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**Special points of interest:**

- Project Eliminate
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- Upcoming events

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Last week ( September 4th, 2013 ) we held our annual Fish Fry. Guest Speaker for the evening was Kerri Gleisinger from **Kerri's Confections.**

Kerri has had many professions in her lifetime. She is a Veterinary Technician with certificates in Surgical Assisting and Radiology. Has owned her own direct sales business and has trained Partylite Sales individuals for 10 years.

She has always had a love for baking. But kept that love primarily to providing cookie trays and other deserts to family members an friends for holidays and other occasions.

As her confections have always been out of this world several family members decided to get her a special Christmas present one year.

Kerri took professional Cake Decorating Classes with Wilton Method Courses located in Akron Ohio. She then followed that up by taking Wilton Instructor Training Classes.

After completing the courses she began teaching cake decorating in Montrose at JoAnn Etc. Her teaching schedule varies from one night to 3-4 nights a week.

*She teaches to men and women as well as children.*

*Recently one of her students placed 1st in the Akron Cupcake Camp over the summer.*

In 2012 backed with the training courses as well as the necessary baking equipment ( which was also a Christmas Present from family ) Kerri decided to branch out one more limb and created:

**Kerri's Confections**

Which is a local business in the Portage Lakes area.

With the moral support of Husband Rich and other family members and friends Kerri spent the summer months teaching classes, baking at home and selling her sweet confections at Hartville Flea Market on Saturday's an Monday's.

All her items are have no preservatives in them and are made from items like blueberries, zucchini, raspberrys ect that she and husband Rich grow organically in their own garden.

As well as providing cake's and other misc. items such as cake shooters to various people for birthday's and baby shower's , weddings ect.

Some of you may have eaten her baked goods and aren't even aware of it. She also provides Cheese Cakes and Carrot Cakes for Bilay's Restaurant..

*She was also gracious enough to*

*have a tent at this year's Pirate*

*Days Treasure Hunt where she sold her baked goods in true Pirate Fashion.*

*Kerri is very sensitive to the allergies some people have. She is capable of providing cakes for people who need to eat Gluten free food or maybe allergic to peanuts.*

*You can find Kerri on Facebook under " Kerri's Confections " where she has pictures of some of the items she has made.*

*Or you can reach her @  
330-644-7407 .*

*She will also have a table at the:*

**Sweets & Treats**

**6th Annual Chocolate Celebration**

**on :**

**Wednesday September 25th  
Raintree Country Club on  
Mayfair Road**

**From: 10 am to 2 pm.**

We would like to Thank her for attending the Fish Fry at the Civic Center and being our Guest Speaker.

## ROSE REMBERANCE DAY 2013

We have started this year's sales off with a bang. With an estimated 600 roses sold to date. The Rose office will officially open on September 23, 2013. Here you can drop off orders, call in orders or come in and order roses from anyone working at the time.

Tom Burge the chairman of this event will be on hand if anyone should have questions on locations where we may or may not deliver Rose. Remember someone in your family, a close friend or neighbor on this very special day by ordering one dozen Roses for \$ 15.00 delivered.

Tom is also looking for several people who are willing to donate their time on October 5th, 2013 Rose Delivery day. There are several locations in the northern part of Summit county that are available for anyone who might want to deliver roses.

Seeing the joy on someone's face as the open the door to find the Roses is a pure pleasure to watch. Have a few hours to spare on this Saturday morning please contact Tom.

## LETTER FROM LARRY HUNTER

I would like to express my sincere Thanks to all who helped out on and before the Fish Fry.

A lot of effort went into making this a wonderful evening for everyone . As you all know all the fish for the fish fry are caught right here in the Portage Lakes. This year I had the pleasure of being joined on Monday evenings by Mr. Chuck Seeley, Al Grzeschik, Nick Carruthers and Jonathan Zito. Thank each and everyone of you for helping catch the fish.

I would also like to Thank - Mr. Tom Burge, Mr. Chuck Seeley, Dr Phil Pinnow and Mr. Richard Hunter for your work cooking all the fish for the evening. And a special Thanks to Mrs. Judy Pinnow who mixed the batter for the fish. Many of you may not know but Judy has been mixing the batter for these fish fry's since we started having them.

The table & flower arrangements were done by Ms Polly Price and her mother. Set up of all the covered dishes as well as drinks and cooking the corn on the cob was done by Mrs. Bonnie Smith and Mrs. Vicki Kepnes. & Mrs. Betty Seeley, Mrs. Betty Friess. Thank you for all your hard work before and after with the clean up we certainly couldn't have done it without all of you.

The evening was sold out with 107 tickets selling out several weeks before the event. And our Guest Speaker for the evening Mrs. Kerri Gleisinger from Kerri's Confections was booked a month in advance. Thank you Kerri for speaking to the club members, their families and friends.

My thanks also to each and everyone who brought a covered dish to share.

I truly hope that everyone had a wonderful time and you will all mark your calendars for next year's fish fry.

### REMINDER TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

### FROM CHARLIE KEPNES

We need to have all committee Budget Reports turned in for the 2013 - 2014 calendar year no later than Wednesday - September 25th, 2013. If you have questions or need a Budget Report form please contact either myself, Vicki Kepnes or Sue Harding.

Thank you - looking forward to a productive 2013 - 2014 calendar year.

**FRIESS FAMILY** - Our sincere condolences go out to the entire Friess family in this difficult time. Russ and Betty Friess & daughter Jeanette (husband ) Rick Bell have endured a loss this week with the passing of Jeff Friess. Please keep the entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

## PROJECT ELIMINATE

We are proud to announce that we will be hold a Euchre Tournament on January 18th, 2014 at the Civic Center. This will be a combined fundraiser with other area Kiwanis Clubs in the District. All proceeds and donations for this event will be donated to Project Eliminate. For every \$ 1.60 that we raise we can save the life of one Mother and all of her unborn children by providing a series of 3 shots. This project is a 5 year project that many clubs have committed to helping.

As things are finalized we will provide more information on how you can be entered into the tournament. Please watch future newsletters for information as there will be limited space and we would hate to see anyone miss out on this fun filled evening.

**September - BIRTHDAY'S**

Debbie Rubino September 15  
Dana Roderick September 25  
Russ Friess September 28

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Larry & Judy Hunter September 2  
Norman & Alice Elias September 10  
Bob & Helga Dengler September 19

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Gordon Rice 2 yrs PLK / 45 K Int  
Bob Dengler 2 yrs PLK / 44 K Int  
Gene Cole 37 years  
Chet Brown 12 years  
Larry Hunter 11 years  
Esther Cole 2 years

**KEY CLUB NEWS**

Ellet: 2013 - 2014 School year

President: Kalli Butler Treasurer: Sam Paige  
VP: Caitlin Philips Editor: Brenna  
McGovern

Secretary: Madison Hayes

These Key Club members are already starting the year off with a bang:

The will be collecting order from now thru the end of September for Kiwanis Rose Day

A Key Club member has designed new shirts for the club and they are at the printers

On September 18th the will be hand making Dog Treats in Room 112 and will be donating them to the Humane Society.

They will also be participating in the Craft Fair at Ellet High School on November 9th. If you plan to attend the Craft Fair be sure to look for them.

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2013**

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

**ROTC— CRUISE IN FUNDRAISER @ LEGENDS IN GREEN**

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.

**Monopoly Game Fundraiser**

**Games** - are currently for sale at a cost of \$ 25.00 each. If you would like a games please contact

**Dana Roderick @ 330-990-7818 or via e-mail @  
d1687@hotmail.com.**

The games are printed and will be delivered to the Portage Lakes area by Monday September 16th, 2013. If you have pre ordered a game please watch you e-mails for a date as to when you can pay for and pick up your games.

We will also have games for sale that day for those who have not pre ordered.. This is a limited edition so if you would like a game please contact Dana. Thank you for your support with this project . We sincerely hope everyone enjoys them.

**FUNDRAISER FOR Jeff Wallick**

Mr. Wallick is the son in law of member Tom Varley. They will be holding a fundraiser for him on:

**Saturday - October 5th, 2013 Time: 6pm - 11pm**

**Location: Queen of Haven Catholic Church.**

**If you would like to donate a basket or any other item for the silent Auction please contact**

**Tom Varley @ 330 - 896 - 3672**

Once everything is finalized we will provide more information on where and how to obtain tickets for this special event.

**KIWANIS FAMILY**

**Mr. Robert Dengler** - Please continue your prayers for Bob and his family we will be giving up dates on him every week.

**Griffis Family** - Mark Griffis passed away Tuesday September 10th, 2013 in the morning. Please keep the family members and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

September 18th - 30th Anniversary Dinner at Kiwanis Towers,  
For those attending please arrive at the Civic  
Center no later than 5:45pm

September 22nd ROTC Cruise in Fundraiser  
Location Legends in Green

September 23rd ROSE OFFICE OPENS AT CIVIC CENTER

September 25th Regular Meeting: Board Meeting

October 2nd Regular Meeting / Process Rose Orders

October 5th ROSE DELIVERY

**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.