



# THE COMMUNICATOR

## Guest Speaker

Damsel in Defense

Kerri Gleisinger

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This week our Guest Speaker was:

Kerri Gleisinger

Damsels in Defense

Damsels in Defense is an new company to the area. Their mission is to empower women by providing them the necessary tools for defense.

We have to face the fact that society as a whole has changed in the last 10 – 15 years and we can no longer:

- 1) Leave our doors unlocked
- 2) Pick up hitchhikers

We must be aware at all times of:

- 1) Our Surroundings
- 2) Trust our gut instincts
- 3) Travel in numbers

Basically listen to all the things that our mothers preached to us while we were growing up.  
**BE AWARE BE PREPARED**

Damsel in Defense not only sells products like stun guns, and pepper spray. They also have roadside emergency kits called “ Junk in the trunk “ this kit is equipped with

water, snack bars, deck of cards, jumper cables, warming blanket and more.

There stun guns have wrist bands so that you can easily carry the item and sometimes just by setting it off the sound will deter a potential threatening person. If this person was able to get the stun gun from you once it is pulled away and the pin is pulled out it is disabled to the potential attacker is unable to turn and use it against you.

They also teach women some basic self defense skills.

The thumb is the weakest point of any grip.

Sing = Stomach

Instep

Noise

Groin.

If you feel you are being followed do not panic, do not keep walking turn on your heel and shout “ Why are you following me? “ First it will catch the potential attacker off guard. No need to worry about what those around you are

thinking when you do this. More than likely you will never see any of them again. And the most important factor is you may just have warded off a potential threat to your life.

There is so much more to go over about self defense for woman traveling alone or even in a group, teenagers and basically everyone that it would take this entire newsletter and more to educate everyone.

Please take precautions and protect yourself and those your love.

Visit the Damsel in Defense website at [www.mydamselpro.net/KerriG](http://www.mydamselpro.net/KerriG) or contact Kerri via e-mail @

[Kagleisinger@gmail.com](mailto:Kagleisinger@gmail.com)

Trust me this is an exciting new products that you don't want to miss out on.

### Special points of interest:

- Purple Martin Organization
- Upcoming events
- Valentines Candy

### Purple Martin Association

Exciting news for the Portage Lakes area. Larry Hunter has been informed that a bill is now in front of congress in Columbus, Ohio to make Portage Lakes the “ Purple Martin Capitol of Ohio “ Once it goes through this process Larry will need to travel to Columbus and go in front of the board with letters of endorsement for this bill to pass. If you own a business in the Portage Lakes and are willing to endorse this bill via a written letter please contact: Larry Hunter @ 330-644-1540. Larry will be able to give you details on what the letter should contain and when he will need them by. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Acme Receipts

Vicki Kepnes is in the final stages of turning in Acme Receipts with Community Cash back dollars listed on the bottom. The last day that they were on the receipts was February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. She can turn in all receipts up until March 1<sup>st</sup>. To date she has collected \$ 3,579.75 in community cash back dollars. So check all your tapes from purchases up thru February 8<sup>th</sup> and get them to Vicki.

### Healthy Kiwanis Food Drive

We are currently participating in the " Healthy Kiwanis, Healthy Community " food drive.

*What is this you ask?*

From now thru March 5<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting non perishable food and supplies.

The items collected will be distributed to communities through out Ohio who are in need of food in their pantry's.

These pantry's help to supply food to needy families in communities throughout ohio.

To date we have collected approximately 2 boxes of non perishable food.

It can be any type of non perishable food or product. Example: toilet paper, shampoo, dish soap, body soap ect.

There is a group of Portage Lakes Kiwanians who will be traveling to Columbus on March 8<sup>th</sup> for the Mid year convention and they will take all collected items with them.

Please drop off any times you get to: PLK Civic Center @ 725 Portage Lakes Dr.

## Presidents Dinner

This coming Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 is 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 4<sup>th</sup> year for this event. Thank you in advance to all the Presidents of organizations for confirming you will be attending the evenings celebration. And to all other individuals for their confirmations also.

President's Day Dinner  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### 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. He has been moved out of the ICU and is in a regular room. They have him walking four times a day. And inbetween that he is trying to get some rest but we all know how hospitals can be. Today they are hoping to start him on a liquid diet and then possible he will be home next week. Once home he will have 4 weeks of rest and then 3 months of Chemo Therapy. Let's continue to keep Scott and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

**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**

February

BIRTHDAY'S

Tom Varley Feb. 4th  
 Kerri Gleisinger Feb 8th  
 Bob Goff Feb 28th

ANNIVERSARIES

Jay & Connie Feldman Feb. 4th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jay Feldman 31 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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:** They bought supplies and are still supplying lunches for “ Spring Time of Hope . “ They are also collecting for “ Jean Drive “ which provides blue jeans to needy children and teenagers

**COVENTRY:**

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

**Membership Drive**

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.  
 We have already had names turned in to invite people to this special dinner. Please submit your names to Mr. Hunter as soon as possible.  
 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.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

We are trying to schedule having a Guest Speaker the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. And we would like to have it be someone you are interested in hearing from. **Next Wednesday – February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 we will have a “ Mystery Guest Speaker at the Civic Center. Come join us and see who this speaker is.**  
 SO.....  
 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 19th -- “ PRESIDENTS DINNER “
- February 26<sup>th</sup> -- Regular Meeting / Board Meeting
- March 8<sup>th</sup> -- Ohio Mid-Year Education Conference – Columbus, Oh
- March 12<sup>th</sup> -- Membership Dinner
- March 13<sup>th</sup> -- Pirates on the Lake Meeting 6:30pm Civic Center

**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.



# Bacher Funeral Home

Joe

