



We Build!

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PLK NEWSLETTER

President Frank Smith opened the meeting and led everyone in pledge of allegiance; and **Sue Harding** led us in singing "God Bless America", and **Tom Varley** offered the invocation. **Larry Hunter** welcomed all our guests to the First Annual Presidents' Day Community Organization Showcase.



This Week's Celebrations

Unfortunately we had no birthdays or anniversaries this week!

Club Activities

PLK Dues –Dues are now past due. There are only a few members we have not heard from and are in the process of contacting them. Please contact Treasurer, Charlie Kepnes if you would like to make arrangements to pay your dues. Installment payments can be accommodated, upon request. You can contact Charlie at charliekep@aol.com If you are NOT planning to renew your membership, please let us know as soon as possible for dues have been paid to Kiwanis International already, and once paid will not be refunded. Past Due Members have been suspended and given 30 days to pay up or be dropped as members per By-Laws. If you wish to make arrangements to make payments for your dues, you must contact **Charlie Kepnes, Treasurer, as soon as possible. (330-644-2646) there are still 5 unpaid members!!!**

Acme Community Cashback receipts are being collected by Sandy Engle and Vicki Kepnes. Sandy has just submitted over \$80 and Vicki submitted approximately \$35 more. We can still submit any receipts dated Feb. 20th and before, up until the beginning of March. PLK will earn money for your grocery purchases. Check all your receipts for the dollar amount on Community Cashback!!!! We still have a few more days to go!! Keep those receipts coming!!! Sandy will be submitting more this week!!

Happy Dollars 😊

Larry Hunter had three Happy Dollars, #1. For **Chuck Seeley** who not only introduced all of our guests for the program, he also set up and printed all of the programs for tonight. #2. Was for **Ken Gerstenslager**, from the Advisory Council who is in need of 12 volunteers to test the water in out Portage Lakes. #3. Was to welcome everyone to tonight's meeting!!

Lew Stamp was happy for the Friends of Portage Lakes “Chase your shadow” Walk/Run success and that after shoveling snow and chipping the ice, all the runners had a great time!!!

President Frank Smith thanked **Larry Hunter** for all his work in planning the program for tonight.

Sue Harding got to the eye doctor and after 55 years, she no longer needs glasses any more. She then shared a couple of **Joe Klope** jokes.

News in our Kiwanis Family

Scott Shookman updated us on Judi Cole, who had surgery and is recovering well, but will have to undergo chemotherapy and radiation. We all wish her well and will be praying for her speedy recovery.

Becki Cole sent another update on the Cape Coral Kiwanis and their projects. They have sent over 300 pounds of over the counter medication to Haiti with the help of President Sam Huber and others. They have adopted a children’s home there and try to help in any way. They have also taken over the financial care of an infant left in the trash at the home who has a brain problem. Sam has said he would pay for the care, so the home will take her in. He has named her Sarah, and doctors say she will not live long. It costs \$250 a month for her care and they have raised over \$2000 with donations. Tom and Bob Longworth, Glenn Breitenstine and Ted Cole had an interclub with the North Ft. Myers Kiwanis Club on Feb. 15th. They are also working with Kiwanis International to start a Key Club for Autistic Children. International is sending representatives to see how it will work and may start others in other areas. They are planning a 50th anniversary on April 20th with a western theme...more info later. Her new e-mail is becki1806@yahoo.com

Green Kiwanis is having a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Fundraiser on Friday March 11, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at Chenoweth Country Club. Call Jack at 330-896-2628 or e-mail cls5812@aol.com Cost is \$40.00 a person.

PRESIDENTS DAY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION SHOWCASE

Chuck Seeley introduced each of the organizations present and their president or chairperson spoke about what they did in the community. Groups represented were: Portage Lakes Historical Society, Warm Up Portage Lakes, Portage Lakes Rowing Association, Portage Lakes Disc Golf Association, Portage Lakes Advisory Council, Portage Lakes Community Council, Friends of Portage Lakes State Park, Portage Lakes Dog Park, Portage Lakes Purple Martin Association, Tudor House Commission, Portage Lakes Advisory Council-Water Monitoring and Testing, and our own Portage Lakes Kiwanis, Friends of the Library, Tammy’s Totes, Portage Lakes Polar Bear Club, and representative from Portage Lakes Calendars/Fundraiser. It was very interesting to see what wonderful support and what services are being done in our community. The turnout was great with over 45 in attendance. Many thanks to Lukity’s for a great Swiss steak dinner with super desserts, and excellent kitchen help from **Bonnie Smith, Betty Seeley** (Wife of **Chuck Seeley**) and **Charlie** and **Vicki Kepnes**, who all helped clean up and get all the trash out and **Charlie** even swept the carpet!!! **Vicki, Charlie** and **Larry Hunter** came early and helped set up tables, and **Steve Engle** and others who helped take down tables and stack chairs. Please see attached link or copy for the listings of groups here tonight and their contact information!!!

TAKE US OUT TO THE BALL GAME!!!

All members and guests, who would like to participate in the Akron Aeros Game Night Out on May 27, need to contact Al Grzeschik so that we can try to get 50 people which is the minimum to have a meal and game on that Friday night!! This would be a great night out. We have about 6 committed so far.

CORRESPONDENCE

Reminder: there will be a Division 20 Picnic hosted by Green Kiwanis on June 27th. We may be the host in September and will try to get the date changed to Wednesday if possible. More information and dates for Division meetings will be listed later.

Post These Dates!



- Feb. 23 **Regular & BOARD of Directors MEETINGS**
Surprise Dinner by Vicki
 - Feb. 26 **Polar Bear Jump @ Portage Lakes State Park**
 - March 2 **Regular Meeting/Lukity's dinner**
 - March 9 **Regular Meeting/Lukity's dinner**
 - March 12 **Mid-Year Education Day in Columbus**
Anyone interested in going with Sue Harding, please call.
 - March 16 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS. Regular Meeting/Lukity's dinner**
 - April 23 **Easter Egg Hunt**
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We have 2011 Portage Lakes Calendars. Tom Fry is selling them for \$5 each. They are also available at Akron Coin & Jewelry, Inc.