



# Kiwaniis® CLUB OF PIQUA

## The Piquanian

MAY 2023

### OFFICERS

President

Mark Wion

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Treasurer

Mark Wion

Immediate Past President

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dennis Carity

Mark Greenwood

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  
follows the Regular Meeting

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### President's Message

Greetings everyone!

Hard to believe that the Kiwanis year is over 7 months gone. So far, we have added five new members with a few more in the wings.

It looks like we will end up with around \$5,500.00 in profit from our 2023 Pancake Day. Way to go! Thank you again for all your hard work selling tickets and working the event.

During our April Saturday work project, pictured on page 6, we assembled 36 backpacks for teens in foster care. Thank you to all those who participated.

We are looking for volunteers for a couple of upcoming events. First is our Bike Rodeo on Friday, May 12 with Key Club. Then on Saturday, May 13 is our Linear Park Clean Up work project. Detailed information about these activities and more can be found on page 3. I hope to see you at one of these events.

In His Name

Mark Wion



## HOUSE CLEANING

### BIRTHDAYS

Tony Lyons (May 4), Steve Wells (May 9), Ben Zimmerman (May 20)

### ANNIVERSARIES

Brian Sowers (May 4), Tony Lyons (May 6)

### WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS\*

May 3            Committees Discussion

We will discuss eliminating, combining, redefining, and adding new committees.

May 17          Geocaching

Our own Marijo Poling and her husband, Larry, will talk about their favorite hobby of Geocaching. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about this fascinating hobby.

May 24          TBD

Watch for email regarding our May 24 program.

**Board Meeting** immediately follows.

May 31          Elections

Club officers and board members will be elected during this meeting..

\* 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

May 13          Linear Park Cleanup (lock 9 to French Park)

Project starts at 9am at the closed bike bridge (across from Lucky's Bar) and ends at French Park.

Project will conclude with a pizza lunch at 3 Joe's.

Our Key Club and Builders Club members will join us in this project.

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:

### HEAD START READING PROGRAM (MAY 9)

May 9 will be our last reading for this school year.

Volunteer readers are needed. Reading begins at 10am and last for about 10 minutes.

Contact Mark Wion to volunteer.

### BIKE ROEDO (MAY 12)

Our Bike Rodeo will happen during Piqua's Taste of the Arts on May 12.

Setup starts around 3pm in the 500 block of N. Main St.

The Bike Rodeo begins at 5pm and tear down will begin at 8pm.

Volunteers are needed !

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

## THE POWER OF COLABORATION!

The Kiwanis Club of Piqua and the Piqua Arts Council (PAC) came together once again to bring the Dayton Children's Traveling Opera to Piqua Central Intermediate School. Mark Wion and Jordan Knepper, Executive Director of the Piqua Arts Council, joined the Traveling Opera group for a luncheon after the event.



This marked the second year of our collaboration with PAC. Piqua Central Intermediate, Kiwanis and PAC are very excited about this event and the Dayton Children's Traveling Opera are looking forward to many more future performances.

Pictured below are 4th grade participants on stage with a professional opera singer.



Visit our website at [piquakiwanis.org](http://piquakiwanis.org) to view the entire performance



## PRINGCREEK K-KIDS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

The Springcreek K Kids put together 28 compassion boxes at a recent club project. The boxes were delivered to both funeral homes in town and the highway patrol who will distribute them to children in need.

These K-Kids are truly making a positive impact on our community!



K-Kids members standing behind the compassion boxes they assembled

## KIWANIAN'S TAKE ON A "FIRST LADY'S" PROJECT

Some of our members, along with one family member, met on a Saturday morning in April to stuff backpacks for children who are placed in foster homes. The project is The First Lady's initiative during her husband, Dave Kuhn's, time as Governor of the Ohio Kiwanis. Each backpack contains items that the children could use along with a blanket and teddy bear to brighten their lives. The backpacks will be distributed to Children's Services in Miami County.



From left to right: Joe Gebhart, Mark Wion, Joe Shaffer, AJ Shaffer (Joe's son), and Mark Greenwood. Gretchen Roeth was also part of the team but agreed to act as photographer.

**Piqua High School Key Club officers for the 2023-2024 school year**



From left to right: Emery Kuhlman (secretary), Nataya Yaqub (president), Sierra Leonard (vice president), Helen Vlahos (Lt. Governor and treasurer), and Marie Williams (bulletin editor).



## **EXERCISE THOSE "GEARS" BETWEEN YOUR EARS**

Give the following puzzlers a try! (answers will appear in next month's newsletter)

1. What building in Dayton Ohio has the most stories?
2. What can you keep after giving it to someone?
3. What can be driven although it doesn't have wheels or sliced but stays whole?
4. In which sport do winners move backward and losers move forward?
5. A man was born in 1955. He's alive and well today at age 33. How is this possible?