

**Portage  
Lakes  
Kiwanis**

# The Communicator

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## Special points of interest:

- Rosie the Riveter?
- Pirate Days on the Lake Meeting Schedule
- Saying of the week.

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## Maps Air Museum

Last night's meeting was held at - " Maps Air Museum " which is located in North Canton off Massillon Road.

They are a Non-Profit organization dedicated to educating people about the history of aviation and it's impact on society.

It was amazing to see what a wonderful historical place we have right here in our own backyard.

The museum started out in 1991 and is operated by a group of volunteers . The hangar which is used to display aircrafts is a former US National Guard hangar. Many of the planes there belong to some of the volunteers. They currently have over 20 aircraft such as a Mig 17 which first saw combat in 1958, B-26 Marauder. Two Helicopters a Cobra and a Kiowa fought in the Vietnam War. And a collection of aircraft memorabilia that they share with not only the public but some local schools have taken field trips to the museum as well as Boy

Scout troops.

The also have a cabin from the Goodyear Blimp on display and the amphibious aircraft " The Goodyear Drake " is in the process of restoration.

In addition to all this there is a gift shop , Library and the Gallery of Hero's. What a room to be-hold. Inside these walls you can find information on " The Tuskegee Airmen- who were the first African-American Military aviators in the United states Airforce. During World War II these men were still subject to racial discrimination but despite these adversities they trained and flew with distinction.

What do you know about Rosie the Riveter? Well before the US entered World War II several companies had contracts to produce war equipment for the Allies. Almost overnight we entered the war and war production had to increase dramatically .

Factories were converted to build airplanes and with our men off at war. Who else was there to make this happen. Women of course. And it would only be a temporary situation . Most people were against women working do to the high unemployment rate for men during the Depression. And let's face it during this era Women belonged at home. The women were hired and as men returned from the war many were laid off or knocked down to a position and pay fitting for a woman.

There is so much information inside these walls you really need to take time to visit the museum.

Our sincere Thanks to Ken and the rest of the tour guide crew that welcomed us this evening..

## 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.

Next weeks meeting **April 24th, 2013** will be dedicated 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.

## 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 on the Portage Lakes*

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.

Please contact **Vicki Kepnes** if you know anyone or you yourself are interested in making a donation for the Silent Auction.

### *Kids Treasure Hunt*

This event is being held on **Saturday July 20th, 2013**. **Location:** State Park Swim Beach. Don ' t miss out on the fun. Kids can dress as pirates for the costume contest. In addition to Creating your own Pirate Hat, Walking the Plank, Balloon Pop, Treasure Hunt, riding the boat out to Treasure Island to fight of Pirates - GASP will be in attendance to provide FREE Kid Identity Kits and the Summit Count Sherriff ' s will be returning with their K-9 Dogs.

# BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, CLUB ANNIVERSARIES, KEY CLUB NOTES

## Birthday's

Vicki Kepnes      April 20th  
 Chet Brown      April 23rd

## Anniversaries

### Club Anniversaries

Jack Sarver      -    12 years  
 Scott Shookman -    29 years  
 John Schermesser - 32 years

## Kid's Corner

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:

***" Your smile brings joy to my face "***

*Did you make someone smile today?*

### 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>TION</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
<b>July 11th</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Civic</b>
<b>Center</b>		

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

These meetings are open to anyone who would

## KEY CLUB NEWS

### Ellet High School

PLK Advisor Jerry Schrop  
 Secretary: Kalli Butler

Treasurer: Winnie Daulbaugh

President: Cloe Muir  
 VP: Brenna DuPratt

The April event for the Ellet Key Club is to " Help out at the Community Garden " The kids will gather together under the Y Bridge to clean up and plant any plants that have been donated for this project. This is being done in memory of all those who lost their lives below the bridge.

To show your support please donate plants or join the kids with donated plants and gloves in hand on April 20th, 2013 at NOON.

### Coventry High School

PLK Advisor's - Jon & Cass Freeman

### Manchester High School

PLK Advisor - Scott Shookman/  
 Sam Reynolds

President— Brooke Lowry

Secretary— Katie Adkins

Advisor— Brad Johnson

## Dates to Remember

- April 24th    Regular Meeting / Board Meeting / Skip a Meal Project
- April 25th    Pirate on the Lakes Meeting  
 Location: Civic Center  
 Time:      6:30 pm  
 Scholarship Committee Meeting
- May 1st      Regular Meeting
- May 7th      Primary Election Day at PLK Civic Center
- May 8th      Regular Meeting/ Deadline for Aero's Tickets
- May 15th     Regular Meeting/ Committee Meetings

**May** is special Election Month and we will be have an election for Officers for the 2014 year. As well as the Scholarship Dinner - Date to Follow.

**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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