



We Build!

**THE COMMUNICATOR**

**April 13, 2011**

**PLK NEWSLETTER**

**Vicki Kepnes, Editor**

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**President Frank Smith** opened the meeting and led everyone in pledge of allegiance and **George Derry** offered the invocation. **Larry Hunter** asked everyone to introduce themselves as we had a great turnout to stuff Easter Eggs!! Attending were Carol Derry, Carol Eubank, Betty Friess, Laura Yothers, Brad Johnson, Advisor to Manchester Key Club, Bricey Kepnes, President of Manchester Key Club, and Missy Kepnes, Jacob Davis, Max Miller, Amanda Jordan, Karley Dougherty, Madison Logan, Sarah Hercules, Paige Dennis, Kelly Daniels, Georgi Flemming, Courtney Wallbrown, all MHS Key Clubbers, Dale and Cathy Deitz, and Dana Rolivich, Alums of **Lou Anne Derry** here to help, and Coventry Key Clubbers, Addy Pierce and Holly Kenney. A great turn out... Thanks to all who came to help!!!



**This Week's Celebrations**

**These will be listed in next week's newsletter!!!!!!**



**Club Activities**

**Charlie Kepnes** asked for volunteers to take on the leadership for the **Silent Auction Coordinator** which is still open. After the meeting, **Rosanne Mihaly** accepted the position. Please help her in finding us great Silent Auction items. **Scott Shookman** has offered to be in charge of **Info/Rental of Equipment needed/ the setting up and taking down at the event**. 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>. Tickets have now been printed. 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. **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.

**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 and Mike Ohl.**

**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. Next meeting of the committee will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. 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!!!**

**Larry Hunter** announced we are now ready to start selling Pirate Coins. Flyers are being printed and he will be visiting all the businesses in the Portage Lakes with the information. This will be advertised in the Suburbanite and information is being compiled to advertise that you are selling Pirate Coins in your store.

### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

Laura Yothers was happy she finally talked her husband **Larry**, into taking a trip in May to go to Montana for two weeks.

**Betty Schadl** was happy to see all of this "Young Blood" with us tonight!!!

Bricey Kepnes was happy that Manchester had such a great turn out tonight!!

**Lou Anne Derry** was happy that her alums from high school got to come this evening, she was also very happy that she and **Jon Freeman** are advisors to Coventry Key Club, as she had attended Coventry schools before moving to Manchester. She also was glad that Hailey and Addie could make it from Coventry Key Club to help us this evening!!

**Glen Sheets** was happy to be with us tonight as he had just gotten out of the hospital with a bout of a type of pleurisy, but is feeling better!!! He had been in since Monday!! Glad you are back!!!!

**Sue Harding** is traveling and we will resume the Joe Klope joke next week!!

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

**Lou Anne Derry** had an e-mail from Polly Price that she and **Tom Burge** are on their way back from California and should be back in a couple of weeks.

**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**

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. Several of our members will be working on this. We will also be cleaning up Portage Lakes Drive, which we have adopted...We received a letter on the upcoming Healthy Baby Fair in Oct. Sue Harding and Mark Snyder will be meeting with the committee.

**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 Easter Egg Hunt is gaining more fun things to do while waiting for the Hunt to start. 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 ran out of candy and still have eggs to stuff...so Connie Nagy will be getting more candy and we WILL be stuffing at our next meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>!!! Come out and help if you can!!!! We can get into the Tudor House around 8:45 right now on Saturday.**

## Post These Dates!



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| April 17    | Y-Noah Open House 2-4 P.M.                                                                            |
| April 20    | Regular Meeting-Committee meetings-Lukity's dinner<br>STUFF MORE EGGS...A LOT                         |
| April 22    | Good Friday Breakfast w/ Barberton Kiwanis*                                                           |
| April 23    | Easter Egg Hunt                                                                                       |
| April 27    | Regular Meeting-Board Meeting                                                                         |
| May 4       | Regular Meeting-Lukity's Dinner/Fundraiser Meeting                                                    |
| May 14      | <b>Plant Swap Here?</b>                                                                               |
| May 15      | <b>Flea Market/Yard Sale here-Planning now.</b>                                                       |
| 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 at Anthes.       |
| September 7 | Fish Fry!!!! Larry will announce when we can start fishing!                                           |

\*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. **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR IS COMING UP. WE NEED A PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDENT- ELECT. THERE WILL BE 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.**