 raffle.

The Silent Auction Items went quickly and the 50/50 raffle was won by our own Sue Harding.

Each group was assigned a number from 1 to 16 and 8 round tables were set up around the room. If you and your partner were assigned an even number you would get up after each game and move on to the next table. All couples kept score, and noted whether they won or lost the game prior to leaving to go to the next table.

Each groups score totals whether they won or lost the game were tallied on a board at the side of the room until the end of the evening.

It didn't matter whether you won or lost the match it was your total

score at the end of the evening that determined the winner of the night.

We would like to Thank all who helped make this evening a success from Stow members to District members and our own Vicki Kepnes and Al Grzeschik for supplying the appetizers and drinks for the evening. And Portage Lakes Kiwanis Member Kerri Gleisinger for the deserts and cup cakes.

We are looking forward to hosting another Euchre Tournament sometime in the near future and hope that more clubs and their members will attend.

Special points of interest:

- WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR KEY CLUBS
- Upcoming events
- Valentines Candy

Magic City Kiwanis

It is almost Valentines Day and Magic City Kiwanis is selling Valentines Chocolates for \$ 15.00 small and \$ 25.00 for the large hearts. If you are interested in purchasing a sweet chocolate heart for your sweet heart. Please see either Vicki or Charlie Kepnes @ Akron Coin & Jewelry on Manchester Road.

Acme Receipts

For several years now we have collected Acme receipts from wherever we can. Starting on or around September 21st through February 5th each year on the bottom of your Acme receipt you will notice a section for "community cash back"

During the above mentioned times when this section shows a dollar amount Portage Lakes Kiwanis collects the receipts, provides a total amount and

once \$ 1,500.00 in community cash back dollars has been received they are sent in and Portage Lakes Kiwanis receives a certain portion of that money. Kiwanis in return filters this money through community events or donations back into the Portage Lakes Community.

As yesterday - February 5th, 2014 was the last day for the Community Cash Back

Program we are asking that every receipt you or a neighbor or friend might have be turned into Vicki Kepnes so she can finalize her totals and send everything in.

Remember to check all your receipts even dated back to September or October they can still be turned in. Thank you everyone for helping with this project and a Thanks to Vicki for running the project.

Presidents Dinner

In just a few short weeks we will be hosting the "President's Dinner" this dinner is put on by Portage Lakes Kiwanis to show support for our fellow Non Profit Organizations in the Portage Lakes Area. This will be the 4th year for this event. To date we have approximately 38 people attending. We are in the process of finalizing the dinner reservations so if you would like to attend please contact the Civic Center to place your reservation.

President's Day Dinner
February 19th, 2014
6:30 pm
Civic Center
725 Portage Lakes Dr.

The evening will consist of Dinner - cost \$ 10.00 each. Fellowship and a time to hear a brief summary of some of the local organizations and what they do. After the meeting should you have any questions or just want more information on a specific organization there will be a time where you can talk to the President's and find out more about them. Possibly commit to an organization that may be searching for volunteer's.

It's a terrific way to learn more about your community and the things going on within that community. Bring a friend, a cousin or other family member and join us for a few hours.

If interested please contact the Civic Center to place your reservation for the evening.

KIWANIS FAMILY

Please keep the following members and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they go through some trying times over the next several months:

Scott Shookman - Scott's surgery was on Tuesday and all went well. As of this evening he was in recovery and had a terrific attitude. Scott will spend approximately 10 - 14 days in the hospital before being sent home. Prior to his surgery he spent some time in Florida with family, until daughter Sarah went to Russia to cover the Olympics and was still running 3 miles per day as well as doing 100 pushups a day. Yesterday he was up walking 3 times and today will be moved to a regular room. When he returns home he will be in the wonderful care of his wife and daughter. Our prayers for a speed recovery are with you and the family Scott.

Judy Hunter - Judy had Chemo treatment on Tuesday but it is reported by husband Larry Hunter that other than being a little tired Judy was doing well and felling pretty will also. Judy our thoughts and prayers are with you also.

Bob Denglier - We have not had any recent updates on Bob but we pray that all is going well for himself and wife Helga. Keeping you in our daily prayers

BIRTHDAY'S – ANNIVERSARIES – CLUB ANNIVERSARIES
JANUARY

BIRTHDAY'S

ANNIVERSARIES

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Tom Varley Feb. 4th

Jay & Connie Feldman Feb. 4th

Jay Feldman 31 years

Bob Goff 24 years

Tom Burge 19 years

Vicki Kepnes 13 years

Jacob Grimm 13 years

Juanita Gehm 12 years

Drew Alexander 12 years

Phil Pinnow 7 years

Upcoming Portage Lakes Events

There is always something happening in the Portage Lakes Area and this year is no different. There has already been a Polar Bear Jump @ Dano's. And there will be another on in February at New State Park Swim Beach. You have the Classic Boat Show, Purple Martin Festival, and Purple Martin Boat Rides (*which by the way – Larry Hunter is already getting calls to purchase tickets for the boat ride. So if you are considering taking that boat ride make your reservations now with Larry.*)

And that is not all you have the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt, Dragon Dream Team Festival in addition to the Pirate Days Reverse Raffle/ Silent Auction and Kids Treasure Hunt, Celtic Beltane Festival May 18th. How about going to the lakes and watching the Portage Lakes Boat Parade or watching Fireworks with the family from the beach area at State Park Swim Beach. In addition to all that the local hot spots always have something going on like Upper Deck Hot Dog eating Contest/ Dunk Tank, Outdoor Music through the summer months at the Upper Deck, Howies on the Lake. There are Golf Tournaments, Quarter Auctions, Dano's Poker Run and more. Please watch the website and this newsletter as we are trying to make an effort to keep everyone updated on what is happening in our area. If we have missed anything

KEY CLUB NEWS

ELLET: Collected \$ 70.00 for UNICEF /Project Eliminate. They are also making crafts to raise money for Wounded Warriors. Last weekend they participated in a Craft Show. And the week of November 4th through 8th they dedicated to doing small but AWESOME things around the school such as collecting gifts for the “ Holiday Toy Room Program “

MANCHESTER: Participated in Rose Day Delivery—with the money that they earned helping deliver Roses they bought supplies and made up 75 lunches for “ Spring Time of Hope . “ The are currently searching “ dosomething.org “ for other service projects for the remainder of the year.

COVENTRY:

Please continue to watch this section for updated news about our Key Clubs.

GUEST SPEAKERS

We are trying to schedule having a Guest Speaker the 2nd Wednesday of each month. And we would like to have it be someone you are interested in hearing from. **Next Wednesday – February 12th, 2014 we will have a “ Mystery Guest Speaker at the Civic Center. Come join us and see who this speaker is.**

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If there is someone in particular you would like to hear speak at one of our regular Wednesday Night Meetings please contact **Jeff Goodwin** and Let him know.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 7th -- Deadline for Early Bird Discount on: Ohio Mid-Year Education Conference Registration

February 12th -- Regular Meeting / Committee Meetings

February 19th -- “ PRESIDENTS DINNER “

February 26th -- Regular Meeting / Board Meeting

March 8th -- Ohio Mid-Year Education Conference – Columbus, Oh

March 12th -- Membership Dinner

REMINDER TO ALL BOARD MEETINGS:

All Board Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

Please try to be in attendance as much as possible as the board needs your vote.

Membership Drive

On March 12th, 2014 we will be hosting a “ Membership Dinner “ at the Civic Center located @ 725 Portage Lakes DR.

Are you interested in getting out and doing more within the Portage Lakes Community, or maybe meeting new people. If so you are exactly what Portage Lakes Kiwanis is looking for.

If you would like to attend this meeting and find out what Kiwanis is all about please contact either the Civic Center or Larry Hunter @ 330-644-1540 and he will provide you with more details.

Bacher Funeral Home

Joe

