



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 led us in singing "America the Beautiful" and Tom Varley offered the invocation. Larry Hunter introduced our guests: Dale Dietz, and Dana Roderick, soon to be new members, John Hercules, who we have missed and Polly Price back from California!!!



### This Week's Celebrations

We wish a Happy Birthday to **Brenda Patterson** who will celebrate on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Best wishes for a happy birthday and hope you will be back with us soon!! There were no Wedding Anniversaries this week, but a special shout out to **Russ Friess** on 36 years of membership in our great club!!! Congratulations to a member who is always there to help!!



### Club Activities

Larry Hunter said that the packets for the kickoff of Pirates Day and the sale of the Pirates Coins are going out and are being dropped off at all the businesses in the Portage Lakes area and surroundings. Inside each package was a listing of Pirates Week events, a list of all the groups endorsing the project, a schedule of events, information on the Pirate Day Kick off Extravaganza at Prime 93 (Anthes) and membership information for Portage Lakes Kiwanis and Friends of the Portage Lakes State Park. Several members present volunteered to get this going. If you are able to pass out information, please contact Larry Hunter. Larry is also looking for a group to volunteer to do a boat parade during Pirates Week on the Portage Lakes. If you would be able to help with the Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction please contact Vicki or Charlie Kepnes. We still can use more volunteers. **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 offering a Sponsorship of a table for @345.00 which will give you 8 "grub" tickets and one entry in the Reverse Raffle. You will be listed as a sponsor in the program. This is a great way to reward your employees or your family and have a get-to-gether!! Grub tickets can be upgraded to a Reverse Raffle ticket for \$65.00, as long as numbers are available. Upgrade tickets early if you are interested. This will also get you a listing in the Program for the evening. This idea came from Marilyn Stripe and was a real winner for Hoban High School in their Extravaganza!!! Locations to get tickets are:

A-1 Mower  
Akron Coin & Jewelry  
Friess Welding  
Norman Elias Insurance  
Kiwaniis 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, Scott Shookman and Mike Ohl.

The meeting of the Committee for the Reverse Raffle was on May 4<sup>th</sup> Future meetings have been set up to occur the first Wednesday following the Board Meeting so as not to conflict with other Committee meetings. **Note that the next meeting will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> after the Board Meeting that had to be moved so as to re-schedule the Scholarship Dinner on May 25<sup>th</sup>.** 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. 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!!!

### HAPPY DOLLARS

**Scott Shookman** was happy #1 that the Manchester School Levy passed!! #2 was for daughter Sara who is in the top three reporters in Knoxville, and they are waiting to hear if she makes it to #1 in the state!!

**Betty Schadl** went on a ride with her horse in the Harrison Forest and found the trails so well marked that it was very easy!! Had a great time despite the weather.

**Lou Anne Derry** was also happy the school levy passed and was thankful for all the help from **Scott & Becki Shookman** making calls to people in the area to get out the vote... She was also proud to be able to take the place of **President Frank** (who was on vacation in Las Vegas) at the Manchester Awards Banquet and got to award the roses to the Portage Lakes Kiwanis winners this year donated by Brian Benton from Flowers by Dick and Sons (Brian also went to school with **Lou Anne**)!!! Many thanks to Brian for the donation!!

**Vicki Kepnes** had three dollars for us. #1. Was for her Granddaughter Bricey Kepnes, who was the recipient of the Portage Lakes Scholarship this year!! #2. Was that the tree that fell in the terrible wind storm last Thursday morning around 4:45 A.M. did not land on their house, but fell towards the driveway. And #3. Was an almost sad dollar that the tree did hit their Highlander a little, but did not hit the Mustang Convertible parked about 10 feet away!!!

**Sue Harding** had a few happy dollars #1. That after three weeks of searching for her passport, she found it in a bag from their Alaska trip for 2007? #2 was that the rain did not keep the supporters of the school levy's in Green and Manchester from coming out to vote, but may have kept the negative ones from coming out! #3 Happy to see that **Tim Peterson** is rejoining us!!

### NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY

Manchester High School had their Awards Banquet on Tuesday evening and **Lou Anne Derry**, was our representative presenting the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Scholarship. This year the winners were **Bricey Kepnes**, and **Jacob Oravec**. Both students are members of Key Club and have helped us in some of the many projects and events we have held. The roses presented to our winners were from Brian Benton, from Flowers by Dick and Sons, and Brian is alum of **Lou Anne's**.

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!!! We will need 20-25 members or helpers this evening. Dinner will be late this evening, probably around 7:30 P.M.

**Al Grzeschik** announced that we will 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 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.**

**PIG ROAST TICKETS ARE GOING FAST---CALL LARRY HUNTER!!!!**

## CORRESPONDENCE

We received a great newspaper article from Tom Longworth about the Cape Coral Kiwanis Club. They will be helping to bring a YMCA to Cape Coral!! They also just gave out \$120,000 in scholarships to 20 students. The YMCA will open in the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. The Kiwanis club was the first service/social club in the Cape Coral area and received its charter 50 years ago!! Over this time they have given \$20 million dollars to the local community, serving more than 200 different organizations in and around Cape Coral. What a wonderful group of volunteers working hard!! Thanks also to our "Snowbirds" who help there when they are south!!!

**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.

July 30<sup>th</sup> is the date for the combined Division 16/20 Kiwanis Family Picnic on Saturday at Greensburg Park. We will need to decide who is going and what we can bring to share. Contact **Vicki Kepnes** for what is needed. [vickikep@aol.com](mailto:vickikep@aol.com)

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER

The Scholarship Awards Dinner will now be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>. We will need a great turn out, so please let Vicki Kepnes know if you will be attending. We will have Lukity's Restaurant do the dinner and will make it a special evening. Please come and join us in congratulating these wonderful scholars. Call Vicki Kepnes 330-644-2646, 330-882-3529 or e-mail [vickikep@aol.com](mailto:vickikep@aol.com)

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR IS COMING UPON MAY 11TH. PRESIDENT FRANK SMITH HAS AGREED TO RUN AGAIN FOR PRESIDENT, AND MARK SNYDER HAS AGREED TO RUN FOR VICE-PRESIDENT. WE ONLY NEED A PRESIDENT- ELECT. THE OUTGOING BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS WILL BE RUNNING AGAIN. PLEASE COME FORWARD TO HELP ONE OF THE BEST KIWANIS CLUBS AROUND AND TAKE A POSITION TO HELP US GET EVEN BETTER. NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.**

### PLANT AND SEED SWAP

Polly Price, just back from sunny California, reminded everyone to start getting ready for the Plant Swap. It is on Saturday, May 21, from 9-11 A.M. Call 330-644-7342 for details.

### PLEASE POST THESE DATES

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| <b>MAY 11</b>      | <b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT REGULAR MEETING</b>                                                                |
| <b>May 18</b>      | <b>Regular Meeting/BOARD MEETING.<b>NOTE CHANGE REVERSE RAFFLE/SILENT AUCTION MEETING!!!!</b></b>             |
| <b>May 21</b>      | <b>Plant Swap Here. NOTE CHANGE</b>                                                                           |
| <b>May 25</b>      | <b>Scholarship Awards Night!!!! DATE CHANGED RESERVATIONS NEEDED!!!!!!CALL VICKI!!!!</b>                      |
| <b>June 1</b>      | <b>Pig Roast \$15.00 per person/Covered Dish<br/>Speaker will be Paul Liikala on "Fishing with the Bears"</b> |
| <b>July 15</b>     | <b>Portage Lakes Kiwanis Pirate Days Kick Off<br/>Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction at Prime 93 (at Anthes).</b>  |
| <b>September 7</b> | <b>Fish Fry!!!! Larry will announce when we can start fishing!</b>                                            |