



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. Vicki Kepnes (subbing for Sue Harding) led us in singing “America the Beautiful” and Debbie Rubino offered the invocation. Larry Hunter introduced our guests: Dale Dietz, and Dana Roderick, soon to be new members. ,

### This Week’s Celebrations

There were no birthday or wedding anniversaries this week, but, **Jim Davis** is celebrating 20 years of membership this week!!! Way to go **Jim** and it was good to see you at the Easter Egg Hunt!!!



### 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. Larry is also looking for a group to volunteer to do a boat parade during Pirates Week on the Portage Lakes. His would entail about three people to do the judging. Some to register the boaters, and decisions on what prizes would be given out. If you are interested in taking part in this, or discussing it further, please contact Larry. 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!** We will be announcing this Raffle/Silent Auction on the internet soon. 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  
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 next meeting of the Committee for the Reverse Raffle will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> as we have had to change the Board Meeting because of the Scholarship Dinner on the 25<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...** 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!!!

**Charlie announced that Rosanne Mihaly is chairing the Silent Auction and is working hard to get donations. She would appreciate any help from the membership!! 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 20 items that we already have and some pending. Please keep them coming!!!**

### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

**Chuck Seeley** was happy that he could leave a dollar that **Larry Hunter** did not get!!! **Charlie Kepnes** had two happy dollars, one that they were able to get in the golfing on Tuesday on the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Golf League despite the thunder that was threatening rain that never happened. His second dollar was that he is relieved that wife, **Vicki**, is finally getting social security now!!! (And she plans to spend all of it!!!)

### **NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY**

**Tom Burge** had a couple of announcements, #1 was to remind everyone to bring their plants to the Plant Swap on the 21<sup>st</sup>. It will run from 9 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** will do the honors with a little help from **Vicki Kepnes** who has to work on Saturday!! #2 is that the Friends of the Portage Lakes Public Library will have a book sale on Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-3:00 P.M. **Larry Hunter** announced there was a Boat and Fishing Swap at the Tudor House also on the 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 till???

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.

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

**Al also announced 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: The repairs to the West Reservoir Dam will not require the lake to be lowered as had first been thought. Using a hydraulic pile driver will allow the construction to continue without a lower level. This was accomplished with the help of concerned residents contacting the ODNR and they revised their plans!!!**

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Our traveling Sue Harding is having a great time in the Holy Land and has found it challenging, but interesting and will have many pictures (now that the camera has the right size memory stick) and stories on her travels!!!

**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

**THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS WAS DONE WITH AN EXTREMELY SMALL GROUP OF MEMBERS ATTENDING. WE HAD 15 MEMBERS AND TWO GUESTS WITH US TONIGHT. SINCE THERE WERE NO NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR, LARRY HUNTER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE WHOLE SLATE BY ACCLIMATION, AND CHARLIE KEPNES SECONDED IT. THE MOTION PASSED!! OUR OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR ARE: PRESIDENT FRANK SMITH, VICE-PRESIDENT MARK SNYDER, AND THE RETURNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE: JUANITA GEHM, LARRY HUNTER AND DR. PHIL PINNOW. WE STILL HAVE THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT OPEN. Congratulations to our officers and board members for next year!!!!**

## PLANT AND SEED SWAP

It is on Saturday, May 21, from 9-11 A.M. Call 330-644-7342 for details. Start potting and identifying your plants. If you do not know the names, check with Polly on Saturday!!

## PLEASE POST THESE DATES

- May 18**      **REGULAR/BOARD MEETING.NOTE CHANGE  
REVERSE RAFFLE/SILENT AUCTION MEETING!!!!**
- May 21**      **PLANT SWAP HERE. NOTE CHANGE**
- May 25**      **SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT DATE CHANGED  
RESERVATIONS NEEDED!!!!!!!!CALL VICKI!!!!**
- 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"**
- 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!**