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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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Easter Egg Hunt

If you had the chance to see the inside of the Civic Center last night I am sure that you saw what I saw. Oh yes "EASTER is well under way in the Portage Lakes community.

Along with our regular meeting & dinner. Our fellowship time was spent with current members of the club as well as potential new members.

We were also joined by some members of the **Coventry Key Club (Kiwanis Advisors— Jon & Cass Freeman)**.

The **Manchester Key Club (Kiwanis Advisors Scott Shookman & Sam Reynolds)**

And this year for the first time **Ellet key Club members (Kiwanis Advisor—Mr. Jerry Schrop)** also joined in to help stuff eggs.

And believe me there were eggs and candy everywhere.

All in all there were approximately 6,000 eggs stuffed with different kinds of candy

On **Saturday March 30th, 2013** around 9:30 am we will begin spreading the eggs over the **Tudor House** (located in New Franklin State Park) grounds.

We encourage everyone to come and join in the fun. Just join us Saturday Morning to

volunteer and watch the surprised looks on the children's faces.

Camp Y Noah will be setting up the Bounce House. **GASP** will set up their Tent. As well as Kiwanis members setting up for the Balloon Pop (**Sponsored by Gehm & Sons**) the Concession stand , prize tables and many more surprises & fun games.

A special Thanks to Connie Nagy for her organization of this project & everyone who helped last night.

ELLET KEY CLUB



MANCHESTER KEY CLUB

KIWANIS MEMBERS



COVENTRY KEY CLUB



A SPECIAL Thank you to Mr. Jeff Goodwin & Mr. Larry Hunter and to the members of the Membership Committee. Last weeks meeting was a huge success.

Speakers Cass Freeman, Larry Hunter, Sue Harding, Scott Shookman, Frank Smith and Al Grzeschik provided current club members and potential club members with some very valuable information.

“ Purses are like Friends “

This special Luncheon is being held: Tuesday—April 16th @ Fairlawn Country Club.

Prior to that date collect those un used new or gently used purses and donate them. There is a list of donation drop off locations on the attached flyer of this newsletter.

All donated purses , totes, wallets or beach bags must be turned in by April 1st, 2013. They will be either Sold or Auctioned off at the luncheon. With the proceeds of this project being donated to benefit:

“ Children’s Hospital “

What a better way to give than to donate.

KIWANIS EVENT REMINDERS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Location: Portage Lakes State Park—Tudor House

Date: March 30th, 2013

Time: 10:00 am

Rumor in the Portage Lakes area is that the Easter Bunny is already hard at work getting volunteers to stuff Easter Eggs. So get your baskets ready for the

Portage Lakes Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt

Set up for this event will begin at 9:00 am. We are expecting “ Gasp “ to attend and provide “ Kid Identity Kits “ for families, Camp Y-Noah will have their Bounce House available. Balloon Pop and Concession 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

ON GOING PROJECTS

Project Eliminate - DID YOU KNOW THAT: Every nine minutes, an infant dies from neonatal tetanus. That short lifetime is marked by pain, robbing a mother of the chance to provide even the comfort of her touch.

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 divided by \$ 1.60 is approximately 250 lives saved. What a great feeling it is to know you have saved a life by just cleaning out the bottom of your purse. So everyone join this cause, get that baby bottle and help us reach that goal of \$ 1,200.00.

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 Portage Lakes Pirates Esther Cole @ 330-414-7021 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 Pirate 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

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

Birthday's

Sue Harding - March 14th
Joni Murgatroyd - March 19th

Anniversaries

Club Anniversaries

CYNDI WEAVER 5 YEARS

KIWANIS BANNER

The new Kiwanis Banner is finished and ready to hang proudly in our club. **Thanks to Mr. Chuck Seeley** we also have the opportunity to print smaller copies of this banner that can be hung at your place of business or where ever you choose. Please view the website at www.plkiwanis.org and click on the link below to get your copy.



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KIWANIS FAMILY

Continued Thoughts and Prayers for **Charlie & Vicki Kepnes**. That Charlie will continue to progress with the healing of his Knee surgery and that they will both "Get Well Soon" from the Cold and Flue symptoms they have/

Reminder: Skip a meal project is coming up the last week in April. We would like to hear what you want to do for this years project.

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

We are still searching for someone who would like to take on the duties of **President Elect**. In the past we have had members like: **Mr. Sam Reynold, Mr. Scott Shookman, Mr Tom Burge , Mr. Tom Varly & Ms. Rosanne Mihaly as well Mr. Jim Harding. Sue Harding** our current secretary was involved with a lot (as she mentioned at the membership meeting) when her husband **Jim Harding** was **President Elect**. as well as the other positions he held and committee's he was involved with. I am sure she can provide helpful information on the duties , as well as what rewards not only you will receive but the community receives from the President Elect position

If you would like more information please contact one of the members below or Sue for questions on this position. **Not sure it is a position for you?** Maybe you know someone within the club who would be perfect for the position. If so please see Al, Jeff or Frank and let them know your thoughts.

KEY CLUB NEWS

MANCHESTER

PLK Advisor - Scott Shookman/
Sam Reynolds

President— Brooke Lowry

Secretary— Katie Adkins

Advisor— Brad Johnson

ELLET

PLK Advisor Mr Jerry Schrop - 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

Kindness & Thinking of Others

Several months ago the wife of a member and previous editor of this newsletter Polly Price shared with me something she obtained at a meeting. It was called " Ten Nice Things to tell a child. " As I am always looking for ideas and things to make this newsletter interesting, something people will want to read - I decided to start posting one saying each week in the newsletter and dedicated a small section just for that purpose.

Last night at our weekly meeting I sat back for a moment and watched what everyone was doing. There were so many people there helping . It made me realize that though we are very good at Thanking the many people who help out with various functions like Santa Delivery, Rose Day, Haunted Hay Ride and so on. And though I don't think it is intentional we seem to forget about the people who do the behind the scene work. And just what it takes out of their individual daily lives to do the things they do. So this week I am going to change it up a little and send out a -

" We appreciate all you do!"

To: Bonnie Smith & Vicki Kepnes & - for the weekly dinners and clean up. To: Vicki Kepnes and Polly Price & Tim Peterson for all the help you have given me on the newsletter. To: Dale Dietz & Al Grzeschik for the pictures you take for me. And Chuck Seeley your help with advertisements and brochures. To: Larry Hunter, Frank Smith & Chuck Seeley for the Wednesday Nights that you sit at the front table and collect dinner money and sell 50/50 tickets. To: ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS Thank you for all you do for this community. If I have forgotten anyone please forgive me there is so much work that is done behind the scenes that it I would be writing for days, But we do appreciate all of you.

Dates to Remember

- 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: **9am - 1 pm** volunteers
Egg Hunt Events: 10:30 - 1 pm
- March 31st HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE
- 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