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THE COMMUNICATOR

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PLK NEWSLETTER

Vicki Kepnes, Editor

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**President Frank Smith**, back with us after knee replacement surgery, welcomed everyone to our Second Annual Pig Roast!!! He then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Father Durkee offered the invocation. We had a great turnout and **President Frank** asked everyone to introduce themselves to each other!

### **This Week's Celebrations**

There was great weather this week for the member's birthdays, John Cusma and Joe Reinmann will both be celebrating on June 4<sup>th</sup>!!! There were no wedding or club anniversaries this week!!



### **Club Activities**

**CHARLIE KEPNES** put his Pirate Hat on and 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. **SORRY TO HAVE TO REPEAT, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THIS PROJECTS SUCCESS WILL BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY EACH KIWANIANS EFFORT TO HELP. WE NEED TO SELL MORE REVERSE RAFFLE TICKETS AND GRUB TICKETS. PLEASE ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT FUND RAISER. IF EACH KIWANIAN WOULD SELL JUST THREE TICKETS WE WOULD HAVE A SUCCESSFUL EVENT. PLEASE BECOME INVOLVED AND HELP THE CLUB IMPROVE ITS FINANCIAL POSITION. THIS IS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY PROJECTS WE ARE TAKING FOR GRANTED WILL CONTINUE. THIS YEARS BUDGET HAD A SHORTFALL OF APPROXIMATELY \$6,000. WE NEED TO RAISE THIS MUCH MORE EACH YEAR JUST TO KEEP THE STATUS QUO. PLEASE HELP.** 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, Al Grzeschik, Charlie and Vicki Kepnes, Scott Shookman, Tom Burge 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 available option.

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

Please see the calendar at the end of the newsletter for Pirates Day Meetings. Time is short and we have a lot to accomplish!!

Please let Rosanne Mihaly, the coordinator 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 35 items that we already have and some pending. Please keep them coming!!!

### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

**President Frank Smith** was really glad to be able to back with us tonight. His surgery went well and he highly appreciated his wonderful nurse (**Bonnie**) for putting up with him.

**Glen Sheets** was happy that he had two granddaughters graduating this year.

**Larry Hunter** had three happy dollars. #1. Was glad for the good turnout this evening. #2. He also has a granddaughter graduating this year, but from Manchester!! #3. Finally got his boat in the water, so we can start fishing soon!!!

**Norm Elias** was another proud grandfather with a granddaughter graduating, another granddaughter having a birthday today, and wife, Alice will celebrate her 39<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 6<sup>th</sup>!!!!!!

**Vicki Kepnes** had a happy \$5 for **Sue Harding** returning safely from her trip, so she does not have to sit at the front table!!!!!!

**Tom Varley** had two dollars that he was happy for, one was for **Sue Harding** coming home from the Holy Land, and number two was for being able to sit with Father Durkee who also had visited the Holy Land and spoke briefly of his experience there.

**Sue Harding** had five happy dollars, one to be home safe from her trip to the Holy Land. The second was for **Vicki** for handling the secretary's job for the whole month. Number three was for the safety for their family members in Joplin, MO., who survived the tornado. Number four was for the great luck she had after missing the connecting flight in Newark, the airline gave those vouchers for the hotel, dinner and breakfast. Number five was that she finally arrived in Cleveland at 7:45 A.M. Sunday and her 2 checked bags were delivered to her house Sunday evening!!!!!! Welcome back Sue!! We missed you!!!

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

Carol Eubank, Editor of the new Portage Lakes Navigator magazine, announced that the first edition is out and in various locations and will be available free. She thanked the members of Portage Lakes Kiwanis for their advertisements and support. This is a new annual guide to businesses, events and organizations in the Portage Lakes Area. Look for them in your local businesses and stores.

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"!!!

### CORRESPONDENCE

Lou Anne Derry let us know that there will be a Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale at Thrive Church, 2350 Graybill Rd., Uniontown, OH 44685. It will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. and food served at 6:30 P.M. This is to support the nursing students from Akron Institute's National Student Nurses Association going to assist troubled youth at a horse camp in Kentucky. Price is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and under 13. Please try to attend and help them out!!!

**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)

### PIG ROAST SPEAKER

Glen Sheets introduced his friend Paul Liikala who came to share his adventure "Fishing with the Bears" in Alaska complete with lots of pictures and lots of adventure. Paul was the Principal of Lakeview School. When asked if he would do it again, he hesitated, and said it was a really tough time and had lost about a pound a day. They were there for 12 days, August 23 till Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. While there in Alaska, they never got to eat the fish they caught as they could not put the fish in their rubber raft, as it would attract the bears to them. Finally got to eat some fish on last day when they got to their pick-up point. The photos were great and we thoroughly enjoyed having Paul with us!!!

Thanks to all of the help at the Pig Roast. There was a lot of food and everyone pitched in to take down the tables and chairs and put the food away and wash all the dishes. Thanks to Larry and Judy Hunter, Tom Burge and Polly Price, Jay Feldman, Glen Sheets, Chuck and Betty Seeley, Bonnie Smith, Juanita Gehm, Laura Yothers, Vicki and Charlie Kepnes. A special thanks to Al Grzeschik for setting up the tables!!! Hopefully we did not miss anyone, if we did we apologize and will correct next week. Thanks, Al for finding the computers!!!!

### PLEASE POST THESE DATES

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| 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<br>SILENT AUCTION AT PRIME 93 (ANTHES) DO YOU<br>HAVE YOUR TICKET YET????? |

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