

May 25, 2011

PLK NEWSLETTER

Vicki Kepnes, Editor

Past-President Scott Shookman opened the meeting and led everyone in Pledge of Allegiance. **George Derry** offered the invocation. As there were many guests in attendance there was no announcement. Due to the weather situation the meeting was kept short. The dinner prepared by Lukity's was excellent with prime rib, red skin potatoes and green beans. Salad and dessert of filled cupcakes was from **Vicki** and **Charlie Kepnes**.

This Week's Celebrations

What a week, we had three birthdays celebrated this week, Mike Ohl on 5/26, Jim Robinson on 5/17, and Tom Burge on 5/31. Since Tom was the only one here, we sang to him, and sounded pretty good!!! While there were no wedding anniversaries this week, we had several Club Anniversaries. Sandy and Steve Engle celebrated 1 year of membership on 5/26, Al Grzeschik celebrated 15 years on 5/29 and Paul and Betty Schuckert celebrated 8 years on 5/28. Congratulations to everyone!!!



Club Activities

CHARLIE KEPNES explained what we were doing with respect to Pirates Days Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction. There were several guests with us tonight and this was to clarify the fundraiser and why we are doing it. Please continue to sell tickets and solicit Silent Auction donations. Small donations will help fill baskets too! 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. Thanks also to Al Grzeschik and Tim Peterson for the new listing on our web site www.plkiwanis.org.

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, Russ Friess, Norm Elias, Tom Burge, 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. We can accept credit card transactions for the Reverse Raffle, which is an option available. **REMEMBER SILENT AUCTION ITEMS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!!**

Please let Rosanne Mihaly, 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

Charlie Kepnes had three Happy Dollars, #1 was for getting to golf in the league on Tuesday, they got soaked on the 9th hole, but were able to finish. #2 was for wife **Vicki** who started baking at 6:00 A.M. making the cupcakes for tonight. #3 was for the wonderful Scholarship Winners we have with us tonight, and we are happy we can continue doing this.

Bricey Kepnes was happy that she is going to Orientation at Akron University on Thursday, and will be starting volunteering at Children's Hospital thanks to **Juanita Gehm!!!**

NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY

Our condolences go out to Betty Schadl on the loss of her brother. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

On June 8th 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 15th!!! 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

Our traveling **Sue Harding** is having a great time in the Holy Land and asks us to pray for Peace in Jerusalem, Palestine and the Middle East!!!

Reminder: there will be a Division 20 Picnic hosted by Green Kiwanis on June 27th. We will be the host for the Division 20 meeting in **AUGUST** which is usually held on Tuesday. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, our regular meeting night..

July 30th 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

Many thanks to the following members who helped to make the Plant Swap a success: Tom Longworth, Tom Burge, Larry Hunter, Bonnie Smith, Debbie Rubino, Vicki & Charlie Kepnes, Chuck Seeley, Mark Snyder, and Dr. Phil Pinnow. Thanks also to Polly Price for planning the whole thing.

A big thank you to the members and their spouses who helped with the clean up after the Scholarship Dinner : George and Carol Derry, Chuck and Betty , Lou Anne Derry, Tom Burge, Polly Price, Bonnie Smith, and I am sorry if I missed anyone else. The kitchen was full of helpers and your help was sincerely appreciated!!!

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER

The Scholarship awards dinner was a great success with a good turnout of members and guests. Scott Shookman introduced the Scholarship Committee, Lou Anne Derry, Gene Cole and Sam Reynolds. Lou Anne Derry spoke about the beginnings of the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Scholarships and the importance of community service and volunteerism to Kiwanis. She then introduced each winner and listed some of their accomplishments. Bricey Kepnes, Manchester High School was the President of Key Club, worked on Rose Day delivery, has stuffed Easter eggs and worked at the hunt, has wrapped gifts for the Santa Delivery and has participated in Santa Delivery for a few years and last year did so with her family. These are just a few of her efforts to help with the community. She also has 4 grandparents in Portage Lakes Kiwanis, Charlie & Vicki Kepnes, and Paul and Betty Schuckert. She has been accepted into the Honors College at Akron University. Maxwell Miller, also from Manchester, is a Key Club Member, delivered roses and loved seeing the joy in the faces of the recipients. He is a member of Student Council. He is also active in the National Honor Society where he participated in many of their fundraisers and has also contributed to the visual appearance of the school grounds. He is a buckeye Boys State Delegate, played football and participated in track and field. Max has been accepted to attend Kent State University. Jacob Oravec is the Valedictorian of his class at Coventry High School, and has been a Key Club Member for three years. He has volunteered for Rose Day, delivering roses, worked at the Easter Egg Hunt, stuffing eggs and working at the prize table. He also has worked in his Key Clubs Community Work Day, painting, raking leaves and cleaning for senior citizens and needy community families. Jacob has been accepted to attend the University of Mount Union and will be studying physics, mathematics and astronomy. His ultimate goal is to have a career with N.A.S.A. Our fourth winner was Juli Anna Pilloli who unfortunately could not attend tonight. We will try to have her at another meeting and introduce her to the membership. Congratulations to all of our scholarship winners and our committee for choosing such wonderful young people who have accomplished so much and we hope will continue with community service throughout their lives!!

PLEASE POST THESE DATES

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| June 1 | PIG ROAST \$15 PER PERSON AND PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH TO SHARE |
| | Speaker will be Paul Liikala on "Fishing with the Bears" |
| June 8 | Clean up Portage Lakes Drive-dinner at 7:30 and Pirates Day Meeting after. |
| June 15 | Wine Tasting at the Unexpected in Green. Wine Tasting and snacks. |
| June 22 | Regular Meeting/Committee Meetings/Pirates Day Meeting |
| June 29 | Regular Meeting/ Board Meeting/Pirates Day Meeting |
| July 15 | PORTAGELAKES PIRATES DAY REVERSE RAFFLE SILENT AUCTION AT PRIME 93 (ANTHES) DO YOU HAVE YOUR TICKET YET????? |
| September 7 | FISH FRY!!! Larry will announce when we can start fishing! |