



We Build!

***THE COMMUNICATOR***

**December 1, 2010**

**PLK NEWSLETTER**

**Vicki Kepnes, Editor**

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**President Frank Smith** opened the meeting and led everyone in pledge of allegiance; **Sue Harding** chose “God Bless America”, as our opening song and **Tom Varley** offered the invocation for our meal. **Larry Hunter** introduced our guests for the evening: Betty Friess and prospective member, Chris Griffin, Manager of the First Merit Bank in New Franklin on Manchester Rd.



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

**Mike Ankrom** will be celebrating a birthday on December 5. **Mike** and Jennifer **Ankrom** also celebrated their wedding anniversary on November 29. **Charlie** and **Vicki Kepnes** will celebrate 46 years of marriage on December 3. Club Anniversaries this week are: **Jim Robinson** with 21 years, and **Glenn Breitenstine** with 35 years!!! Congratulation guys for your service!!

#### **Club Activities**

**PLK Dues** – the invoices have been mailed and are now past due, unless you have made arrangements with **Treasurer Charlie Kepnes**. If you have not made arrangements, e-mail Charlie at [charliekep@aol.com](mailto:charliekep@aol.com) with your intentions.

**Larry Hunter** discussed the Pirate Days Project. This will be a collaboration with local businesses and advertising in the Portage Lakes Legends magazine, and a Pirate Days Poker Run in the 6 bars/restaurants in the community. Lots of plans and work to be done. If you are interested in participating as a business or as a volunteer, please contact **Larry Hunter**. PLK is endorsing this project.

**Debbie Rubino** found a great deal on teddy bears at Deals in the Target Plaza. If you want to participate in the collection started by Carol Eubanks granddaughter Courtney Ellis, they are only \$5.00 each. The project is called Operation Omi 2, in memory of her Oma (grandmother) who always loved teddy bears. You can brighten a child's Holiday with a new teddy bear or a new toy by calling 330-899-9157, or drop off in the Coventry area at 347 Dorwil Dr. Please leave donations in the plastic marked tubs on the porch.

**Larry Hunter** spoke about the New Year's Eve dinner here at the Civic Center and has tickets for sale at \$20 each. It will start at 6:30 and the main course will be beef tenderloin and everyone is to bring a covered dish. Plans are underway for many fun things for the evening and the agenda will make it easy for those who may want to go to "First Night" downtown or on to other parties later in the evening. Contact Larry if you have any questions.

**Entertainment Books** for both Akron and Canton areas can be purchased at Chase Bank on Manchester Rd from **Connie Nagy** and at Akron Coin & Jewelry from **Vicki** and **Charlie Kepnes**. All-City and Magic City Kiwanis groups provide these books. PLK will earn a commission on these sales.

**2011 Portage Lakes Calendars** are hot off the presses. **Tom Burge and Tom Fry** are selling them for \$5 each. They are also available at Akron Coin & Jewelry, Inc.

**Acme Community Cashback** receipts are being collected by **Sandy Engle** and **Vicki Kepnes**. PLK will earn money for your grocery purchases.

**Kiwanis Christmas Cards** are still available at meetings for **\$20.00 per box!!!**  
**Don't miss out!!**

#### □ Happy Dollars □

**Charlie Kepnes** was happy that 46 years ago he and **Vicki** traveled to Monroe, Michigan to get their wedding license and then three days later went back to get married in a snow storm very much like the snow at tonight's' meeting!!! Parents were pretty unhappy after the first trip, but came around and helped them furnish their first apartment!!

**Betty Schadl** has changed her horses name from "Oreo" to "Arion". Great name!!!

**Sue Harding** had two Happy Dollars, one for son Jimmy having a great hunting season, shot a wild boar but got poison ivy from skinning it after taking off his shirt; then shot a deer this past weekend and is looking forward to venison stew. (Think he must have kept his shirt on this time!) #2 dollar was that the South Side Leader had a picture of the Nolley Thanksgiving Feast, and credited us with our support!!! She then shared a short **Joe Klope** story!!

#### News in our Kiwanis Family

Our condolences go out to **Scott** and Becky Shookman on the passing of Becky's mother who suffered a stroke in Michigan.

Condolences also go out to **Frank and Bonnie Smith** on the loss of their friend who just passed away after suffering from cancer!

Best wishes to **Julie Grzeschik** for a speedy recovery after having her knee replaced during the Thanksgiving holiday!!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Bonnie Smith** for her mother who has been in the hospital after breaking her hip, and recently suffered a setback. We wish her a speedy recovery so she can get back home!!

#### Committee Reports

**Youth Services – Connie Nagy** announced that Santa Delivery had confirmed 12 Routes so far and are awaiting calls back on the rest. There was a short Route Captains meeting tonight with **Mike Whaley**. On December 8 and 15<sup>th</sup> we will be wrapping gifts, please come and help us!! **Russ Friess** wants to remind us to make sure if you are pulling a sleigh, you need a 2" ball and a 4-way harness for the lights. We need to fill two to three routes. Please consider helping this year and contact Connie Nagy or Mike Whaley.

**Nominating Committee** – Lou Ann Derry, Debbie Rubino and Dr. Tim Husser are our newest Board Members. **Al Grzeschik** has volunteered to fill either the VP or the President Elect position. Candidates were voted on at the Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and the other open positions will be voted on at the next meeting. If you can serve as either Vice-President or President-elect, please contact **Al Grzeschik**.

**Roster** – It's time to check your personal information as they are almost ready to re-print. Call **Al Grzeschik** or **Sue Harding** with additions and corrections to the last edition.

**Community Service** – **Sue Harding** and **Tom Fry** will continue to collect for Tammy's Totes. This will be an ongoing project. Donations of basic toiletries, stationery and first aid supplies will be appreciated. There were several donations brought in tonight and we will continue to accept them at any meeting. Many thanks for participating in this worthwhile project. **Tom** mentioned there have been a couple of fires lately and these donations will really help in filling more totes.

### Correspondence

We heard from **Don Reilly** who had a nice Thanksgiving and is working on his house in Arizona. A quick e-mail from Polly Price and **Tom Burge** who are on their way to California for the winter and thinking of us and all of our projects!!



**Post These Dates!**



- Dec. 8            **Regular Meeting w/ Dinner/ Wrapping gifts**
- Dec. 14            Civic Center Closed to Outside Groups**
- Dec. 15            **Committee Meetings/ Wrapping gifts/ set up tables  
For Santa Delivery Routes**
- Dec. 22            **Dinner/ Sort Gifts for Santa Delivery**
- Dec. 24            **SANTA DELIVERY begins at 5: P.M. Start packing sleighs  
At 3:00 p.m. / Warm food at 4:00 P.M.**
- Dec. 29            **Regular Meeting/ Dinner/ Board Meeting**
- Dec. 31            Gala New Year's Eve Party 6:30 P.M.--?????**  
**Get your tickets now!! \$20.00 each. You can invite guests!**  
**See Larry Hunter at the next meeting.**