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Special points of interest:

- Club & Family Summer Outings.
- Saying a Kind word to a Friend, Family member or Child.
- Upcoming events

SUMMER RE-CAP

Summers in Portage Lakes are always exciting and fun filled for the entire family.

This year was no exception. From the music at the different Lakes establishments: Like Aquarius Rising to the Buck Naked Band on Fourth of July weekend.

Followed by the **Dragon Dream Team Festival on July 13th**. What an experience that was—huge pink dragon boats racing everywhere at the **State Park Swim Beach**. Some of the teams traveled from other states to participate. There were very experienced rowers to semi experienced ,to teams that had never rowed until the day of the race. And even some of the locals put together a team's like the **Upper Deck and Dano's**. An extremely exciting day for all involved. As well as the spectators.

And all this was followed by **Pirates weekend**. That's right the **3rd annual Reverse Raffle/ Silent Auction** took place at Prime 93 on July 19th, 2013. The evening was filled with Grub and Drink as well as the Reverse Raffle, Silent Auction, Chinese Auction, Balloon Pop. There were approximately 136 people in attendance. Some in pirate costumes and some in street clothes. But it was a sure thing that the pirates had taken over the Lakes area.

Though the weather on Saturday was a little dreary and we had some rain, July 20th started off with a bang and breakfast of Coffee, Blueberry Pancakes,

Chocolate Chip Pancakes, ham, juice and coffee all prepared by the **Goodyear Boat & Yacht Club Pirates**. About 57 locals showed up and ate. From what I hear these Goodyear Pirates are already planning for next year.

The **PNC Treasure Hunt** was later in the afternoon. Pirates of all ages attended. The Walk the Plank station was manned by the Seadogs and the Secret Sisters helped with the kids in more ways than we can count. In addition to running the Kids Pirate Costume Contest. We also added several vendors this year. **Kerri Miller Gleisinger** from **Kerri's Confections** who had an assortment of goodies like Cake Shooters and breads of all sorts. You can find Kerri at Hartville Market Place . **Diane**—Sassy Dog who had hot dogs , kraut dogs and sausage. And Elaine with her group of ROTC pirates from Green High School with chips and drinks and more.

And **Cheryl Luck** from the **Library** was at another table with book markers, pencils that changed color. Plus a list of events that will be going on at the library.

The pirates on Treasure Island were in full force this year with their super soaker's ready and aimed to defend their island. They also were prepared to make balloon swords for all the kids who road the boat to the island.

The evening was followed up with a **Hotdog Eating**

Contest at the **Upper Deck** where I am told the winner was able to eat 9 hotdogs with bun in 5 minutes. Kudos to him and all the other contestants.

The dunk tank also provided by the Upper Deck was a huge success . Seriously what could be more fun than dunk people. Several **Kiwanians** like **Tim Peterson** and **Dale Dietz** took their turns being dunked. As well as **Sheila Wright** of the Secret Sister and several of the **Upper Deck employee's**.

Friday and Saturday's events were followed by the **Dragon Dream Team** boat rides in their beautiful rowing boats. With **Diane Baldrige** and her crew from the Life Jacket exchange program.

Diane has provided a wonderful program for the past two years at the Treasre Hunt. You bring your child with a gently used or new life jacket to the Swim Beach area and she will exchange the life jacket for a new one that fits your child and keeps them safe for summer boating events with family and friends.

Thanks to Diane and her crew all the kids who took the boat ride on Saturday to Treasure Island and the Dragon Dream Team rides on Sunday the children were safely fitted into vests for the rides.

We are definitely looking forward to next year's events.

ROSE REMEMBERANCE DAY

Yes ,it is almost that time of year again. Time for Roses to be flooding the Summit County area.

The kick off dinner for this long time fundraising event will be held on :

AUGUST 21st, 2013

TIME: 6:30pm

Civic center

As in years past we will need volunteers to man the Civic Center during the week and answer phones as well as do some data entry. If you would be willing to take on this please contact Mr. Tom Burge.

As in the past Rose Delivery day will be the First Saturday in October 6th, 2013.

Remember these Roses are not only for your girlfriend, wife. Order Roses for you friend, sister, neighbor or grandmother.

At \$ 15.00 a dozen you can't beat the price.

ANNUAL PORTAGE LAKES “ KIWANIS FISH FRY “

This year Larry Hunter has worked really hard catching the fish for the Fish Fry. On occasion he has had fellow Kiwanian's Chuck Seeley and Al Grzeschik helping. As well as Jonathan Zito. They are almost to the point of having all the fish needed for this wonderful dinner which will be held on September 4th, 2013 @ the Civic Center. Dinner will start at approximately 6:30pm and will be followed by GUEST SPEAKER—

Kerri Miller Gleisinger owner and operator of “ **Kerri's Confections** “

Tickets are now available for: **\$ 12.00 per person** and a covered dish to share with everyone. In years past we have had some wonderful side dishes of potato casserole, salad, pasta salad and a variety of desserts. This is an open event for everyone with tickets. Gather your family and neighbors and join us for dinner, fellowship and our Special Guest Speaker. Please contact either Tom Burge or another Kiwanian to purchase your tickets.

ON GOING PROJECTS

PROJECT ELIMINATE: We are still continuing to collect change for this world wide on going project. To date we are two years in to a 5 year project. Portage Lakes Kiwanis joined the crusade last year and have collect approximately \$ 700.00 in change towards our \$ 1,000.00 goal. We adapted the Baby Bottle project. Many kiwanians have taken bottles home and collected change from their cars, bottoms of purses, and several other places. Though we continue to use the smaller size baby bottles. Though we also decided to use Very Large Baby Bottle Banks and many of the local area business's such as Akron Coin & Jewelry have placed these on their counters in the hopes that individuals who purchase something will drop their change into the bottle.

This fund raiser was put into place to collect money and help fight **Neonatal Tetanus** in lower income communities in Third World Countries. The women and children in these communities (as well as other people living in the area's) live in extremely unhealthy and un sanitary conditions. They do not have the simple comfort as we do of drinking clean drinking water.

Everytime **\$ 1.60 in change** is dropped into a bottle we are purchasing a tetanus shot for one mother in these Third World Countries. Not only are we saving that mother we are also saving and protecting her unborn children now and any she may have in the future.

Can you even imagine your child hurting so badly that you are unable to comfort them or even touch them. Without this tetanus shot it is a chance each of these woman take everytime they become pregnant. So for the next several years let's all dig deep into our pockets and purses and change jars and drop a few quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies into a jar. Even helping one mother will be a terrific help.

For more information or to obtain your baby bottle (of any size) please contact either **Vicki Kepnes or Jeff Goodwin.**

BIRTHDAYS, CLUB ANNIVERSARIES & ANNIVERSARIES 2013

AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S

Cass Freeman - August 2nd
 Juanita Gehm - August 2nd
 Phil Pinnow - August 5th
 Jack Sarver - August 5th
 Paul Schuckert - August 6th
 Dale Dietz - August 12th
 Glenn Brietenstine August 14th
 Debbie O'Connor August 25th
 Susan Fassoles - August 30th

ANNIVERSARIES

Sue & John Fassoles August 2nd
 Dale & Cathy Dietz August 7th
 Glen & Georgia Sheets August 8th
 Phil & Judy Pinnow August 10th
 Chuck & Betty Seeley August 16th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Rosanne Mihaly 25 years
 Charles Kepnes 20 years
 Sue Harding 15 years

Happenings Around the Lakes Area

Purple Martin Boat Rides: Nightly through the month of August
 Naughtyvine Opened for business on - July 25th, 2013
 Bridgestone/Firestone Golf Classic August 1st—4th, 2013
 Portage Lakes Kiwanis Fish Fry September 4th, 2013

Monopoly Game Fundraiser

The fundraiser board game "**Portagelakesopoly**" has been sent to the printers. Though we did make several changes to the game and box cover we think that the game will be a great part of putting Portage Lakes down in history. There will be 350 games printed and approximately 300 will be for sale sometime in mid September. The games will be sold at a cost of \$ 25.00. In the weeks to come we will have more updates on when and where you will be able to purchase games.

Supporting Local Children

Just as a reminder the Local Schools are about to be back in session. Leave a few minutes early for work, or whatever you may have in store for your morning and afternoon's. Take that extra minute to watch for children either walking to school or walking to the bus stop. School buses will be back on the roads full of children so please keep your eye's open. We as adults are the key to their safety to and from school.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

Mark your calendars in advance and save room on your schedules for the :

ROTC— CRUISE IN FUNDRAISER

We have received a lot of support from this wonder group of kids from Green. So let's make sure that we give a little of that support back.

KEY CLUB NEWS

School is about to be back in session at the end of August. In an effort to support the individual schools Coventry, Manchester and Ellet we will post the individual officers for each Key

Club as well as the events they are either participating in or running as fund raisers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1-4th Bridgestone/ Firestone Classic
 August 7th Regular Meeting
 August 8th Pirate Days Wrap up Meeting @ Civic Center
 Time: 6:30 pm
 August 9-10th Ohio District Convention - Lima Ohio
 August 14th Regular Meeting Guest Speaker
 Tom Quinn on CPR
 August 21st Rose Kick off Meeting
 August 28th Regular Meeting / Board Meeting
 September 4th Fish Fry—Guest Speaker
 Kerri Miller Gleisinger

REMINDER TO ALL BOARD MEETINGS:

All Board Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Please try to be in attendance as much as possible as the board needs your vote.