

March 10, 2010 PLK NEWSLETTER

Vicki Kepnes, Editor

PRESIDENT FRANK SMITH called the meeting to order, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **RUSS FRIESS** offered the invocation. **PRESIDENT FRANK** then welcomed everyone to Civic Center for the 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off!! Guests were: Doug Holloway, potential new member, Betty Friess, Beverly Fry, Judi Cole, Judy Pinnow, and Todd McKinney, potential new member.

BIRTHDAYS

SUE HARDING MARCH 14TH

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

HAPPY DOLLARS

LARRY HUNTER was happy to have two happy dollars. His first was for **CHARLIE and VICKI** for organizing the Chili Cook-Off and will take his dollar back if wife Judy chili does not win!! His second dollar was for the Chase Your Shadow Walk™ being held this weekend on the 13th!! The Friends of the Park have been working with the State Park on the Butterfly trail and the Dog Park.

NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY

GENE NEELY is on medical leave from National City Bank. Let's all send him a get well card to: 4096 Woodbine Dr., Norton, OH 44203!! We all signed a card to Gene at the meeting. Get well soon Gene, and stop in to see us, we have several new members for you to meet!!

ACME COMMUNITY CASH BACK

The Acme Community Cashback program is over now and we have turned in all receipts and will have \$111.32 coming to us!! Thanks to all members who helped in this. Receipts totaled \$2226.54 of which we get 5%!!!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAM REYNOLDS told us it's time to give scholarship application forms to Coventry & Manchester guidance counselors.

DR. PHIL PINNOW is gearing up for Easter Egg Hunt & contacting Key Clubs to help stuff eggs last 2 weeks of March with goal of 8,000! We will have pizza the first night. Come out and help us!!!

LARRY HUNTER is planning a pig roast on Wed. after Memorial Day & looking for a guest speaker. Mark your calendar!!

TIM PETERSON reported the PLK website is being revised with business links available for \$75; 3 new sponsorships have already been sold.

YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY 1

There will be a March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon on May 8th at Lock Three Park in Akron. The walk is 4 miles and sign up is at 8:30. Please call **SUE HARDING** if you would like to part of the team. 330-801-3634 or 330-645-0912.

TENTATIVE DATE FOR PLANT SWAP SATURDAY MAY 15TH

DINNER COMMITTEE

CHARLIE KEPNES kicked off the Chili Cook-Off by getting all entries set up with types of Chili's and the names of the cooks on the back of their sign. Then all members and guests were given three tickets to use for voting. We had 7 different Chili's to sample and vote on. There was also salad, several kinds of corn bread and garlic bread and dessert for the evening. Voting went relatively fast and **CHARLIE KEPNES** collected all the votes and tabulated them. We then continued with the meeting. After the meeting was over the winners were announced: #3 was **CYNDI WEAVER** who had made a real Texas Style Chili with roast beef cooked for two days; #2 was **JULIE GRZESCHIK** with A White Chili made with Turkey sausage, white beans and spinach, and #1 was **VICKI KEPNES** with another White Chili made with white meat chicken, hot Turkey sausage and white beans. White Chili seemed to be the winner this year, but there was not a bad Chili in the bunch!!! The prizes were a gift bag of kitchen utensils donated by **VICKI & CHARLIE**, and Chef Hats donated by Acme's Chef Marc!! **Many, Many thanks to Judy Pinnow, Beverly Fry, Betty Friess, Judy Hunter, Julie Grzeschik and Cyndi Weaver for helping to kick this project off!!!**

OFFICER OPENINGS

We need a President-Elect, Vice-President, and next year a Secretary and Treasurer. If you would be willing to serve, please contact **AL GRZESCHIK** at 330-524-2979. **PLEASE STEP UP AND LEND A HAND. THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO REALLY FIND OUT ABOUT KIWANIS AND THE IMPORTANT WORK WE DO!!! DR. TIM HUSSER AND TRICIA HUSSER** are ready and willing to start training for anyone interested in the Secretary or Treasurer positions for next year. **(BEFORE baby arrives in JULY!!)**
WE ALSO NEED A CHAIRPERSON FOR ROSE DAY!!!! ROSES MUST BE ORDERED BY FIRST OF APRIL IF WE ARE DOING THIS!!!

SLEIGH REPAIRS

AL GRZESCHIK announced that they have been working on the sleighs and still have a few more to update. Thanks to **RUSS FRIESS** and JW Upholstery for the work already done. We need some help in retouching the paint now!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MARCH 13** North Akron Kiwanis NIGHT AT NITE AT THE RACES
See attachment
- MARCH 17** REGULAR MEETING, SUE HARDING
Hosting Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
- MARCH 24** Regular Meeting, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, stuffing Easter Eggs
DINNER PIZZA
- MARCH 31** Regular Meeting, BOARD MEETING, Dessert Night, stuffing Easter Eggs
Sandwiches if not finished stuffing eggs
- APRIL 3** EASTER EGG HUNT – Tudor House

APRIL 7 DINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED

FUND RAISER MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A FUND RAISER MEETING AT THE CIVIC CENTER NEXT WEEK AFTER THE MEETING ON THE 17TH.

PLEASE COME WITH IDEAS!!