



# Kiwaniis® CLUB OF PIQUA

## The Piquanian

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### OFFICERS

#### President

Mark Wion

#### President Elect

Kelly Meckstroth

#### Vice President

Joe Gebhart

#### Secretary

Gretchen Roeth

#### Treasurer

Mark Wion

#### Immediate Past President

Tony Lyons

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dennis Carity

Mark Greenwood

Katie Miller

Marijo Poling

Shane Schneider

Joe Shaffer

### REGULAR MEETINGS

1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays  
of the month at noon

### WORK PROJECTS

2nd Saturday of the month

### BOARD MEETINGS

3rd Wednesday of the month  
following the Regular Meeting

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### President's Message

Greetings everyone!

With School starting so do a lot of our projects. With our SLP's. Key Club has met and planned our year, Builders Club has a new advisor, the three K Kids will be choosing officers soon and we will be meeting in two weeks to set up our new K Kids in Piqua Catholic.

We will be reading at CORE Head Start this year. Details can be found on page 3.

Troy's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary party is on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Our members are encouraged to come out and celebrate with them. If you prefer not to attend, they could use some volunteer help. See page 3 for more information.

We also have two exciting activities coming up! Our pumpkin patch during Piqua Harvest Days and our annual Halloween Parade. Refer to page 3 for information on both.

The Salvation Army Summer Feeding Program has finished for this year. The program ran from Memorial Day to Labor Day and lunches served ranged from 160 to 225 per day. Thank you to those who served.

A third of our members have already ordered Piqua Kiwanis Polo Shirts. The deadline for ordering is fast approaching. Please see page 3 for details on shirt colors, sizes, cost, the deadline date, and how to order.

Lastly, please note that our September 20 meeting will be held at the Robinson branch of the YMCA. See page 2 for meeting details.

One more president report to go and then I hand over the reins to Kelly!

In His Name  
Mark Wion



## HOUSE CLEANING

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Jeff Smith (September 19)

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Kelly Meckstroth (September 9), Warren Parker (September 12)

### **WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS\***

- September 6 Victim Witness  
Carmen Barhorst will talk about the Miami County Victim Witness Program.
- September 20 Annual "Football Rivalry" Troy/Piqua Meeting (Off-site)  
Troy will host the meeting at the Miami County YMCA located at 3060 S Country Rd 25-A, in Troy. Bring your own lunch or you order from the business of the week, pay on line and they will bring it to the meeting. Once the business of the week is determined, Mark Wion will inform club members. Beverages are not available. Guests can bring their own drink.
- September 27 Piqua Arts Council (PAC)  
Mimi Ryan, PAC Program Director, will update us what PAC is planning now and in the future.  
**Board Meeting** immediately follows.

\* Wednesday meetings are held from noon to 1pm at the Piqua YWCA, 418 N. Wayne St., unless stated otherwise.  
Currently, we do not meet on the second Wednesday of the month.  
Programs may change on rare occasions. Check our website for the latest information.  
Lunch reservations must be made by noon on the Monday prior to the Wednesday meeting.  
Contact Dennis Carity at 937-418-8478 to order a meal.

### **SATURDAY WORK PROJECT**o will

September 9 Saturday work project TBD.

Newsletters are published at the first of the month. Please email news items to [mark1greenwood@gmail.com](mailto:mark1greenwood@gmail.com).  
Items must be received at least one week prior to publication

## THE BACK BURNER



Just a few things on the back burner that are worth noting:

### KIWANIS CLUB OF PIQUA SHIRTS - **September 6 Order Deadline**

Last chance to order a Kiwanis Club of Piqua shirt. These are high quality polos made of a Sport Tex material which is a cotton blend. Colors include red, green, and blue. Sizes are small, medium, large, XL, and XXL.

To order give Mark Wion your size, color and \$15.00 **no later than September 6 by the end of our meeting.**

### TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME - **September 10**

Enjoy watching the Cincinnati Reds take on the St Louis Cardinals on September 10th. All Division 3 clubs are invited to attend. This is a great interclub with Cincinnati Kiwanis. Friends and family are also welcome to join. Tickets range from \$16 to \$37. Use the link below to order your tickets.

<https://fevogm.com/event/Kiwanisfunday>

### CORE HEAD START READING PROGRAM - **Begins on September 12**

We need readers for 3 classes this year. Readings are at 10:30 am on the second Tuesday of each month beginning on September 12. It takes about 10 minutes depending on the book we read that month. When finished you give the book to the classroom and leave. That simple. Contact Mark Wion to volunteer.

### WACO 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & FLY-IN - **September 16**

On Saturday September 16, starting at 8am our club will work with Troy and Tipp City Kiwanis to serve breakfast to attendees during the Parade of Planes. We will be the only food option that morning, so this will be a great fundraising opportunity for all three clubs! Contact Mark Wion for more info or to volunteer.

### TROY KIWANIS 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - **September 30**

Volunteers are need for check-in, raffle/silent auction help, and selling drink tickets. This is a great way for Piqua and Tipp Kiwanians to support a fellow Miami Valley club. Contact Mark Wion for more info.

### INCOMING OFFICERS INDUCTION - **October 11**

Our Incoming Officers Induction meeting will be held on October 11 at Crooked Handle Brewing Co, 123 N. Main St, Piqua, OH. Free pizza lunch will be provided. You are responsible for your own drink.

### PIQUA HARVEST DAYS FALL FESTIVAL - **October 14**

Volunteers will be needed for the Pumpkin Patch during Piqua Harvest Days on October 14. More details will appear in next month's newsletter. Contact Kelly Meckstroth for more info or to volunteer.

### HALLOWEEN PARADE - **October 25**

The Kiwanis Halloween Parade will be held on October 25. More details on times and volunteer opportunities will appear in next month's newsletter. Contact Kelly Meckstroth for more info or to volunteer.

## HOT DAWG!

Once again Troy and Piqua Kiwanians served free hot dog lunches to kids and their families during Kid's Day at the Miami County Fair. This year we were also joined by a member of the newly formed Kiwanis Club of Tipp City. Despite the rainy weather, and a last minute location change, business was brisk. Hot dogs, dawgs, frankfurters, franks, weenies, weiners, coneys, tube steaks ... call them what you will, we served over 700.



Above: Stacy Nelson from Tipp (far left), Kathy Vogler (4th from left)  
Mark Greenwood, Joe Shafer, Mark Wion (last 3 on the right)  
Remaining three (plus the photographer) were from Troy.

Below: Mark Wion takes advantage of a break in the hot dog action to visit Santa. Why Santa was seeing kids in August and why Wion was sitting on his lap are questions best left unanswered.





## EXERCISE THOSE "GEARS" BETWEEN YOUR EARS

As a youngster I had an unhealthy fascination with matches. At the tender age of four I managed to light my toy box on fire. Thankfully, my mom noticed the smoke coming from the bedroom and extinguished the fire. That little incident led to a swat and a serious grounding. A few years later, in the 1st grade, a good friend of mine and I decided to have a "camp fire" in my neighbor's yard while they were away on vacation. It was the middle of summer in southern Cal. The grass in their backyard was dry and brown. But that didn't deter us. We hopped their fence and started our camp fire which quickly got out of hand. Fortunately there was a hose nearby and we had the good sense to use it. When I got home, mom was waiting. I won't go into the details of the punishment I received, but needless to say I gained a whole new respect for matches. Now I use them to light things like candles, Duraflame logs, and charcoal.

I have discovered one other use for matchsticks, and it's a safe one. Matchstick puzzles.  
*Mark Greenwood*, newsletter editor

See if you can solve the two matchstick challenges below. (Solutions will appear in next month's newsletter)

**Both challenges start with 9 matchsticks arranged as shown below:**



### Challenge I

Move two matchsticks to create a figure with exactly four triangles

### Challenge II

Move three matchsticks to create a figure with five triangles

----- answers to the puzzlers in the August newsletter -----

1. A woman has 7 children, half of them are boys. How can this be possible?

answer: **All the children are boys, so 1/2 half are boys and so is the other half.**

2. What kind of cheese is made backwards?

answer: **EDAM** cheese (made backwards is edam)

3. You are running in a race and overtake the second place runner. What position are you in?

answer: **Second place.** If you overtake the second place runner and you take their place in second and they drop to third.

4. What belongs to you but other people use it more than you?

answer: **Your name**

5. There's one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. What is it?

answer: **Boxing**