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The Piquanian

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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 everyone!

Although people saying that Spring has arrived, I'm not opening the pool or wearing my summer cloths just yet.

I want to give a big thanks to all of you who helped to make our Pancake Day event a success!. This is our biggest fudraiser, and the money that it generates goes to our scholarship fund and other projects we run. A big thank you to Spencer Peltier and Ben Zimmerman and your team who headed the day. Our Key Club and Builders Club members also helped out during the event by taking care of the dining room. So far, we have made a little over \$4,500.00 on our Pancake Day. If you have ticket money, please let me know, and I will pick it up or, you can mail it to Kiwanis Club of Piqua, P.O. Box 738, Piqua OH 45356. Please let me know if you use the P.O. Box so I can watch for your ticket money to arrive.

On page 3 of this newsletter you will find details on some exciting volunteer opportunities coming soon. You might consider helping out at the PHS consession stand or working at our bike rodeo during Piqua Taste of the Arts. Even if you cannot ride a bike, like me, come out and lend a hand. Check out page 3 and then contact me to sign up for any of the above events, or for more information. I hope to see you at one or both of these events!

Last, but certainly not least, Piqua was recognized at the district mid-year for last year for outstanding club, outstanding president and outstanding secretary. Thank you, Gretchen, for turning all of our reports in on time.

In His Name

Mark Wion



HOUSE CLEANING

BIRTHDAYS

Brian Sowers (Apr 7), Warren Parker (Apr 8), Mark Reedy (Apr 8), Wayne Flory (Apr 10), Dennis Carity (Apr 19), Joe Shaffer (Apr 21)

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill McNeil (Apr 2), Marijo Poling (Apr 17), Mark Greenwood (Apr 29)

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS*

- April 5 Ohio State Patrol (OSP)
 OSP's new commander, Jerry Allen, will speak.
- April 19 This and That's Candy on Main
 Owner, Tom Lillicrap, will be our presenter.
 Board Meeting immediately follows.
- April 26 **Crooked Handle Brewing Co.**
 Brigett Gebhart (daughter of our own Joe Gebhart) will join co-owner Jeff Pedo
 to talk about Piqua's newest business.

* 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

- April 8 Grace United Methodist Church at 9411 N County Rd 25A
 Breakfast at 9am followed by assembling backpacks for Foster Care Teens.
 Simply show up or contact Mark Wion for more information.

Newsletters are published at the first of the month. Please email news items to 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:

PHS CONCESSION STAND

Volunteers are needed on the following dates: April 5, May 3, and May 4.
Any time you can work between 4:30 and 8pm would be appreciated.

BIKE ROEDO

Our Bike Rodeo will happen during Piqua's Taste of the Arts on May 12.
Setup starts at 3pm
The Bike Rodeo begins at 5pm. Volunteers are needed for registration, putting on helmets and helping Bike Piqua with the different stations.
Volunteers are welcome for setup or any time during the event.

HEAD START READING PROGRAM

If you enjoy reading, this is a short but worthwhile opportunity for members.
Read to children at 10am for 15 minutes - that's it!
Our next read is April 11 and volunteers are always needed as this is a reoccurring event.

Contact Mark Wion to volunteer for any of the above items, or for more information.

DAYTON CHILDREN'S TRAVELING OPERA COMES TO PIQUA!

Our club has once again joined with the Piqua Arts Council to bring Children's Traveling Opera to Piqua Central. Children's Traveling Opera is offered to elementary school 4th graders in the Greater Miami Valley area. During performances students are selected to pantomime and act various roles with a professional singer. Volunteers from the Dayton Opera Guild coach the young actors backstage as the plot progresses.

This year's opera will be the Pirates of Penzance.

It will happen on April 21 at Piqua Central Intermediate School.

First performance will begin 8:45 am, followed by a second performance at 9:45 am.

Come on out and join us for one or both performances!



Last year's performance of 'The Barber of Seville'

MARK WION RECEIVES HALL OF FAME AWARD

Mark Wion was recently inducted into the Ohio Kiwanis Hall of Fame at the mid-year convention held in Columbus, Ohio. Over the past few years Mark has served as Lt. Governor for Division 3, helped to start three new clubs in the division, chaired numerous committees at both the district and state levels and currently is state chair for the Spiritual and Human Development Committee. In addition, he is highly involved in all aspects of our own club. He is a true Kiwanian!



Mark pictured with Donn Craig, Division 3 Lt. Governor

AND OUR TOP SELLER IS STEVE WELLS

Pictured below is Steve Wells being congratulated by our club president, Mark Wion, for being our number one pancake ticket seller. Steve sold over \$1100 worth of tickets!



Above, Steve being presented with a gift card to his favorite restaurant

NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS



Mikaila Hall at our March 15th meeting



Kathy Vogler at our March 29th meeting

Congratulations Mikaila and Kathy!