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## Special points of interest:

- Health Reform
- Pirate Days on the Lake Meeting Schedule
- Saying of the week.

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## 2013 Easter Egg Hunt

The 2013 Easter Egg Hunt at the Tudor House in New Franklin couldn't have happened on a more beautiful day this year. The sun was shining and there were kids and family's everywhere.

Between Kiwanis Members and their families, Members of Coventry & Manchester Key Clubs there were an estimated 7,000 eggs laid out over the grounds of the Tudor House.

Our announcer for the day Mr. Tim Peterson set up his table in order to announce what was happening through out the morning such as the Balloon Pop, the arrival of the Fire Trucks and K-9 dogs. And to play music the children would enjoy for the holiday. Mr. Chuck Seeley was the Member who announced the start of the individual Egg Hunts. And spoke with a representative of GASP .

Members of the GASP organization provided Free Kid Identity Kits to 79 children and their families. And advised that with

the way children grow and change in their younger years you should have a new Identity Kit done each year.

Mike Ohl was manning the Camp Y Noah Bounce house where children were lined up to get a few minutes to bounce inside.

The concession stand was running full force with Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Water, Juice Boxes and Donuts.

New Franklin Fire Department came with a fire truck which the children adored and climbed in and out of with the assistance of two Firemen.

Brian Cutlip & Mike Jones from the Summit County Sheriff's department were in attendance with their K-9 Dogs. Which the children were able to pet and get to know .

There were many prizes

handed out for the Balloon Pop and Egg Hunt

Portage Lakes members of the Young Children Priority One Committee Sue Harding & Phil Pinnow handed out CHAD stickers to families.

And Larry Hunter ( Chairmen of Pirate on the Lakes Committee ) & Jeff Goodwin ( President Elect ) were on hand to tell everyone about our next event Pirate Days 3rd annual " Kids Treasure Hunt " .

We estimate that there were approximately 700 - 800 people in attendance.

To see pictures of this event please visit us on Facebook.

We certainly enjoyed hosting this event and hope to see everyone next year.

## PROJECT ELIMINATE

We are 6 months into this 5 year project and have raised to date approximately \$ 700.00. Collecting change in baby bottles was a great idea. And we have many members who are participating by turning in bottles at an accelerated rate.

Committee Members for Young Children / Priority One had a bottle set on their table at the Easter Egg Hunt and did receive donations from several of the people who live in the community.

What a wonderful thing it was to see them helping out. Each year 60,000 innocent babies and 30,000 mothers die of this deadly disease.

It only takes a minute to reach in your pocket, your purse or in your car. Grab that change and drop it in the bottle. Every \$ 1.60 that is dropped in a baby bottle will save the life of a mother and her unborn child.

We will be dedicating our **April 24th, 2013** meeting to the "Skip a Meal Project" for Kiwanis International.

The meal on this evening will be provided by our own Vicki Kepnes and will include a variety of Italian Dishes. The cost per person is \$ 10.00 and all proceeds will be donated to the "Skip A Meal Project". Bring your wife, daughter, son, grandchild or a friend and help raise money for this wonderful project.

This meeting was held in Columbus Ohio and attended by Jeff Goodwin, Jon Freeman and Cass Freeman. Key speaker for the day was "Alan Pen - a Past President for Kiwanis International. There were several group discussions / workshops that the three could attend. Cass & Jon Freeman attended several such as 1st Lady's Project where the work shop told how the money raised was donated. Part goes to Pediatric Trauma and part is Donated to the Eliminate Project. Suggestions were given that we could try to Partner up with a local Hospital "Akron General" to see what we could do to help them. Get involved with the local Church.

And depending on the project there are Grants that can be applied for in order to help fund them.

There was an Interclubbing for fun with Local Action Club or Circle K. Encourage these members to follow thru into a Kiwanis group after graduation. And this also falls under the Membership workshop that Jeff Goodwin attended.

As well as some discussion about starting new clubs in our local area.

## GUEST SPEAKER

As most of us are aware the New "Health Care Reform" act will be going into effect on January 1st, 2014.

Though we know it is going into effect how many of us actually understand what these changes will mean for individuals as well as Business owners?

Tonight's guest Speaker was **Crystal Cianciola** from **CornerStone Benefit Services, LLC**.

For business owners a full time employee will now be considered anyone working 25 hours or more and they must be offered insurance. They can opt not to take it and it is best to have them sign a waiver should they choose this option.

There are also new laws going into effect for the following such as Pre existing conditions, Preventative care, Young adult coverage and more.

In addition there will be rates for an individual who is supporting a family but can not afford Health Insurance. These individuals will need to fill out applications and provide the necessary documentation to prove that they fall in the 400% below the poverty level.

We must all check the rates before making any decisions make sure that the policy fits your family needs and check all avenues to secure you are getting the right protection.

Buying your insurance on an exchange may be a cheaper route and may not. It is something else that will need to be .

investigated

This does have a lot of people confused and in the days to follow even more confusion may incur.

Crystal suggests that we all seek the advice of a Broker. Such as herself these individuals will help to ensure that you understand what is available to you, what the correct plans is for you and your family.

There is no extra cost for you and your family to seek the advice of a Broker. Just a complete understanding that they are there to help you understand what benefits your are getting and why.

Our sincere Thanks to Ms. Cianciola for taking her time to speak with us this evening.

## KIWANIS EVENT REMINDERS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Kiwanis Member / Family Outing

Our first outing of the season will be:

**Date:** June 7th **Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Canal Park (downtown Akron )

**Cost:** \$ 7.00 per person

Join the us to watch the Arkon Aeros vs Portland Sea Dogs, followed by a wonderful Fireworks Display.

To assure you will be sitting with other club members obtain your tickets in advance. Please contact Al Grzeschik at 330-644-8967 or at any Wednesday night meeting. Ticket sales at a cost of \$ 7.00 each will end on May 8th, 2013.

You will of course be able to obtain tickets at the gate but will not receive the discounted rate and may not be able to sit with other club members.

**DON'T MISS THE FUN**

### Pirate Days

This years Pirate Days Reverse Raffle/ Silent Auction will be held at **Prime 93** on **July 19th, 2013**.

Tickets are currently on " Sale " by contacting:

**Esther Cole @ 330-414-7021**. Prices are as follows:

**Red Ticket:** Grub & Reverse Raffle **Cost: \$ 100.00**

**Blue Ticket:** Grub Only **Cost: \$ 35.00**

**Table of 8:** Includes 1 Red Ticket and 7 Blue tickets

**Cost: \$ 345.00**

Such and exciting evening with music, side boards, Reverse Raffle, Costume Contest and Silent Auction. Don 't miss the 3rd year of this event get your tickets now.

# BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, CLUB ANNIVERSARIES, KEY CLUB NOTES

## Birthday's

Vicki Kepnes April 20th  
Chet Brown April 23rd

## 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

### 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

Kiwanis is all about " 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 would be amazed at how big of a smile this can put on a child's face. And how it will warm your heart to see them smiling:

*" I just wanted to let you know how special you are! "*

*Did you make someone smile today?*

## Division 20 Meeting

Portage Lakes Kiwanis will be the Sponsor club for this meeting being held: **April 16th, 2013 at**

**Bellicino's in Stow, Ohio.**

As we are the sponsoring club we would like to see as many of our members attend as possible.

The Guest Speaker for the evening will be:

**Cindy Champer** - who will speak on the Eliminate Project

## PIRATE ON THE LAKES COMMITTEE

### MEETING SCHEDULE

Be a part of putting a smile on a child's face in the Portage Lakes Community by Volunteering to help with the 3rd Annual " Kids Treasure Hunt "

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCA-</u>
April 25th	6:30 pm	Civic Center
May 9th	6:30 pm	Civic Center
May 23rd	6:30 pm	Civic Center
June 6th	6:30 pm	Civic Center
June 20th	6:30 pm	Civic Center

**July 11th 6:30 pm Civic Center**

(final meeting prior to Treasure Hunt on 7-20-2013 )

These meetings are open to anyone who would

## Dates to Remember

April 10th Regular Meeting - Committee Meetings  
April 16th Div 20 meeting—Sponsored By PLK  
Bellacino's—Stow, Ohio  
April 17th MAPS Air Museum 6 pm  
Cost: \$ 10.00 entrance fee ( includes dinner )  
April 24th Regular Meeting / Board Meeting / Skip a Meal Project  
April 25th Pirate on the Lakes Meeting  
Location: Civic Center  
Time: 6:30 pm

May is special Election Month and we will be have an election for Officers for the 2014 year.

June will be the Member/ Family Fun night at Canal Park. Aero's game starts at 7:00 pm followed by Fireworks.

### 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

## 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](http://www.plkiwanis.org) and click on the link below to get your copy.



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