

**January 20, 2010 PLK NEWSLETTER**  
**Vicki Kepnes, Editor, Sue Harding, Reporter,**

**PRESIDENT FRANK SMITH** called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. **SUE HARDING** led everyone in singing "America" and gave the invocation. **PRESIDENT FRANK** thanked **SCOTT SHOOKMAN** for supper and donating the cost to **PLK**. **LARRY HUNTER** introduced our new honorary member, **GLEN SHEETS** as a guest!

**BIRTHDAYS**

**TED COLE** JAN. 22<sup>ND</sup>

**GENE COLE** JAN. 26<sup>TH</sup>

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

**NONE**

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

**NONE**



**NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY**

News just in from California from **TOM BURGE** and Polly Price. Winter had finally caught up with them in California, They live in a flood plain and with all the rain they are getting, it is making very difficult. They can request sandbags at the local fire station. Polly is asking for prayers for friend, Deborah, who lives in a new house in Lake Arrowhead, and whose house is in danger of sliding down the mountain. Deborah has placed 60 sandbags around her home as of Monday. Keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

**HAPPY DOLLARS**

**GLEN SHEETS** thanked everyone, especially **CHARLIE & VICKI**, for making him an honorary member. When he first joined **PLK**, he followed the example of members like **GEORGE DERRY, SCOTT SHOOKMAN**, and others in doing service for others. **BETTY SCHADL** was happy that Mike Ohl was named director of Camp Y Noah.

**SCOTT SHOOKMAN** was happy to share a story from former member, the late David Troutman's widow Janet told him about how they had met. They met at a **PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS** meeting, and their first date was at another **PLK** meeting, and the second date was the Charter Party!!! What a great way to start a relationship!!!

**BECKI COLE** was happy to report that her dad will be 87 and is running for Cape Coral, FL. Kiwanis president!!

**LARRY HUNTER** had two happy dollars. #1. It was good to see **GLEN SHEETS** back and thanked **SCOTT** for tonight's dinner; #2. He had received word from Rep. Dyer's office that the Purple Martin legislation is still in committee. He also announced that the Friends of the Portage Lakes State Park will have a "Chase Your Shadow Race" Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$20 for preregistration & shirt, and \$25 at the start of the 1-1/2 mile walk.

**SUE HARDING** was very happy that her son-in-law Chris Browne and the rest of the group from Cornerstone Free Methodist Church arrived home safely Friday at midnight from Haiti. She then passed a water bottle around to collect spare change for ClearBlue Water Project to help continued missions to bring clean water to

Haiti. Unfortunately, after rescuing missionaries in the compound where they were staying, three were still missing and presumed not to be alive. Chris's group and all their families are on their way to Indianapolis for debriefing and counseling and memorial service for Jeanne Munoz and two other missionaries. **SUE** shared Two **JOE KLOPE** stories for our enjoyment!!!

**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!!! We now have over \$1350.00 in receipts and need around \$200.00 more to turn in. Keep them coming, and thanks for the great response.

**FOR SALE**

We have 6 taupe (beige) color folding chairs for sale for \$3.00 each. These are going fast so contact **AL GRZESCHIK**, soon.

**DINNER COMMITTEE**

Please think of ideas for more dinner meetings. You can e-mail suggestions to **VICKI KEPNES** at [vickikep@aol.com](mailto:vickikep@aol.com), or call at 330-618-8795. Let us know where you would like to go: Dietz Restaurant, Anthes, Firehouse Grill, maybe the Harbor? We will try to schedule.

**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. **The Area Growth Summit would be informative if you are thinking of serving as an officer. For dates see Calendar of Events.**

**KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

**DON REILLY** reminded everyone that the Las Vegas Kiwanis International Convention Preregistration for reduced rates is due by the end of January!!  
<https://www.kiwanisone.org/memberresources/convention/convreg2010.aspx>

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The Social Committee is planning a night out at The Unexpected, for a wine tasting. The date is February 3, 2010. \$7.50 for tasting 4 wine selections and \$5 to PLK for snacks.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| <b>JANUARY 27</b>  | <b>REGULAR MEETING<br/>BOARD MEETING<br/>COFFEE/DESSERT</b>   |
| <b>JANUARY 27</b>  | <b>AREA GROWTH SUMMIT FOR<br/>DIV. 16,17,20,21 &amp;25.<br/>RED CROSS<br/>BOARDROOM/AKRON<br/>RSVP TO TRISHA HUSSER<br/>BY 1/22</b> |
| <b>FEBRUARY 3</b>  | <b>WINE TASTING AT<br/>"THE UNEXPECTED"</b>   |
| <b>FEBRUARY 10</b> | <b>SURPRISE DINNER<br/>INDUCTION/NEW MEMBER<br/>Kathy Caddell</b>   |