

May 18, 2011

PLK NEWSLETTER

Vicki Kepnes, Editor

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**President Frank Smith** opened the meeting and led everyone in Pledge of Allegiance. **Charlie Kepnes** led us in singing “**God Bless America**” and **George Derry** offered the invocation. **Larry Hunter** introduced our guests: Dale Dietz, and Dana Roderick, soon to be new members, and Carol Eubank, a favorite guest!!.

### This Week’s Celebrations

**Chuck Seeley** was with us tonight to celebrate his Birthday on May 17<sup>th</sup>!!! He decided it may be better that we not sing, after what we did to “God Bless America”. **John Cusma** will be celebrating 47 years of membership on May 20<sup>th</sup>!!! Congratulations **John!!** There were no wedding anniversaries this week.



### Club Activities

**CHARLIE KEPNES** discussed where we are financially on The Pirates Day Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction. It looks as though we have enough money to pay our expenses with profit coming from our Silent Auction items and other events. With continued sales we will be able to make more money on this project. Please continue to sell tickets and solicit Silent Auction donations. Small donations will help fill baskets too! **LOU ANNE DERRY** announced that **TIM PETERSON** may volunteer to do the boat parade during Pirates Week on the Portage Lakes. This would be on Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>. The project would entail about three people to do the judging. Some to register the boaters, and decisions on what the registration fee would be and what prizes would be given out. If you are interested in taking part in this, or discussing it further, please contact Larry. If you can 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!** We were able to get an announcement out on the internet and hopefully get some responses back. Thanks to **MARK SNYDER** in charge of Public Relations on putting a Press Release together. Sorry to repeat, but 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.

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, Mark Snyder, Betty Schadl, Russ Friess, Norm Elias, Al Grzeschik, Charlie and Vicki Kepnes, Scott Shookman and Mike Ohl. Thanks also to Tim Peterson and Al Grzeschik for sending the e-mail to 2800 potential participants from our Rose Day e-mail file. Vicki Kepnes was also able to enter a credit card transaction for the Reverse Raffle, which is an option available.

**REMEMBER SILENT AUCTION ITEMS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!!**

The next meeting of the Committee for the Reverse Raffle will be on June 8<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 29 to make sure we are ready... 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, cash donations towards the Silent Auction, a boat ride, maybe a couple of tickets on a bus tour, whatever you think would be fun!!!

Please let Rosanne Mihaly the chair of the Silent Auction know if you can help with getting donations for the Silent Auction. Challenge your minds and see who you know who can donate an item that would knock off the socks of everyone attending!!! We have a listing of over more than 25 items that we already have and some pending. Please keep them coming!!!

### HAPPY DOLLARS

**Scott Shookman** does not always like to brag, but daughter Sara was chosen the top reporter in the state of Tennessee!!! Congratulations to a very special young lady!!

**Charlie Kepnes** had three Happy Dollars, #1 is that the Pirates Day Press Release went out to 2800 people on our e-mail list. #2 We got to golf on Tuesday night, got a little wet and frozen fingers, but finished!!!! #3 was that his computer has a program called Garage Band and with the addition of a few dollars worth of equipment, he is learning lots of hard rock songs to play!!

**Dr. Phil Pinnow** had a Joe Klope joke for us in Sue's absence!!! It was great and had us all laughing!!

**President Frank Smith** had two dollars tonight. #1 He is happy that by next Wednesday, he will have a new knee! #2 He is also happy that Scott Shookman will take over for him at the Scholarship Dinner. Many thanks, Scott!!!

### NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY

**Tom Burge** reminded everyone about the Plant Swap on this Saturday from 9:00 till 11:00 A.M. Various organizations will be set up inside with items for sale and information. Also there will be coffee and donuts in the kitchen and **Bonnie Smith** and **Debbie Rubino** will do the honors with a little help from **Vicki Kepnes** (who has to work on Saturday)!!

**President Frank Smith** thanked the few members who attended the meeting last week for the Election of the new Officers for next year. **Frank** will be staying on as President, **Mark Snyder**, will be our Vice-President and the three Board members extending their term are **Juanita Gehm, Larry Hunter, and Dr. Phil Pinnow**.

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. There will be a meeting after of the Pirates Day Committee!!!

**Reminder: Al Grzeschik** announced that we will be helping at Camp Y-Noah in June or July to help clean up the creek there

**REMINDER: we will be going to The Unexpected in Green for a favorite of ours, a Wine Tasting on June 15<sup>th</sup>!!! Save this date!!!**

**UPDATE: John Cusma** has been moved to the Essex Nursing Home, 563 Colony Park Dr., Tallmadge, OH 44278. If you would like to contact him, the phone no. is 330-630-9780, or send him a card and say "Hey John"!!!

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

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Vicki Kepnes** read the mail from Bricey Kepnes and Maxwell Miller from Manchester High School thanking us for the Scholarships. They will be attending the dinner next week!!

Our traveling **Sue Harding** is having a great time in the Holy Land and asks to pray for Peace in Jerusalem, Palestine and the Middle East!!! **Vicki Kepnes** passed out a copy of the blog some of the members of the group have been keeping going during this trip. Very interesting to read...

**Scott Shookman** will be passing out the Scholarships on Thursday to the Coventry High School winners, and **Lou Anne Derry** will be there to help him.

**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 (roast beef!!) 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)

## PLEASE POST THESE DATES

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| <b>May 25</b>  | <b><u>SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT DATE CHANGED</u></b><br><b><u>RESERVATIONS NEEDED!!!!!!CALL VICKI!!!!</u></b>                                 |
| <b>June 1</b>  | <b>PIG ROAST \$15 PER PERSON AND PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH TO SHARE</b><br>Speaker will be Paul Liikala on "Fishing with the Bears" |
| <b>June 8</b>  | <b>Clean up Portage Lakes Drive-dinner at 7:30 and Pirates Day Meeting after.</b>                                                     |
| <b>June 15</b> | <b>Wine Tasting at the Unexpected in Green. Wine Tasting And snacks.</b>                                                              |
| <b>June 22</b> | <b>Regular Meeting/Committee Meetings/Pirates Day Meeting</b>                                                                         |
| <b>June 29</b> | <b>Regular Meeting/ Board Meeting/Pirates Day Meeting</b>                                                                             |
| <b>July 15</b> | <b>PORTAGELAKES PIRATES DAY REVERSE RAFFLE SILENT AUCTION AT PRIME 93 (ANTHES) DO YOU HAVE YOUR TICKET YET?????</b>                   |

**September 7 FISH FRY!!! Larry will announce when we can start fishing!**