



We Build!

**THE COMMUNICATOR**

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PLK NEWSLETTER

Vicki Kepnes, Editor

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**President Frank Smith** opened the meeting and led everyone in Pledge of Allegiance. **Sue Harding**, back from her trip, led us in singing "Here Comes Peter Cottontail, in honor of the Easter Egg Hunt coming up this weekend and **George Derry** offered the invocation. **Larry Hunter** introduced our guests: **Laura Yothers, Dale Dietz, Dana Roderick and Barbara Betz.**



**This Week's Celebrations**

Members with celebrations this week are **Tricia Husser** with a birthday on April 16, and **Vicki Kepnes** celebrating tonight her "39<sup>th</sup>" birthday with us and brought the dessert!!! **Al and Julie Grzeschik** celebrated their anniversary on April 13<sup>th</sup>, **Debbie and Mike Rubino** celebrated on the 15<sup>th</sup> and **Ted and Jane Cole** in Florida celebrated their anniversary on April 21<sup>st</sup>. **Scott Shookman** is now celebrating his 27<sup>th</sup> year as a Kiwanian!!! Congratulations to everyone from us all!!!



**Club Activities**

**Charlie Kepnes** announced the **Rosanne Mihaly** is going to be the **Silent Auction Coordinator**. The **Annual Pirate Days Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction Extravaganza** sponsored by **Portage Lakes Kiwanis and the Kiwanis Civic Center** will be held on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are printed and available now. 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. 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 will also get you a listing in the Program for the evening.

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 that were designed by **Chuck Seeley** and **Mark Snyder** 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. Thanks to **Mark Snyder** for designing the Silent Auction Donation Form and the Ticket Order Form. Thanks also to **Chuck Seely** and **Lou Anne Derry** for their input and suggestions that helped in the creation.

### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

**Charlie Kepnes** was happy that he got up early while **Vicki** was baking the cupcakes we ate tonight, as he got to sample them!!

**Sue Harding** was very happy to be home after her whirlwind spring fling thru 14 states, driving over 3200 miles in 8 days (without cruise control) to visit family, kids and grandkids. #2 was a big thank you to **Vicki** for filling in for her last week and for making such good filled cupcakes!!! She then shared a couple of short and funny **Joe Klope** Stories.

**Chuck Seely** won a bet (\$10) from **Larry Hunter** after asking a question about the Reverse Raffle. He finally got money from **Larry** instead of giving him some. He was also happy to present us with a **Silent Auction Donation** form Discount Drain on Arlington.

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

Kiwanis One Day Project had **Tom Fry, Scott Shookman, Mark Snyder** and **Larry Hunter** helping to clean up around Nimisila Reservoir last Saturday. They had 54 volunteers come out to help. All enjoyed pizza after!!

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!!!

**Al Grzeschik** announced that we will also 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 has revised the closing of Portage Lakes for needed levy repair. They have delayed this until after Labor Day and will only lower the lakes 15 inches for the usual one month during Oct.-Nov. From now on they will only lower the lakes every other year so there won't be opportunity for dock and sea wall repair in 2012. **We all hope this spill way holds up so that the Portage Lakes Pirate Days water events will be successful.**

## CORRESPONDENCE

April 11<sup>th</sup> was the first in a series of WEBINARS hosted by the Ohio District. This was titled "Best Practices for Membership Growth" and it featured Ohio District Membership Growth and New Club Building coordinators Eric Bush and Amy Zimmerman. The host was Lanton Lee, Area Director from Kiwanis International and was recorded. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, we are going to plan to skip a meal for the Annual Kiwanis Skip a Meal, and we will all donate the cost of a meal at the meeting.

**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 we will be filling more eggs and putting numbers in the balloons for this weekend. If anyone has a pop up tent could bring to the event on Saturday it would help as the weather report is not favorable. Please plan to be at the Tudor House by 9:00 to help in the set up. Vicki Kepnes will have coffee, orange juice and donuts ready for volunteers.. 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 can get into the Tudor House around 8:00A.M. right now on Saturday.**

### Post These Dates!



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| April 23    | Easter Egg Hunt                                                                                       |
| April 27    | Regular Meeting-Board Meeting/Pizza Night                                                             |
| May 4       | Regular Meeting-Lukity's Dinner/Fundraiser Meeting                                                    |
| MAY 11      | ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT REGULAR MEETING                                                               |
| May 14      | <a href="#">Plant Swap Here?</a>                                                                      |
| May 18      | <a href="#">Scholarship Awards Night!!!!</a>                                                          |
| May 15      | <a href="#">Flea Market/Yard Sale</a> CANCELLED                                                       |
| 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 STILL LOOKING FOR A PRESIDENT- ELECT AND 2 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.**