



The COMMUNICATOR

“ WE BUILD ”

PLK WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 21st, 2012

Dana Roderick, Editor

PRESIDENT – FRANK SMITH – Opened the meeting by leading us in the “Pledge of Allegiance.” **SUE HARDING** – Lead us in the song of the night “I’m Looking over a Four Leaf Clover.” And the INVOCATION BY: **SUE HARDING**

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

CYNDY WEAVER - 4 YRS

GUESTS

Jeff Houck, Lisa Giger, Maria & Erich Licht, Rick Tew, RC Norris, Betty Freiss .

Two of our guests this evening were Maria & Erich Licht the hosts the website: PortageLakesCommunity.com. Maria gave us a brief overview of an event they have coming up. Please take a minute to view the website it has pictures, upcoming events and other information about our community.

HAPPY DOLLARS

CHARLIE KEPNES – 1ST – That the furnace man was able to put out the fire in the furnance.. **JEFF GOODWIN** - Thanking all of our guests for coming tonight. **VICKI KEPNES** - Thanking Charlie for helping her out of the mud. **JEFF HOUCK** – That he had a great St. Patrick’s Day. **SUE HARDING** – That her daughter Becky who lives in St. Louis with her family have bought a new bigger house.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our Guest Speaker for this evening was: **MR. JEFF HOUCK - HARBOR LIGHT HOSPICE** - Jeff spoke on the “Myths of Hospice.” Jeff gave a very informative presentation. Hospice started in England in the 60’s and came to the United States in the late 80’s. Not only do they provide for the patient but they are there for the families as well. He informed us of the different levels of care. Hospice also provides many of the necessary compnents such as beds, wheelchairs, medications, ect. that are necessary for the patient to be comfortable at home. They also have a toll free number for members of the patients family to call when they have questions. There were many questions asked and he cleared up a lot of the misconceptions about hospice that many of us had. Our club and it’s member really appreciate him taking time from his day to come and speak with us.

KIWANIS FAMILY

Celebration of the Life of Mr. Larry Yothers: Is being held at the Civic Center, 725 Portage Lakes Drive. On Saturday April 7th, 2012 from 3pm to 5pm. Please bring your memories and stories of Larry to share with his Family and many friends.

CLUB & COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

YCP1 - This is the last week to collect for “ Tammy’s Totes.” . Please remember to bring a donation to the Civic Center by Wednesday **March 28th, 2012**

PUBLIC RELATIONS - has been working on several different things. Last week they had PW Design by Preston Walker create a window decal with the website on it. Each committee members purchased one and will be putting them on their cars. There were also several ordered this evening. Please contact Dana Carruthers if you are interested in making a purchase. **Cost: \$ 5.00.** Our main goal at this time is to find ways to get the word

out into the community . We have several ideas in the works to encourage people to want to hear more about what the Kiwanis are all about. And they can do that by: visiting us at the Civic Center any Wednesday night, viewing the website or finding us on Facebook.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Is only **2** short weeks away. Press releases have been sent to the local papers. It being held at the: **Tudor House** in New Franklin on Saturday April 7th, 2012. Festivities will start @ 10:00am with Bounce House from Camp Y-Noah, Balloon Pop , New Franklin Fire Department, Gasp – to provide “ Free “ identity kits for the children. Egg Hunt will start promptly @ **Noon** and will be divided into age groups for 0-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9 and up. We will be stuffing Easter Eggs after our regular Wednesday Night meeting on March 28th, 2012 at the Civic center please feel free to join us for the meeting, dinner and some fun afterwards.

Volunteer's - Please arrive at the Tudor House at 8:45am on April 7th to help set up. Thank you.

SOCIAL EVENTS

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. All 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 ON SALE NOW *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 year's poster. He is accepting any and all photos 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:

FUNDRAISERS: **Dragon Boat Dream Team** – Will be holding a fund raiser on **April 14th, 2012**. This event is being held at St Joseph's Church on West Exchange in Akron, It is a casual B/W event. There will be a Silent Auction/Reverse Raffle, entertainment, open bar. The tickets are \$ 40.00 each or you can purchase an entire table.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: - Please turn in a list of your committee's to **SUE HARDING** this list should include all members names within each committee.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 26 th , 2012	Pirate Day Meeting - 6:30 pm, Civic Center
March 28 th , 2012	Regular Meeting / BOARD MEETING, STUFFING EASTER EGGS
April 4 th , 2012	Regular meeting, GUEST SPEAKERS - Sheriff Brian Cutlip & Mike Jones along with the K-9 dogs. They will be speaking on training & working with the dogs.
April 7 th , 2012	EASTER EGG HUNT @ Tudor House Volunteers - Please arrive promptly at 8:45 am to help with set up. Festivities : 10am - 1pm (with Egg Hunt starting at NOON) Celebration of Life "Larry Yothers " 3 - 5 PM Civic Center
April 11 th , 2012	Regular meeting, Guest Speaker "Debbie Reiss " from GASP
April 14 th , 2012	Dragon Dream Team Fundraiser, Casual B/W event. Place St. Joseph Church, West Exchange, tickets \$ 40 ea or purchase a table.
April 18 th , 2012	Regular meeting, and Committee Meetings
April 21 st , 2012	Kiwanis One Day Project.

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 .*

Also feel free to check web @ www.plkiwanis.org which has this newsletter in addition to a calendar listing future guest speakers and other events, and photo's.

*Or find us on **Facebook***

