



# Kiwaniis®

## CLUB OF PIQUA

# The Piquanian

**FEBRUARY 2023**

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**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  
follows the Regular Meeting

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**President's Message**

Greetings all! Sorry, due to health and other reasons I have been very lax in getting out the newsletter this year. Mark Greenwood has stepped up to get it put together for us, so we should be on track to getting it out every month again. If you have pictures or info for the news letter please direct them to Mark Greenwood at mark1greenwood@gmail.com.

The club and our SLP's have been very busy this last quarter. We ran the pumpkin Patch and pumpkin painting booth at the Harvest Fest in Downtown Piqua with the help of Key and Builders Club and held the Halloween Parade for the first time since Covid. We donated \$1000.00 to Mark's Bikes, \$500.00 to the Children's Library, \$2000.00 to the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive, \$285.00 to MainStreet Piqua for the pumpkins, sponsored the Piqua Spelling Bee and rang bells with Key Club at Kroger's every Thursday evening between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We read and donated books to CORS on the second Tuesday of each month. At Christmas we bought a soft cover book, read it to the children, and gave each child at the reading a copy. Our SLP's walked in the Christmas Parade and passed out candy donated by This and That's Candy on Main.

All of this is made possible by the Grant money we receive from the Troy Foundation and our fundraisers. The Troy Foundation Money can only be given to a 501c3 non profit, while our pancake money can be spent on scholarships and other non 501c3 projects.

Speaking of fundraisers, the pancake committee has been visiting our sponsors asking for placemat donations and corporate sponsors. They have met twice so far and will have tickets available soon. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. So please sell, sell, sell.

In His Name

Mark Wion

President

## BIRTHDAYS

Joe Gebhart (Feb 9), Jimmie Reedy (Feb 16)

## ANNIVERSARIES

None this month

## WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS\*

- February 1      Open Meeting  
Meeting will focus on our upcoming Pancake Day.
- February 15     Bethany Center  
Shawn Rickert will do a presentation on the Bethany Center.  
The City Spelling Bee champion and runner up, along with their mothers, will be our special guests.  
**Board Meeting** immediately follows
- February 22     Piqua City Schools presentation by Emily Shawler  
Emily Shawler will talk about the Piqua schools.
- March 1          Joint meeting with Key Club to be held **at PHS**  
Lunch will be catered by Susie's Big Dipper

\* Wednesday meetings are held from noon to 1pm at the Piqua YWCA, 418 N. Wayne St., unless stated otherwise.  
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

A work project for the second Saturday of February has not yet been determined.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



# PANCAKE DAY!



Saturday March 11th - 7 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Upper Valley Career Center

Sponsored by Piqua Kiwanis Club

Proceeds to Kiwanis Boys and Girls Work

Presale Tickets Available at Thrivent Financial & Jamieson & Yannucci Funeral Home or Available at the Door!

A special thanks to the Pancake Day Committee: Spencer Peltier, Ben Zimmerman, Mark Wion, Gretchen Roeth and Kelly Meckstroth for all their work selling placemat ads and contacting business sponsors. Placemat ads are going fast and the committee is on track to contact 15 more businesses than last year. They would like to encourage the membership to mark their calendars for March 11 — start spreading the word!

### **Ohio Key Club 2023 District Leadership Conference**

This year's conference will be held in Columbus on April 1st and 2nd.

It'll be a weekend of service projects, workshops and guest speakers for Key Club members and Advisors.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

### **Mikaila Hall**

Mikaila is employed at Mutual Federal.

### **Katie Loehr**

Katie works with Young Life at PHS.

### **Jeff and Gloria Smith** (husband and wife)

Jeff is an embalmer at Melcher Sowers Funeral Home

Gloria is a retired Piqua City Schools teacher and is now involved with the Piqua Compassion Network.

## PIQUA KIWANIAN RECEIVES THE ORDER OF GEORGE

The Order of George is Piqua's highest and most prestigious award. This year our very own Gretchen Roeth received the award at the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce dinner held at the Piqua Country Club.

### **Congratulations Gretchen!**



Gretchen receiving the Order of George

## MORE CONGRATS IN ORDER

During the Ohio Kiwanis Governor's last visit, Mark Wion and Gretchen Roeth were awarded the First Team All Pro award for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to Kiwanis.

Congratulations Mark and Gretchen!

## DELIVERING SMILES: MARK'S BIKE DRIVE!



With the help of a \$1000 donation from our club, Mark was able to purchase over 300 bicycles from Wal Mart. The bikes were loaded onto two semi trucks by volunteer workers. Mark Reedy and Mark Greenwood were among the volunteer loaders. The semis joined the Piqua Christmas parade on their way to the Salvation Army where the bikes were unloaded and became part of the Salvation Army's Christmas Giveaway program.

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT



Key Club members help out the Salvation Army by ringing bells at the Piqua Krogers.