

DECEMBER 2 2009 PLK NEWSLETTER

Vicki Kepnes, Editor

VICE-PRESIDENT FRANK SMITH called the meeting to order and led everyone in the "Pledge of Allegiance", and **TOM VARLEY** offered the invocation, and welcomed everyone to the Dietz's Restaurant on the Portage Lakes.

Guests attending were Betty Friess, and Tom Fry, a potential new member.

BIRTHDAYS

MIKE ANKROM

DEC. 5TH

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

CHARLIE & VICKI KEPNES DEC. 3RD

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

NONE



NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY

BOB LONGWORTH is in Barberton Citizens Hospital, recovering from surgery, and is out of the ICU and is in room 510. He is not ready for visitors, but cards would really help brighten his days. **GEORGE DERRY** had more surgery on his neck and will update when we have more information. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers! It was great to see **AL GRZESCHIK** after his surgery and he still made it to the dinner.

ALL-CITY & MAGIC CITY Kiwanis Clubs have Entertainment Books for \$30 for Akron, Canton, & Cleveland areas again this year.

HAPPY DOLLARS

LARRY HUNTER for the great response he received after speaking to the Environmental classes at Manchester High on the Purple Martins. He received a big envelope with 105 thank you notes! His second dollar was for the fact that the Purple Martin Bill is out of the Senate now and on to the House!! He also reminded everyone about the Open House at the Franklin Park Civic Center (Tudor House) Sunday. Lots of goodies!

JULIE GRZESCHIK was happy that **AL's** surgery went well and he is feeling better.

CHARLIE KEPNES reminded **AL** that he only has to have two more hernia surgeries to catch up with him!

VICKI KEPNES borrowed a dollar from **CHARLIE** to tell everyone she was happy to have been married to him for 45 years!! (His last dollar, again!)

SUE HARDING was happy to announce that she was putting together a trip out west to Tucson, AZ to take her mother to visit a sister she had not seen for 15-20 years! She had an unhappy dollar for the passing of "Dallas", their black lab who passed away on Tuesday. He was 15 years old!! She then shared three very funny **JOE KLOPE** stories!!!!

NOTE FROM RUSS FRIESS....ALL HITCHES NEED TO HAVE A 2" BALL AND A 4-WAY PLUG!!! IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THIS, PLEASE SEE RUSS AT FRIESS'S WELDING ON MAIN STREET. If you have never helped on this project, you are missing out on a wonderful and important project for children of all ages. Please consider joining us to make a bunch of children smile!!!

SANTA DELIVERY

BECKI COLE announced that there are two routes to fill this year. These are full crews needed! We still are in need of helpers and may have the Santa's taken care of. If you can be a back up on any route please call **BECKI** at phone 330-697-9213 or her e-mail beckicole@att.net relative to your intentions for this year. **THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE THIS YEAR AND IF NO ONE COMES FORWARD, SANTA DELIVERY COULD BE CANCELLED THIS YEAR!!** It is not pleasant to have to say this, but this is important!!!

There are only less than two weeks to handle this, give **BECKI** a hand!!!

DINNER COMMITTEE

There were 20 plus at the meeting at **Dietz's Restaurant** on Rt. 619. We had the Board meeting that night. The food was great and the company was wonderful. The Christmas dinner meeting will be at **Prime at Anthes**. Reservations and meal choices are needed **NOW!!! PLEASE CONTACT VICKI KEPNES at 330-618-8795** if you have not made your reservations. **VERY IMPORTANT!!!!**

ACME COMMUNITY CASH BACK

Keep saving those Acme receipts and turn in to the Civic Center or drop off to **VICKI KEPNES** at Akron Coin & Jewelry!!! So far we have \$593.98 of which we get 5%, so keep them coming!!!

CAMP Y NOAH ONLINE AUCTION

Camp Y Noah is having an on line auction of items to raise money to send children to camp!! Check out the web site <http://CampYNoah.cmarket.com>. Great stuff and look at the quilt made by Laura Yothers!!!

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

TIM PETERSON passed on a great online web site www.letsaythanks.com. You can pick a card and Xerox will print it and send to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. It only takes 10 seconds to do and let's send a message of support!! Free, too!!!

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Dec. 9 th	Pizza/Pasta & salad
Dec. 16 th	CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING PRIME AT ANTHES
Dec. 23 rd	Surprise!
DEC.24TH	SANTA DELIVERY!!!!!!!!!!

NOTE, NOTE, NOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL DINNERS HELD OUTSIDE THE CIVIC CENTER WE WILL HAVE MENU SELECTIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE NEXT MEETING

PORTAGE LAKES CALENDARS \$5.00 on sale at AKRON COIN & JEWELRY, CHASE BANK IN MANCHESTER AND SEVERAL LOCATIONS!!