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ANNUAL PIG ROAST

This week was our annual Pig Roast. There were many members present with family, friends. New members and their families as well as potential members.

Thanks to Mr. Larry Hunter for organizing this wonderful yearly event.

This is an evening where everyone can basically relax enjoy the meal that was prepared by Dr. Phil Pinnow, Mr. Tom Burge & Mr. Jay Feldman. While Bonnie Smith, Betty Friess & Polly Price and several other woman attended to the needs in the kitchen .

The covered dishes that everyone brought were fabulous, there was a variety of pasta salad as well as macaroni & cheese, potatoe casserole and salad, rolls. Followed by desert of pie, fudge , lemon squares and more.

Thank you to all who put so much into this night.

After dinner we had a Guest Speaker from the Portage Lakes Branch of the Summit County Library.

Special points of interest:

- PIRATE DAYS
- UPCOMING EVENTS
- PROJECT ELIMINATE

GUEST SPEAKER

Tonight's Guest Speaker was Cheryl Luck from the Portage Lakes Branch of the Summit County Library. Which she has been manager of for a year now. Her focus this summer is on " The Children's Programs. The library offers a lot for children to help get them interested in reading such as Mad Science, Fold Music and storytelling. Many of the programs are interactive where the kids create crafts. And there is always the summer reading program where they can earn prizes for the number of minutes they read through out the summer vacation.

This program is also available to adults. It's very simple all you have to do is read 30 minutes a day, and mark it down. No it doesn't have to be a book, it could be the newspaper, your e-mail or spending 30 minutes reading to your child or grandchild. What better way to interest a child than to participate in the program with them. I know several of us joined at tonight's meeting.

The library also has cd's, dvd's and books on cd if you plan on doing any traveling. The new thing this year is to listen to books on play aways, and you can download things from the library for free.

There are beginner to intermediate to upper class computer classes offered.

I am not sure how many of you know this but many of the things that are offered through the library are paid for by an organization called " Friends of the Library " they put on several books sales per year and other exciting events to help fund some of the library projects.

Another part of the funding comes from the community, And we can help in a very simple way. How you ask? Get a library card, or just visit the library - money is donated to the library for each person that visits the library and each person (regardless of age) who applies for a library card. This means not only the Library benefits from this so does the person who gets the library card. With a book your imagination can run wild. You can go anywhere (if just for a brief time) in a book. Please take time to visit www.akronlibrary.org and see what they have to offer.

PIRATE DAYS IN PORTAGE LAKES

The **Third Annual Pirate Days in Portage Lakes**

are just a few months away
There have been pirates spotted near the swim beach area. Wonder what they could be up to?

Rumor in the Portage Lakes is that they are planning many fun events for the weekend in July that you surely won't want to miss.

Really when is the last time you and the family were served Pancake Breakfast by Pirates?

Or battled other Pirates out on Treasure Island.

Question is can you out eat the pirates in a hotdog eating contest?

Or find the Buried Treasure that only the pirates know where it is hidden. Find the right item at the Treasure Hunt and you could walk away with the gold pirate coins, jewelry or win a prize.

There have been some pretty exciting things added to this years list of events.

Don't miss out, mark your calendars now.

We will continue to post here in the newsletter and on facebook and the website with updates on all of the events.

For now please continue to read the next two columns before you go any further planning your summer events.

This years events will start on

“ **Friday –July 19th**

with the kick off being the **Reverse Raffle/ Silent Auction.**

Tickets are currently available and the price of each ticket are the same as last year:

Grub Ticket Only \$ 35.00

Grub & Raffle Ticket \$ 100.00

Table of Eight: \$ 345.00
(includes eight meal tickets and one raffle .)

For tickets please contact our local pirate:

**Esther Cole @
330-414-7021**

Once you arrive at this event take a look at the items on the Silent Auction Table. And don't stop there Go to the section where the Chinese Auction is being held, buy a balloon from the Fairest Pirate selling them. When it is time pop your balloon along with everyone else and see if you are the winner.

And the grub is amazing.

Can you beat out your fellow pirates in the Pirate Costume Contest?

Saturday—July 20th
will start this day off at the:

Goodyear Boat and Yacht Club located on South main St. They will be holding a Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser. Complete with pancakes, ham, coffee and juice for a small donation of \$ 6.00. Come and have the family served by the Portage Lakes Goodyear Boat & Yacht Club Pirates from 8:00 am to 11:00am

Then join the rest of the Pirates at:

Swim Beach in Portage Lakes State Park from:

1:00pm to 3:00pm for the PNC Kids Treasure Hunt where the Secret Sister Pirates will judge your costume and prize are available for those chosen. Enter the beach area for the remainder of the Treasure Hunt & boat ride out to Treasure Island for the kids. In here you will find a balloon pop, concession stand, the Pirate boys will have created a rope bridge. What better a place to create your own pirate hat.

Beware of the pirates roaming the beach area for they may just make you “ **Walk the Plank** “ to earn your own pirate Eye Patch.

And the evening will end with the **UPPER DECK HotDog** eating contest. The fun doesn't end there enjoy the band for the evening visit with friends and try your hand at the Dunk Tank. You never know which pirate may be waiting to be dunked..

www.plkiwanis.org &

On Facebook

For more details on this fun and exciting weekend.

The Purple Martin Association in the Portage Lakes Area was formed in the year 2000. This association helped attract these beautiful birds to control insects in the Portage Lakes Area. With the birds here it helps to reduce the use of insecticides that pollute the air and water.

On **Saturday the 29th of June** they will be holding— The 12th Annual Buckeye Martinfest. It will be at the **North Reservoir Boat Launch Ramp**— From 2 to 4pm. Join them and view 125 Purple Martin nests up close and learn about these wonderful birds.

There will also be Games and Crafts.

Starting on **August 1st through August 30th** will be “ The Purple Martin Twilight Boat Rides. “ experience the amazing spectacle of 10,000 Purple Martins swirling together as they prepare for migration.

The cost per person is \$ 20.00 and Reservations are required. Please contact **Larry Hunter @ 330-644-1540** to secure your place on this twilight boat ride on Nimisila Reservoir.

Remember these trips Sell out early every year. And this is a boat ride you won't want to miss

DATES & THINGS TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAY'S

Joe Reinmann - June 4th

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Wendy Davis June 6th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- Tom Varley 17 Years
- JoAnne Murgatroyd 18 Years
- Dr. Tim Husser 9 Years
- Bonnie Smith 3 Years
- Gordon Rice 2 Years PLK / 44 Years KI

KEY CLUB NEWS

Thank you to **Jerry Schrop** Adviser Ellet Key Club and Advisors— **Jon & Cass Freeman of Coventry Key Club, Manchester**—PLK Advisors—**Scott Shookman & Sam Reynolds** for your hard work and dedication to these three schools. And to the members of each of the Key Clubs we appreciate all of the volunteer work that each of you did this year.

Have a safe and happy summer. We look forward to learning what projects the Key Clubs will be taking on this coming fall.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 7th Aero's Game—Canal Park followed by Fireworks
- June 12th Regular Meeting / Host for Division 20 Meeting.
- June 13th Pirates Planning Meeting
Time: 6:30 Civic Center
- June 19th Regular Meeting / Guest Speaker
Marilyn Purdy—Dragon Dream Team
- June 20th Pirates on the lake Meeting
Swim Beach - State Park
- June 26th Regular Meeting/ Board Meeting

Pirate Treasure Hunt Meetings

Be a part of putting a smile on a child's face in the Portage Lakes Community on July 20th, 2013 by helping with the:

THIRD ANNUAL PIRATES KIDS TREASURE HUNT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
June 20th	6:30 pm	Swim Beach - State Park
July 11th	6:30 pm	Civic Center

(final meeting prior to Treasure Hunt on July 20th, 2013)

These meetings are open to everyone who would like to volunteer on Saturday the 20th.

Should the meeting time and date change we will notify you in advance.

There are many things going on in the Portage Lakes area this summer from the Opening of the New On Tap at the Harbor, to Purple Martin Festival as well as the Pirate Days in July.

REMINDER TO ALL BOARD MEETINGS:

All Board Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted.