



The COMMUNICATOR

“ WE BUILD ”

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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. ” Followed by the Invocation for tonight’s meal given by **DEBBIE RUBINO**.

GUESTS

Richard Davies – MARATHON RUNNER

BIRTHDAYS

Bob goff - February 28th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jay Feldman - 29 years of service

Tom berg – 26 years of service

Vicki Kepness & Jacob Grimm – 11 years of service



SUE HARDING: \$1 That she is now able to park in her garage. 2nd for the lovely picture of the cove in her neighborhood that Lou Stamps took and was posted in the Suburbanite. And for this evenings guest being announced in the Suburbanite.

DALE DIETZ \$1 -Thanks to Scott Shookman, Dana Roderick and Nick Carruthers for doing the Polar Bear Jump last Saturday and for all those who came to support them.

CHARLIE KEPNES: \$1 - That Vicki is getting over her sinus infection, 2nd for those who did the Polar bear jump and for the beautiful Spring Day.

LARRY HUNTER: \$1 - For the great turn out at the Presidents Day dinner.

FRANK SMITH: \$1 - For all those who participated in the Polar Bear Jump.

JEFF GOODWIN: \$1 That Mr. Davies accepted his invitation to speak at the meeting.

DR. PHIL PINNOW: \$1 That after 7 weeks his wife has received her last Chemo treatment and is doing well.

TONIGHT'S SPEAKER

Tonight we were joined by Mr. Richard Davies who was picked to run the “ Marathon des Sables 2012 ” which means “ Marathon of the Sands. ” is being held in the Sahara Dessert, April 6th thru 16th. Mr. Davies gave a wonderful presentation he himself is running to raise money for an organization called “ The upside of Downs ” . We were provided with handouts about the race, and what he will need to carry with him. He also shared with us the things he is doing in advance to prepare for the race. We look forward to inviting him back once the race is over to share his experience.

KIWANIS FAMILY

BOB LONGWORTH – Sent a card letting us know that he is doing well and is staying busy. But has not left for Florida yet. Please continue to send cards and letters to Bob @ Amherst Meadows , 1610 1st St NW, Apt 523, Massillon, Oh 44646

FRANK SMITH: Would like to send a special “ Thank you “ out to all who helped clean up the Kitchen on Wednesday night. It was a very busy evening and he appreciates everything you did.

CLUB & COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

YCP1 - is still collecting for “ **Tammy’s Totes.** ” . Please remember to bring a donation to each Wednesday *Night meeting that you attend.* Other 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.**

1st LADY’S BACKPACK PROJECT: Please turn in all donated items by **Wednesday March 29th, 2012.** This will be the last meeting at the Civic Center prior to Sue, Jeff, Frank and Bonnie leaving to attend the **MID-YEAR EDUCATION DAY** in Columbus and they will be packing everything up to take with them and turn in.

SUE HARDING; Please turn in all the old Kiwanis apparel that you have and are no longer wearing as they will be taking these Items to Columbus with them. The items will be put in the “ Kiwanis Family Store “ and sold for a donation. All monies raised will be put into the “ Elimination Fund. “

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Will be meeting at the Civic Center on Sunday February 26th from 1pm – 3pm. We will be joined by Carol Eubanks, she is researching for a June article in the Suburbanite on past and present Water Events that occurred in or around the Portage Lakes area. The doors are open for anyone who has information on “ The History of Kiwanis in Portage Lakes “ or would just like to help gather information.

SOCIAL EVENTS

AL GRZESCHIK - We will be meeting @ “ **The Wine Barrel** “ located @ 7901 Main St., Canton @ . 6:30pm. Please bring a small dish to share with everyone. There are a variety of Wines and Beers to sample and also soda.

LARRY HUNTER: Membership Drive Dinner is being held **March 14th, 2012** @ The Civic Center, Time: 6:30pm. **Reservations** are required. Please contact **Larry Hunter** to confirm that you will be attending. We encourage everyone to bring a friend. For those bringing someone with them please provide **Larry** with their name and address in advance as he would like to send them a formal invitation.

AL GRZESCHIK - AERO’S OUTING – to be held Friday **June 8th, 2012.** This is a Fireworks night at the Aero’s Stadium and they play Altoona curve (Pirate) from the Western Division. The cost per ticket is \$ 7.00 , tickets ordered after **April 8th, 2012** will cost \$ 10.00 each and will be paid for at the gate. Game start time is 7:05 pm. Anyone interested please contact Al.



PIRATE DAYS

We will be hosting the second annual “ *Pirate Days Reverse Raffle/ Silent Auction* “ this event will be held at “**Prime 93,** on **July 21st, 2012** . The doors will open at 5:30 pm with Festivities beginning at 6:00 pm.

TICKETS ARE CURRENTLY ON SALE *PLEASE CONTACT:*

ESTHER COLE @ PHONE: 330-414-7021 or by e-mail @ ercole275@att.net (*Please* note the change in e-mail address.) to get your Grub ticket for only \$ 35.00 or Grub + Raffle Ticket for \$ 100.00 or invite your friends and family to join you in what promises to be a fun filled evening and purchase a Table for 8 @ \$ 345.00.

PHOTO’S

Please contact or e-mail **CHUCK SEELEY** if you have any photo’s from last year’s “ Pirate Days “ events. He will be going through anything he receives looking for pictures to put on this years posters. He is accepting any and all phot;s from last year’s events. They can be sent via e-mail in pdf , jpeg or any format.

This weekend will be filled with events such as: **Pontoon Boat Tours, Poker run and Treasure Hunt for the kids ,Dragon Boat Rides, Vessel Safety Checks and Child Safety Vest Exchange Program.** All events are based around the lakes. 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:

Early Bird registration deadline extended, 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 **March 20th, 2012: 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. Registration fees will be more if you are not registered by the **20th of March.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| February 29 th 2012 | Regular Meeting /BOARD MEETING |
| March 6 th 2012 | Primary Election Day - 4 Precincts here at Civic Center. |
| March 7 th 2012 | Social at the Wine Barrel, 7901 Main St, Canton Ohio 6:30 pm
Round Table, sign in. |
| March 10 th , 2012 | Mid - Year Education Day @ Northpointe Conference Center in Columbus
North Akron Kiwanis Night at the Races @ United Church of Christ
Social hall - 1580 E. main St, Akron. |
| March 14 th , 2012 | Membership Drive, Bring a Friend, Dinner at 6:30 pm, Cost : \$ 10
St. Patrick's Day menu. Special Guest Div. 20 Lt. Gov. Pam Daerr. |
| March 21 st , 2012 | Regular Meeting - Speaker Jeff Houck - Habor Lite Hospice Care - who will be speaking to us on the " Myth's of Hospice "
Committee Meetings. |
| March 28 th , 2012 | Regular Meeting / BOARD MEETING |

All members Please turn in updated phone#, address & e-mail address information to **Sue Harding** so she can update the member brochure.

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

