



The COMMUNICATOR

“ WE BUILD “

PLK WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 11th , 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 “ **AMERICA.** “ And the INVOCATION BY: **TOM VARLEY**

GUESTS - . Rick Tew

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Rebecca Goff - April 11th

Alfred & Julie Grzeschik - April 13th

Debbie & Mike Rubino - April 15th

HAPPY DOLLARS

SUE HARDING: - \$ 1 That she was able to get up for sunrise service and her mother up for Easter **Dinner.**

FRANK SMITH: \$ 1 For all the help with the Easter Egg Hunt and the Larry Yothers Celebration of Life.

DALE DEITZ: \$ 1 For the Easter Egg Hunt and that he was able to work helping with concessions stand

GENE COLE: \$ 1 That everyone in Florida says to say “ Hello “ to everyone back at the club.

VICKI KEPNES: \$ 2 1st – For help with the Easter Egg Hunt and the Celebration of Life for Larry Yothers 2nd – For the fundraiser taking place for Justin Waitington who graduated from Manchester.

GUEST SPEAKERS

This weeks Guest Speaker was Debbie Reiss – Director of GASP. (Guardians Advocating Child Saftey & Protection. This organization was founded by Fran Doll in back in 2006 after a nine year old girl was forceable abducted from her Grandmothers home in Florida. It has been there mission to educate not only grandparents, fbut parents, children and people in general on the dangers of abductions and abuse. By educating them on how to watch for signs that something could be wrong. Stressing to everyone that communication with children is vital. Express to your children or grandchildren, neices and nephews that it is important to talk to someone when something is happening. The work at providing “ Free Identity Kits “ for children which include finger prints, voice recognition and pictures. Along with scanning and updating files of predators int eh area as they work closely with Summit Co. Sheriff’s Dept, Approximately 3,000 children are abducted every year. GASP is always looking for volunteers to help with various projects if interested please download the application at their website www.gasp123.org. this website also has an event listing to show different events they will be at.

CLUB & COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC RELATION - Has window decals which read: www.plkiwanis.org @ a cost of \$5.00 each. Please contact anyone on the Public Relations committee if you are interested.

PIG ROAST - We will be having a Pig Roast on June 6th 2012 - Tickets will be at a cost of \$ 15.00 each + one covered dish. Please contact **Larry Hunter @ 330-644-1540** to make your reservation. They are still in need of a person to **Volunteer Chair** which will include the responsibility of - selling tickets & reminders of covered dish, scheduling a guest speaker. If you are interested please contact: Larry Hunter.

DONATIONS: The club received a Thank you note + donation from Laura Yothers and her family.

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HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Is still working on getting interviews from members who know anything on the past of our club. Anyone with information please contact: Esther Cole or Dana Roderick.

YCP 1 - SUE HARDING: On April 25th, 2012 we will need to turn in our Donation for the "Skip A Meal Project". So from now until then if you skip a meal take the amount of the meal and bring it with you to our Regular Meeting on the 25th. We will combine all donations and send them in.

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 Grzeschik**.



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.

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.

UPCOMNG SPEAKERS

MAY 2ND - **BOB MOSEY** - Akron Power Squadren - Boat Safety

May 9th - **Sylvia Johnson** - Hower House at Akron University.

Please check facebook to follow the progress of our first guest speak Richard Davies in his marathon run. **Jay Fledman** - Has posted pictures of his travels and you can view these at www.gallery.me.com/jfeldman4

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 14th, 2012 Dragon Dream Team Fundraiser, Casual B/W event. Place St. Joseph Church, West Exchange, tickets \$ 40 ea or purchase a table. If unable to attend donations are accepted. Please Contact: Beverly Fry or call 330-494-5236.

April 18th, 2012 Regular meeting, and Committee Meetings

April 21st, 2012 Kiwanis One Day Project.

April 25th, 2012

Regular meeting, Skip - A - Meal Project, Board Meeting.

Please take time to check the 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

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EASTER EGG HUNT

This past Saturday April 7th, 2012 Portage Lakes Kiwanis hosted the annual "Easter Egg Hunt" at the Tudor House located in New Franklin.

Set up was well underway by 8:45 am with Al Grzeschik & Rick Tew posting signs for this event leading people into the parking lot. While back at the Tudor House many Kiwanians and volunteers were hiding eggs throughout the grounds. The prize table and this year's new concession stand which sold - juice boxes, coffee, water bottles and donuts was set up. Key club volunteers were setting up the corn hole game and GASP set up their tent to provide "Free Kid Identity kits". Camp Y-Noah was setting up the Bounce House and Juanita Gehm & Connie Nagy were setting up for the Balloon Pop. As well as having the Fire Rescue Squadron and a police cruiser on hand for the kids to view.

By 10:00 am the children started arriving with their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to participate in all the activities and games & visit with the Easter bunny while waiting for the Egg Hunt to begin.

Shortly before noon the Balloons started popping and many won prizes. Then the children and their families started lining up for the egg hunt which would start at noon with the 0 - 2 year olds going first.

Below is a list of several of the winners from the Balloon Pop and those children who found the golden eggs that included tickets for Grand Prize winners, 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place. There were Easter Baskets, Chocolate Bunnies, Footballs, Stuffed animals, Gold Dollars, Silver Dollars, and Half Dollars won

Grand Prize: Age 0-3 Travis, 4-6 Jillian, 7-9 Eisa, 10-12 Kaley

1st Place: Age 0-3 Gia, 4-6 Kennedy

2nd Place: Age 4-6 Roland

3rd Place: Baskets - Ryder, Molly, Lucas

\$ 50.00 Certificate: Marissa Gehm

\$ 25.00 Certificate: Gage Akins

We apologize if we missed anyone's name. There was an estimated count of 400 children who participated. We hope everyone had a great time and will join us again next year.

Special Thanks to Connie Nagy & Al Grzeschik for all their hard work these past several weeks And to all the Kiwanians and Key Club Volunteers and other volunteers who not only helped stuff eggs, but helped with set up and clean up afterwards.

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