



We Build!

***THE COMMUNICATOR***

**March 30, 2011**

**PLK NEWSLETTER**

**Vicki Kepnes, Editor**

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**President Frank Smith** opened the meeting and led everyone in pledge of allegiance and **Sue Harding** led us in singing "Jingle Bells" by special request based on the huge snowfall we are getting tonight! **George Derry** offered the invocation. There were no guests this evening.



**This Week's Celebrations**

**Happy birthday to Jim Bacher on April 4<sup>th</sup>, and Happy Anniversary to Betty and Paul Schuckert on April 3<sup>rd</sup>!! There were no Club Anniversaries this week.**



**Club Activities**

**Charlie Kepnes** asked for volunteers to take on the leadership for a couple of Committees for the Pirates Days Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction. Plans are moving forward on the first **Annual Pirate Days Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction Extravaganza** sponsored by **Portage Lakes Kiwanis and the Kiwanis Civic Center** to be held on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Pledges for tickets are being accepted now as the tickets have not been printed yet, but are at the printers as this newsletter is being written. . Ticket prices are \$100.00 for a chance on the main reverse raffle board and Pirate Grub, and \$35.00 for a Pirate Grub only ticket. All profits will help make up the budget shortfall from Rose Day dwindling profits. Please let **Vicki or Charlie Kepnes** know if you want to help. We will need a lot of volunteers!!! Those of you that did not make this meeting or are out of town reading this newsletter may pledge to buy tickets by e-mailing **Vicki Kepnes** at [vickikep@aol.com](mailto:vickikep@aol.com) and we will add you to the list. Early pledges will help us determine early ticket sales. Right now the minimum cash prize is \$1000.00 for the Reverse Raffle. **PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING THE PLEDGE SHEET. It is important to note that this projects success is the responsibility of all PL Kiwanis members to help as they do on Rose Day. For this project to be a success we only have to sell between 100 and 150 tickets (not sell and deliver 5,000 doz. Roses).**

The tickets have been designed and are presently at the printer. Future meetings have been set up to occur the first Wednesday following the Board Meeting so as not to conflict with other Committee meetings. PLK members can help by:

- #1 Buying and selling tickets**
- #2 Contributing and seeking tax deductible donations for the Silent Auction.**
- #3 Help on a committee.**

**Open Committees:**

**Ticket Sales Coordinator-Mark Snyder has volunteered to head this with Publicity.**

**Info/Rental of equipment needed, microphones-set up/take down  
Silent Auction Coordinator**

**Next meeting of the committee will be after next week's regular meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**Larry Hunter** announced that there are 24 local organizations endorsing the Pirate Days Week at the Portage Lakes. They have added a Bike-A-Thon, thanks to Tom Fry. **Larry** will also be meeting with local merchants in the next few weeks handing out membership brochures and speaking on the Pirates Days Events.

### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

**Charlie Kepnes** was happy for our dinner tonight prepared by **Mark Snyder, Bonnie Smith and Vicki Kepnes**. They had quite a bit of food choices for us!!!

**Betty Schadl** was happy that while there was snow, it was really beautiful and may not have to get the shovel out!!

**Glen Sheets** glad that he is not teaching any more, how would he explain Global Warming?

**Al Grzeschik** was happy his daughter, Lisa, made the front page of the Beacon Journal and the front page of the Suburbanite for the Pregnancy Alliance receiving a \$5,000 grant from the Golf Charities.

### **News in our Kiwanis Family**

**Julie Grzeschik doing well and back at work!!! Come see us sometime!!!**

**Reminder:** The Ohio State Dept. of Natural Resources wants to close down the Portage Lakes due to the spill way on State Mill Road is failing. This closing would be for 4 months. They have delayed this until after Labor Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept. **If you have boats on the lake you will want to remove them before Labor Day!!! We all hope this spill way holds up so that the Portage Lakes Pirate Days water events will be successful.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Portage Lakes Advisory Council will be having a Nimisila Reservoir Litter Clean up on Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. Meet at the parking lot on Christman Rd., south of Caston Rd. Rain or shine, and a pizza lunch will be provided at the Coventry Town Hall at 68 Portage Lakes Dr. from noon till 1:00 P.M. We will be participating as part of our Kiwanis One Day project. Letter on the upcoming Healthy Baby Fair in Oct., and if we want to participate. More later on this.

**Reminder:** there will be a Division 20 Picnic hosted by Green Kiwanis on June 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be the host in **AUGUST** and it will be on Wednesday, not Tuesday that week... More information and dates for Division meetings will be listed later.

Summit County Sheriff's Office will be having a Charity Basketball Game with the Pittsburgh Steelers on Friday or Saturday night April 15/16<sup>th</sup> in Green. Funds raised will go to the Weaver Learning Center. More information later when date is confirmed.

## EASTER EGG HUNT



**Al Grzeschik** announced that the Easter Egg Hunt is gaining more fun to do when waiting for the Hunt to start. Mayor Al Bolas may even make an appearance, as the Tudor House is now owned by the City of New Franklin. We had discussed a balloon launch, but will now be a balloon “pop” with prize tickets inside and will be given out at the event. There are several volunteers needed to man the games and put stickers on children. “Gasp” Guardians Against Sex Predators, will be there to do free identity kits (Photo, electronic finger prints, and video) for families from 10:30 till 1:00 P.M. We are still looking for more games to have the children play. We will have the Bounce House from Camp Y-Noah, the Fire Safety house from the New Franklin Fire Department, and Lou Anne Derry has Fran Kitchen from Operation Wildlife Rescue to show how abandoned and injured wild animals are cared for and then released back into their habitat... **Lots of fun, but we need you all to come out and help!!!! We will be stuffing eggs on the 13<sup>th</sup> with the Manchester Key Club. We may still be stuffing on the 20<sup>th</sup> if not finished on the 13<sup>th</sup>.**

### Post These Dates!



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| <b>April 6</b>     | <b>Regular Meeting/Pirate Day meeting-Lukity’s dinner</b>                                                           |
| <b>April 13</b>    | <b>Regular Meeting-Lukity’s dinner</b>                                                                              |
| <b>April 20</b>    | <b>Regular Meeting-Committee meetings-Lukity’s dinner</b>                                                           |
| <b>April 22</b>    | <b>Good Friday Breakfast w/ Barberton Kiwanis*</b>                                                                  |
| <b>April 23</b>    | <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>April 27</b>    | <b>Regular Meeting-Board Meeting</b>                                                                                |
| <b>May 14</b>      | <b>Plant Swap Here?</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>June 1</b>      | <b>Pig Roast \$15.00 per person/Covered Dish</b><br><b>Speaker will be Paul Liikala on “Fishing with the Bears”</b> |
| <b>July 15</b>     | <b>Portage Lakes Kiwanis Pirate Days Kick Off</b><br><b>Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction at Prime at Anthes.</b>       |
| <b>September 7</b> | <b>Fish Fry!!!! Larry will announce when we can start fishing!</b>                                                  |

**\*Speaker at breakfast Ohio Dist. Governor John DeVilbis. Deadline for reservations by April 18<sup>th</sup>. Call Leroy Martin 330-666-3984. First Presbyterian Church, 636 W. Park Ave. Barberton. 7-9 A.M. Cost \$8.00 payable at the door.**

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**ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR IS COMING UP. WE NEED A PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDENT- ELECT. THERE WILL BE OPENINGS FOR 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS ALSO. PLEASE COME FORWARD TO HELP ONE OF THE BEST KIWANIS CLUBS AROUND AND TAKE A POSITION TO HELP US GET EVEN BETTER.**