



We Build!

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PLK NEWSLETTER

Vicki Kepnes, Editor

PRESIDENT FRANK SMITH opened the meeting and led everyone in **The Pledge of Allegiance**, **SUE HARDING** led us in singing Thanksgiving music "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow" and **GEORGE DERRY** offered the invocation. Our guest for tonight is Michael Boyle, publisher of the Portage Lakes Navigator.

This Week's Celebrations



RIC SPRING celebrated his birthday on Nov. 13th; we hope to see him soon. **GORDON RICE** and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 3, **JACOB** and **Bobbi GRIMM** will celebrate their wedding anniversary on Nov. 13 and **TOM** and **Carol Ann VARLEY** will celebrate their anniversary on Nov. 21. **JEFF GOODWIN** will be celebrating 2 years of membership in Portage Lakes Kiwanis this month!! Congratulations to everyone!!!

CLUB ACTIVITIES

BOB DENGLER Chair of the Entertainment Book Sales reminded everyone, that we need to continue to sell **Entertainment Books**. Canton Books have finally arrived after he made many calls and insisted they ship some to us!! Keep looking for outlets to sell them and turn in money as soon as possible!! Contact **BOB**, and he will set you up with all the tools you will need. With more sales, we can earn anywhere from \$5 to \$15 per book.

VICKI KEPNES asked everyone to remember to hand in any **ACME** receipts for the **Community Cashback** program. Please check your receipts for **Community Cashback** dollars. We get 5% of that total back!!! Thanksgiving shopping should bring in some large receipts!!!! Thanks for helping!!!

SPEAKER-MIKE BOYLE-PL NAVIGATOR

Mike Boyle is a transplant from New York, and found the Portage Lakes when he was looking for places that had rowing clubs. After renting, and finally finding a house, he is now living here and loves the area. He is a member of the Rowing Association, and it is doing very well!! While he was in college, he got interested in publishing and handed out free movie posters that contained advertising and that evolved into the Portage Lakes Calendars that we see everywhere. Groups advertising in the calendar sell them for \$5 each and recoup most if not all the advertising costs and in several instances make money!!! This is the 4th year of this calendar. Last year they started the Portage Lakes Navigator to publicize the area and businesses and area activities and organizations available to everyone. They are working on an internet presence and will have this operational in January 2012. It is nice to put a face to someone who is publicizing our area!!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

SUE HARDING announced that so far 4 of our members have not responded or paid their dues. If you have not made a payment, you are in jeopardy of being dropped since the dues are due to be paid to Kiwanis International this month. Don't risk being dropped as a member. Make arrangements to pay, send in your resignation, or set up a payment plan!!



HAPPY DOLLARS



SCOTT SHOOKMAN had to tell us about the latest information about Ann Lou Klope, wife of member JOE KLOPE, who has passed away. Ann Lou has dementia and has not spoken in some time at all. When her daughter was speaking with someone in her room at the nursing room and spoke that they were moving Ann Lou to another facility across town and that the ambulance would cost \$350, Ann Lou, who had not spoken before, said that she was taking the bus and was not going to pay for an ambulance!!! So she, in a wheel chair and her daughter took the bus that cost \$1.50!! She is still being frugal!!!

LARRY HUNTER had a happy dollar that TOM BURGE and Polly Price had arrived in California. It was also announced that their internet was not working, but they could catch up at the library!! After the meeting it was learned that they are connected finally!!!

RUSS FRIESS announced that about 5 years ago his wife Betty had to go on oxygen due to sleep apnea, and they got a machine that makes oxygen, so you don't have to go to get refills. They finally noticed that Medicare was billed \$435 a month for the unit's rent. After checking Russ found out that they could buy a unit for \$395, and no tax!!! No wonder Medicare has so many problems; they should just buy the machines and give them to patients!!!

DR. PHIL PINNOW let us know that his wife, Judy, has had her surgery and all is well!!

SUE HARDING was happy for daughter Lee and her husband Chris got to celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary with the family at a pre-Thanksgiving dinner, and SUE's brother and sister-in-law, were in town also to join in the celebration!!

NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY

REMINDER: BOB LONGWORTH has a new address now: Amherst Meadows, 1610 1st. Street N.E., Apartment 523, Massillon, OH 44646. The Amherst Meadows facility phone no. is 330-830-8500. Stop in or send a note or call. We miss you BOB!!!

We are collecting donations for the OHIO DISTRICT FIRST LADY PROJECT; please bring small sample sizes of soap, toiletries, small stuffed animals, tooth paste tooth brushes, etc. These will go in back packs to be given to children who are being removed from their homes and most times do not have anything with them. Children's Services will be handling this thru Ohio District Kiwanis, and our area will be sent some also.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kiwanis International is sponsoring a membership contest and the clubs with the largest increase in membership will win money to be donated to the ELIMINATE PROJECT!! Please think of someone who would make a good member for us!!! SUE HARDING also received a short message from DALE DIETZ and Kathy that they are in Orlando, and will see us soon!!

SUE also received a package of new By-Laws from TOM LONGWORTH that were approved by Kiwanis International. Hats off to TOM and GEORGE DERRY for all their hard work on this project. These By-Laws contain new indemnification for all Board of Directors and Officers. Please take a few minutes to read your copy when they are handed out at the Board Meeting on Nov. 30th.

SOCIAL

The Social Outing at the **RED HORSE WINERY** on November 9th was a fun time for everyone attending. Members and guests attending were AL and Julie GRZESCHIK, VICKI KEPNES, FRANK and BONNIE SMITH, RUSS and Betty FRIESS, CHUCK and Betty Seeley, DALE DIETZ, DEBBIE RUBINO, DAVE FIELDER, SCOTT and Becky SHOOKMAN, CYNDI WEAVER, Lisa Mastriano and husband, and John and Kathy Rood. There were a few other friends who joined our group!! What a great evening of fellowship and great food that filled up one long table and spilled over on another table!!! Thanks to all who attended and to AL GRZESCHIK on another well planned event!!

We are also planning a CHARTER/CHRISTMAS Party on December 7th At Prime 93. We will need to have a minimum of 25 attending. Please let VICKI KEPNES know if you will be attending. The menu choices are: Lemon Herb Chicken \$21.00, Broiled Scrod \$25.00, 6oz, Filet Mignon \$25.00 and Lasagna \$21.00. All entrees are served with a house salad, red skinned potatoes, famous sourdough rolls, bean salad, dessert, and a choice of coffee, tea or soda. Price includes tax and gratuity. There will be an open bar. All reservations need to pay for in advance by November 30, 2011. This is on a Wednesday and will be a very special evening of fellowship and a chance to recognize members and friends who have helped us throughout the year!! Please plan on attending. Call: Vicki 330-618-8795, or Al 330-330-896-0050!! Thanks!!



PLEASE POST THESE DATES



- NOV. 23 NO MEETING “Happy Thanksgiving!!!!”
- NOV. 30 REGULAR MEETING AND **BOARD MEETING**-POT LUCK DINNER
- DEC 5-21 SANTA DELIVERY DROP OFF AT LOCATIONS
- DEC. 7 **CHARTER/CHRISTMAS PARTY AT PRIME 93!!!!!!**
- DEC. 14 REGULAR MEETING/ WRAPPING GIFTS
- DEC. 14 & 21 PICK UP **SANTA SUITS** AT CIVIC CENTER
- DEC. 21 REGULAR MEETING/WRAPPING AND SORTING GIFTS
- DEC. 23 GENE COLE PUTTING LIGHTS/SPEAKERS ON CARS/
FRIESS WELDING TO CHECK ALL SLEIGHS
NOTE: ALL CARS/TRUCKS NEED FLAT 4-WAY PLUGS AND 2” BALL!!!!
- DEC. 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE/ SANTA DELIVERY**
- DEC. 31 NEW YEARS’ EVE PARTY AT CIVIC CENTER!!!!