



We Build!

**THE COMMUNICATOR**

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PLK NEWSLETTER

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**Past-President Al Grzeschik** opened the meeting and led everyone in Pledge of Allegiance. **Russ Friess** offered the invocation, and **Past- President Al** led us in singing "My Country Tis of Thee". **Larry Hunter** introduced our guests: **Betty Friess, Dale Dietz, and Dana Roderick.**



### This Week's Celebrations

We have several celebrations this week: Chet Brown with a birthday on April 23, Drew Alexander and Sam Reynolds on May 1<sup>st</sup>!! George and Carol Derry will celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 29<sup>th</sup>, and according to Lou Anne, Carol attributes it to the fact that they do not have a gun in the house!!!! Scott and Becki Shookman Will be celebrating their anniversary on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. As far as Club Anniversaries: Jack Sarver with 10 years, John Schermesser with 30 years and Honorary Members: Walt Baily and Glen Sheets with 16 years each!!! Congratulation to all these members and spouses!!!



### Club Activities

Larry Hunter said that the packets for the kickoff of Pirates Day and the sale of the Pirates Coins is ready to get started. He had packages of envelopes to be passed out and areas in the Portage Lakes to deliver them to. We need several members to take these around to the business listed in the packages and ask for their participation. Inside each package is a listing of Pirates Week events, a list of all the groups endorsing the project, a schedule of events, information on the Pirate Day Kick Off Extravaganza at Prime 93 (Anthes) and membership information for Portage Lakes Kiwanis and Friends of the Portage Lakes State Park. Several members present volunteered to get this going. If you are able to pass out information, please contact Larry Hunter. If you would be able to help with the Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction please contact Vicki or Charlie Kepnes. We will need a lot of volunteers!!! **GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY NOW THAT THEY ARE AVAILABLE AND MAYBE EVEN GET YOUR LUCKY NUMBER!** It is important to note that this projects success is the responsibility of all PL Kiwanis members. We are now offering a Sponsorship of a table for @345.00 which will give you 8 "grub" tickets and one entry in the Reverse Raffle. This is a great way to reward your employees or your family and have a get-to-gether!! Grub tickets can be upgraded to a Reverse Raffle ticket for \$65.00, as long as numbers are available. Upgrade tickets early if you are interested. This will also get you a listing in the Program for the evening. This idea came from Marilyn Stripe and was a real winner for Hoban High School in their Extravaganza!!!  
Locations to get tickets are:

A-1 Mower  
Akron Coin & Jewelry  
Friess Welding  
Norman Elias Insurance  
Kiwanis Club of Portage Lakes

**Members who have tickets as of this date, to sell are: Larry Hunter, George Derry, Glen Sheets, Mark Snyder, Betty Schadl, Russ Friess, Norm Elias, Al Grzeschik, Charlie and Vicki Kepnes, Scott Shookman and Mike Ohl.**

**The next meeting of the Committee for the Reverse Raffle will be May 4<sup>th</sup> after the business meeting. 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. Think about whether you have anything to offer to the Silent Auction, a boat ride, maybe a couple of tickets on a bus tour, whatever you think would be fun!!!**

### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

**Betty Schadl** is always happy, but more so in that she will be able to have her first camp out with her horse this weekend, and already has her rain suit in case it rains!

**Larry Hunter** was happy for all the help he has received on getting this project going. **Larry Yothers** is always ready to help in any way, **Tim Peterson**, Bob Kenzie with the layout and design of the fliers, **Al Grzeschik** with the Kiwanis Brochures, **Charlie** and **Vicki Kepnes** helping and finding the brochures, Joe Reinmann with his help in all the printing needed, **Tom Fry and Mark Snyder** with their fine tuning of information, and Judy Hunter for helping stuff 320 envelopes with information!!

**Charlie Kepnes** 's #1 dollar was for the fact that it had rained the past three weeks on Tuesday, and they finally got to gold on the 26<sup>th</sup>!! And #2 was that he beat his son Chuck!!!!

**Tom Burge** was happy to be back from California and as they approached the Ohio border hear that the Indians were ahead, but they finally won the next game. They got in late on Friday, but made it to the Easter Egg Hunt!!!

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

On June 8<sup>th</sup> we will clean up Portage Lakes Dr. before the meeting and then have dinner. **Steve Engle** is heading this up; please try to come as early as possible!!! We will need 20-25 members or helpers this evening.

**Al Grzeschik** announced that we will be helping at Camp Y-Noah in June or July to help clean up the creek there.

**Reminder:** The Ohio State Dept. of Natural Resources will be closing the Portage Lakes for needed levy repair 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

To date we have received \$150 in Memorial Donations from members and friends of **Joe Klope** who recently passed away. Thanks to these donors, **Paul Schuckert**, **Scott Shookman**, and Joseph Zarconi, a friend of Joe's daughter Joanne.

We participated in the Skip A Meal Project tonight at the meeting and raised \$70 to send to Kiwanis International!

**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.

## EASTER EGG HUNT



**Al Grzeschik** announced that the rainy weather held off and we had a great turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt. There were 21 Kiwanians who came out to help set up, bring in donuts and coffee and put out the eggs and help with the games. There were Key Clubbers there from Manchester and Coventry and were a big help!! Tim Peterson worked on the internet announcing the Egg Hunt and answering any questions from people looking for information!! There were approximately 400 children there. The Camp y-Noah Bounce House was a great hit and the last thing to go at the end!! Coventry brought their Fire truck and it was a hit with the children and adults!! "Gasp", Guardians Against Sexual Predators, was here to help register children with fingerprinting, and registered 42 children!! All in all a great afternoon. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who made this a success and especially to **Al Grzeschik and Connie Nagy** who always do such a wonderful job on this project!! The balloon pop netted approximately \$300 for the club which will be set aside for the Easter Egg Hunt for next year.

## Post These Dates!



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| May 4       | Regular Meeting-Lukity's Dinner/Fundraiser Meeting                                                    |
| MAY 11      | ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT REGULAR MEETING                                                               |
| Mat 18      | Regular Meeting/BOARD MEETING. <b>NOTE CHANGE</b>                                                     |
| May 21      | <b>Plant Swap Here.</b> NOTE CHANGE                                                                   |
| May 25      | <b>Scholarship Awards Night!!!!</b> DATE CHANGED                                                      |
| June 1      | Pig Roast \$15.00 per person/Covered Dish<br>Speaker will be Paul Liikala on "Fishing with the Bears" |
| July 15     | Portage Lakes Kiwanis Pirate Days Kick Off<br>Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction at Prime 93 (at Anthes).  |
| September 7 | Fish Fry!!!! Larry will announce when we can start fishing!                                           |

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