

**Portage
Lakes
Kiwanis**

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Special points of interest:

- What's happening in Your Community?
- Have you joined a committee yet
- Saying of the week.

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Club Membership

The February 20th meeting was dedicated to Presidents of local Non Profit Organizations , and learning more about what they do within our community.

This coming week March 6th, 2013 we are holding a " **Membershp Dinner** . "

Portage Lakes Kiwanis is a club with a lot of history in the community. This dinner is a chance to learn about the inside workings of the club by people who are current members of the club.

You will hear from individuals on how they became members : for example back in the early years some were recruited by a current member of the club coming to your place of business and inviting you. Several members started in High school with the Key Clubs and transitioned to the Kiwanis after graduation. And are not only members but still take involvement with the Key Clubs and will share their story with us.

We have long time members who not only sit on several different committee' s but also fill in for several of the Officer posi-

tions when the person has to be away from a Wednesday night meeting.

Past Presidents will share their experiences with us on being president, Scholarship program and what personal enrichment they have received since becoming a member.

You will hear about community involvement whether it is on a one on one basis or by networking with other Local Community Organizations and providing volunteers for their different functions as well as their members coming to help out the Kiwanis.

This club has many different committees such as Young Children, Priority One, Historical (reviewing the history of Portage Lakes Kiwanis) Civic Center, Membership, Public Relations, Scholarships, Laws & Regulations. We are also sponsors of the Senior Towers and work in accordance with the Local Key Clubs which you will hear from their advisors on the 6th

of March.

As most people know our long standing traditions are Santa Delivery, Rose Day and the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. Several years ago the club added an new event called " Pirate Days " very appropriate considering we live around the lakes. There is a Treasure Hunt, Silent Auction/Reverse Raffle and more. This event is fu for the entire family and the volunteers who work it.

We participate in outings on meeting nights so that there is a couple hours of down time to just socialize and have a good time.

I could go on for page after page about this club.

But why not take a few hours next Wednesday Evening and join us. Are you a current member who hasn ' t been to a meeting in awhile? Bring a friend, neighbor or relative and join us at the Civic Center. Do you know someone that this might seem interesting to—send

them to the Civic Center let them hear for their selves one on one and see if anything draws their interest. In this huge family that is here to help make this a community to be proud to

live in. Please contact : Mr. Larry Hunter @ 330-644-1540 and let him know if you are able to attend and or bring a guest. We would like to get all reservations by no later than Monday March 4th, 2013.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday— March 6th, 2013 @ 6 : 3pm at the Civic Center located at 725 Portage lakes Drive.

UPCOMING KIWANIS EVENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Location: Portage Lakes State Park—Tudor House

Date: March 30th, 2013

Time: 10:00 am

The Easter Bunny and his helpers will again this year hide his eggs through out the grounds of the Tudor House in New Franklin.

Set up for this event will begin at 9:00 am. We are again expecting “ Gasp “ to attend and provide “ Kid Identity Kits “ for families, Camp Y-Noah will have their Bounce House available. Balloon Pop and Con-cession stand along with many other fun activities..

And lets not forget the Easter Bunny will make an appearance. The individual age appropriate egg hunts will start at approximately “ Noon . “ So don’t be late, bring the children, grand children and neighbors for this time honored tradition Easter Weekend.

ON GOING PROJECTS

Project Eliminate - With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year.

Portage Lakes Kiwanis joined the campaign several weeks ago by starting the “ BABY BOTTLE “ project . It’s simple and takes virtually no time. Obtain your baby bottle from either **Vicki Kepnes** or **Jeff Goodwin**. Clean out your cars and ladies how about the bottom of those purses?? Drop your spare change into the bottle. Once the bottle is full turn it in and get another bottle. Every \$1.60 of change that you drop into the bottle will save one Mother and her unborn child.

To date we have collected approximately \$ 400.00 which is well on our way to the \$ 1,200.00 goal that we set for our club.

Pirate Days

Are just around the corner. For the Third year Pirate days will be held the Third week-end in July. Arrgghhh mark your calendars for the kick off to “ Pirate Days “ on July 19th, 2013 with the Silent Auction / Reverse Raffle. Tickets for this event are available now all you need to do is contact one of the **Keptnes Pirates (Vicki & Charlie)** to obtain your tickets.

On Saturday July 20th, 2013 will hold the “ Kids Treasure Hunt @ Portage Lakes State Park Swim Beach. Dress the kids for the pirate contest, Walk the Plank, create a Pi-rate Hat, Dig for Buried Treasure and much more.

Follow the newsletter and website for more fun events through this fun filled weekend. It is definitely a weekend you won’t want to miss.

LOCAL NEWS

We all know that preventing Bullying and falling into the wrong crowd for teenagers is an on going tough project.

But several individuals in our area are stepping up to the plate and would like your help.

Several of the local teachers at Coventry Middle School are taking their own time to help sponsor a Promo event called “ Anti—virus .” This event is to help local children who may not necessarily be taking the right path make better choices.

Page 4 of this newsletter is a flyer on this event. The attached flyer will give you a brief description on what this program hopes to accomplish.

There is also information with date , time and location on where they will be holding an informal gathering to explain the program and what it entails.

If you are interest please view the flyer and try to attend the meeting.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, CLUB ANNIVERSARIES, KEY CLUB NOTES

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Birthday's

Anniversaries

Club Anniversaries

TOM BURGE 30 YEARS

VICKI KEPNES 12 YEARS

JACOB GRIMM 12 YEARS

KEY CLUB NEWS

ELLET

PLK Advisor Mr Jerry Schropp - This group of kids will be manning the Red buckets during the upcoming Holiday's at Acme, on Edgewood Dr. in Ellet.

COVENTRY

PLK Advisor's - Jon & Cass Freeman

MANCHESTER

PLK Advisor - Scott Shookman

President— Brooke Lowry

Secretary— Katie Adkins

Advisor— Brad Johnson

KIWANIS FAMILY

Charlie Kepnes: Is well on his way to a full recovery. We were very glad that he attended tonight's meeting. Keep up the good work Charlie.

Kids Corner

Everyday we should all take time out of our day to smile, wave or say an encouraging word to someone. You never know how a few cheerful words can brighten someone's day especially a child:

**BELIEVE IT—AND YOU'LL
ACHIEVE IT**

It only takes a minute

KIWANIS BANNER

If you hadn't notice the banner that hung inside the club describing all the major activities Kiwanis sponsors within our community has been missing!!!!!! Well several weeks ago **Mr. Chuck Seeley** made a new banner for the club listing all the previous (continuing) activities and the new activities that we participate in. So make sure you take a look at it. We also had several members that wanted to know if they could get a smaller version of the banner to hang in the window or on a wall at their place of business. **Mr Seeley** has now made that available to us also. By using the link below which will be available on the website you will be able to print your own banners in any size you desire—8 x10, 10 x 13 or even an 11 x 14 if you choose. Our sincere thanks to Chuck for his work on this project and making it available to all of us.



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OPEN OFFICER POSITIONS

As we have announced in previous meetings our current **President Elect Mr. Jeff Goodwin** will be stepping up to the position of "**President of Portage Lakes Kiwanis**" in October of 2013.

Congratulations Jeff

In May of 2013 we will be holding open nominations for **Jeff's** current position of **President Elect**.

Some of the duties for this position include but are not limited to— running weekly meetings when the President is unable to attend, getting to know the inter workings, rules and regulations of the Kiwanis Club. Communicating with club members and committee's on different projects as well as reaching out to the community.

There will be some off site meetings that need to be attend. As well as the personal growth you will retain from this position.

If you would like to know more information about this position or are interested in being nominated please contact one of the following members:

Frank Smith—Past President, Al Grzeschik—Current President or Jeff Goodwin—current President Elect.

Dates to Remember

- March 6th Membership Drive
- March 9th Mid year Education day— Columbus, Ohio
- March 13th Regular Meeting / Stuff Eggs
- March 20th Regular Meeting/ Committee Stuff Eggs
- March 27th Regular Meeting/ Board Meeting
- March 28th Pirates on the Lake Meeting 6:30pm
Civic Center
- March 30th EASTER EGG HUNT— Tudor House
PL State Park. Time: Noon
- March 31st HAPPY EASTER
- April 16th Div 20 meeting—Sponsored By PLK
Bellacino's—Stow, Ohio
- April 17th MAPS Air Museum 6 pm
Cost: \$ 10.00

Reminder:

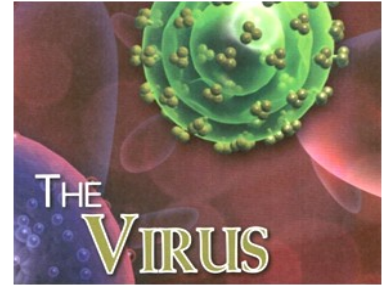
To all Board Members

All Board Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month. Please try to be in attendance as much as possible

Just as a reminder this please let us know if there is something you would like to see in this newsletter. We try to write it up with the most informative information like events, dates times of things happening in our area. We are always open to suggestions and would like to know exactly what you would like to read about. Please e-mail the address on the bottom of page one.

Memo to: All 4th-8th Grade Teachers who want to...

- » have a positive impact on your students.
- » prepare your students for more than just the Big Test!
- » help your students make wise decisions.



Bad behavior in our classrooms is like an insidious virus. We now have a viral epidemic of massive proportions that if left unchecked **WILL** destroy the remaining moral fabric of our schools and communities. Somehow we need to eliminate those negative, hurtful and even dangerous thoughts, actions and habits of our students that pervade every classroom these days. This virus has many names like:

- Wasting time
- Lying
- Cheating
- Addiction to Video Games
- Drugs
- iPhone Pornography
- Bullying: Physical, Verbal & **Social Media!!**

Unfortunately, there is not silver bullet to fix all these and many more.

But we just might have the next best thing!! It is called **Anti-Virus** and it

is designed to teach young people principles and values for living a successful life of influence. Through nine or ten 40 minute sessions once a week, we are seeing major changes in many stu-



dent's attitudes, even including some who were on the bullying side of the school. The atmosphere of entire schools is changing as more and more students are

"infected with & spread"
the **Anti-Virus**.

The "Anti-Virus" Program has helped to bridge peer and clique related gaps among poor students. They engaged in self-reflection regarding the values and principles. As a result, we have seen much personal growth and better decision-making from students who have habitually made poor decisions.

Tina Norris, Principal,
Coventry Middle School

Want to learn more?

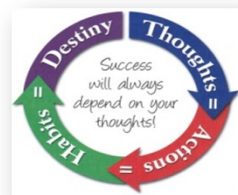
What: **Anti-Virus Promo Event** by author, Tanya Miller of Dover, OH

1. **Where:** Coventry Middle School, 3257 Cormany Rd., Akron, OH 44319

When: Thur., March 14 at 3:30pm **Cost:** FREE, includes dinner

Information: Call Bruce Lyman, 330-612-7775

Also check out the website, antivirusyouth.com



After 16 years in the classroom, it seemed like something was missing. I hadn't become a teacher so I could merely help kids pass a test. I wanted to have a meaningful impact on my students that goes beyond the textbook. When I was introduced to the Anti-Virus program, it seemed like just the tool I needed. The lunch period I spend with a group of students exploring principles and values that are important to all we do is the best part of my week. Better yet, my kids look forward to the time as well and are anxious to make their school a better place. Anti-Virus is now a permanent part of what I do and how I relate to others.

Richard Dudley, 8th Grade Science Teacher

Learning about the historical mentors each week was really neat. I really enjoyed making new friends and learning about being kind to each other. I also need to look for people that need help.

6th Grader, Coventry Middle School