

**Portage
Lakes
Kiwanis**

**The
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**Birthdays
anniversaries club**

Spring Edition

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President Elect Position

It's the beginning of April with only one short month before nominations for the open position of " President Elect " will need to be turned in.

Have you thought about whether this is a position for yourself? Or if you know someone you think would fit perfectly into this position?

Any questions on what the duties of the President Elect involve?

Well let's see if we can answer just a few of those questions without you even having to ask.

First the President Elect position is next in line to be President of our Kiwanis Club. He or she will take over the Presidency once the current President retires in October of

2013. The position runs from October to October of the following year. While in this position you will be learning the ins and outs of the Kiwanis Organization. As President in training if you will it is your responsibility to get to know all members of the Club. As well as sitting in on several of the individual Committee meetings. Meet with the Committee Chairperson and see what they have planned for the year. Listen and offer suggestions..

Be involved in outside activities. This give you a chance to meet with the people in our community on a one to one basis. Which in turn will help you and the club to provide more to the community.

At some point the current President may need to miss a weekly meeting and at this point you will step in and run the meeting for the evening.

I hope that the above has helped clarify the position a little better.

For more detailed information please contact— Al Grzeschik—Current President, Jeff Goodwin—current President Elect. Or Sue Harding—Secretary as Sue's husband at one time was in the president elect position I am sure she can provide a lot of information.

Special points of interest:

- Club & Family Summer Outings.
- Saying a Kind word to a Friend, Family member or Child.
- Upcoming events

PROJECT ELIMINATE

This afternoon I decided to go and visit the Kiwanis International website @ www.kiwanis.org. Once at the website I came upon all kinds of updates on " Project Eliminate for MNT. " (Maternal/ Neonatal Tetanus)

I never realized how many infants and mothers for that matter contract this deadly disease. Or that the effects of the disease are so excruciating— tiny newborns are suffering repeated painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch. How truly awful this must be for the child (not knowing or understanding what is happening to them) and for the Mother. (knowing there is nothing they can do to help their child.

The encouraging thought is that Kiwanis has joined in with UNICEF to tackle and eliminate this deadly disease from the face of the earth. Eliminating MNT from the face of the earth will help the poorest , most neglected mothers and babies with additional life saving health care.

Kiwanis International has raised \$ 28 million towards this Global Campaign. To date the Service Leadership Clubs have raised close to \$ 1.5 million dollars.

Portage Lakes Kiwanis in just a few short weeks has raised \$ 677.00 towards our first goal of \$ 1,000.00 dollars. This has been done with our Baby Bottle change collecting project which was initiated by Jeff Goodwin & Vicki Kepnes. It is simple and easy. Obtain your baby bottle from Vicki or Jeff and then simply drop your change into it. Create a fun project for the kids for the kids or grandchildren to raise money and donate it to this very worthy cause. Not only will it help these underprivileged children and mothers but it will give your child or grandchild a sense of pride knowing they have helped someone that has a lot less than they do.

ISN'T IT WORTH A TRY KNOWING YOU COULD SAVE A LIFE

SKIP A MEAL PROJECT

Each year in the month of April we join the Kiwanis International project called “ Skip a Meal .”

Invite your family and friends to join the program. It’s simple—Pick one night in April to Skip a Meal . At your weekly meeting. On that night you can Brown bag it , s leftovers or skip the meal that night.

Some clubs will set up stands outside stores and collect money that way. Or they may collect donations at an event they may have going on.

Several clubs have arranged sponsorships through local gyms and hold a weight loosing contest with First, Second and Third place winners.

You can also get your community involved . There are several ideas for fundraisers for this project on the Kiwanis website.

Portage Lakes Kiwanis will be participating in the “ Skip a Meal “ program by serving leftovers at our Wednesday night meeting on April 10th, 2013.

We encourage everyone to attend this special meeting and help with this wonderful program.

Bring you spouse, a neighbor or a friend . All money collected that night will be going to a very worthy cause.

This is just one more way to help change the lives of children all over the world.

Member & Family Outing

This years first Member / Family fun night has been announced.

On June 6th, 2013 we will be attending an Aeros game at Canal Park.

The game will start at 7 pm. And will be followed by Fireworks.

What could be more fun than to enjoy the game with your family and then watch the fireworks under the stars.

Get your tickets now at a discounted rate of \$ 7.00. You will be able to obtain tickets at the gate at a hire rate. Though you may not be able to sit with the rest of the club members.

If interested please contact :
Al Grzeschik

EASTER EGG HUNT

The time has come and the Easter Bunny is ready to hide the eggs. Saturday morning at 10:30 am at the Tudor House in New Franklin the Portage Lakes Kiwanis will be hosting yet another Egg Hunt for ages 0-9 and up.

The grounds of the Tudor House will be covered in hidden eggs for the children to find. And you never know what will be inside the egg. Will you be the lucky one to find the golden ticket, win a basket.

This hunt will also include GASP who will provide free Kid Identity Kits, Balloon Pops, Bounce Houses and much more.

Don't forget to stop at the concession stand.

Festivities will start at 10:30 am with Egg Hunts starting at Noon ages 0-2, followed by ages 3-5, 6-8 and 9 and up.

PIRATE DAYS IN PORTAGE LAKES

The **Third Annual Pirate Days in Portage Lakes** are just a few months away.

This years events will start on “ **Friday –July 19th** with the kick off being the **Reverse Raffle/ Silent Auction**. Tickets are currently available and the price of each ticket are the same as last year: **Grub Ticket Only \$ 35.00**

Grub & Raffle Ticket \$ 100.00

Table of Eight: \$ 345.00 (includes eight meal tickets and one raffle ticket .) There will be many silent auction items to bid on, side boards

and a chance at the reverse raffle. For tickets please contact our local pirate **Esther Cole @ 330-414-7021**.

Don't wait to long our first table of Eight has already been sold to **Gehm & Sons**.

Saturday—July 20th will start this day off at the **Swim Beach in Portage Lakes State Park** with a Treasure Hunt & boat ride out to Treasure Island for the kids. Activities include a Costume Contest, treasure hunt, create your own pirate hat, balloon pop .

Beware of the pirates roaming the beach area for they may just make you “ **Walk**

the Plank “ to earn your own pirate Eye patch.

Then take a cruise on the Treasure Island Pontoon Boat to the Island where you can battle the pirates trying to invade the Portage Lakes.

There will be other events announce in the weeks to come in the newsletter. Or you can visit us at:

www.plkiwanis.org &

On Facebook

For more details on this fun and exciting weekend.

BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES CLUB ANNIVERSARIES, KEY CLUB INFORMATION

BIRTHDAY'S

Betty Schukert - March 28th

ANNIVERSARIES

Paul & Betty Schukert April 3rd

Bob & Rebecca Goff April 11th

Al & Julie Grzeschik April 13th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Sarver - 12 Years

Scott Shookman - 29 Years

John Schermesser 32 Years

KEY CLUB NEWS

ELLET

PLK Advisor Jerry Schrop

The Ellet Key Club will be manning the Red Buckets during the upcoming Holiday Season—they will be at the Acme on Edgewood Dr. In Ellet.

COVENTRY

PLK Advisor's - Jon & Cass Freeman

MANCHESTER

PLK Advisors—Scott Shookman & Sam Reynolds

President Brooke Lowry

Secretary Katie Adkins

Advisor Brad Johnson

Kiwanis is a Global Organization that promotes “ Helping One Child, One Community at a time. “ So to keep in line with that let's make sure that at least once a day you share a kind word with a child. You will be amazed at how big of a smile this can put on their faces. And how it will warm your heart seeing them smile.

“ YOUR SUCH A BIG HELP, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD DO WITHOUT YOU”

Did you make someone smile today?



**LAST
CHANCE**

**Kiwanis Ladies Let's
Pitch In**

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

Prior to that date collect all those un used new or gently used purses and donate them. Donations can be dropped off at “
Akron Coin and Jewelry.

All donated purses, totes, wallets or beach bags must be turned in by April 1st, 2013. They will be Sold or Auctioned off at the luncheon.

Proceeds from this project will be donated to the following benefit:

“ CHILDRENS HOSPITAL “

What a better way to give than to donate.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 30th **EASTER EGG HUNT TUDOR HOUSE—New Franklin**

March 31st **HAPPY EASTER !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

April 3rd Regular Meeting **Guest Speaker**

Sara Cianciola— Health Care Reform

April 10th Regular Meeting—Skip a Meal Project
Night / Committee Meetings

April 16th **Div 20 Meeting—** Sponsored by PLK
Bellacino's—Stow Ohio

April 17th MAPS Air Museum Time: 6 pm

Cost: \$ 10.00 per person entrance fee
(includes dinner)

April 24th Regular Meeting / Board Meeting

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.