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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!

Hope you are enjoying the summer. We have some important events planned this season. One is the Salvation Army Summer Feeding Program in August. So far this year the program has fed around 250 children per day. Volunteers will be needed. Please see SALVATION SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM on page 3 for details. Another event will be the Kids day at the fair, also in August. Current details to date can be found under KID'S DAY AT THE FAIR on page 3. More information to come.

We have decided to do interclubs on the second Wednesday of each month, since we do not meet on those Wednesdays. On the second Wednesday, July 12, 2023 we will be going to the Sidney meeting. They meet at the Moose Lodge in Sidney at noon. Since they provide a buffet lunch advanced meal orders are not necessary. Three clubs in our district meet on Thursdays so we will do that as well.

Joe Gebhart and I are still on the radio trying to spread the word about Kiwanis. We are on WPTW Radio every fourth Thursday at 9:00am talking about what we do and our upcoming events. This month we will be talking about our SLPs. If you have a subject you want us to talk about, please let us know.

We are also using the summer months to work on membership. We have lots of great plans ahead, one being starting a new K Kids at Piqua Catholic, but will need more members in order to run the new projects.

Finally, the third meeting in July will start our new business meetings where committees will report what they have going on to the club. We have reduced our committees down to four. These include Internal, Youth, Fundraising and Community. Each committee will have sub committees to handle projects as needed.

I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

In His Name

Mark Wion



HOUSE CLEANING

BIRTHDAYS

Mark Wion (July 4), Kim Bean (July 13), Gloria Riley Smith (July 31)

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark Wion (July 9), Spencer Peltier (July 18), Jerry Sowers (July 29)

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS*

- July 5 Piqua Project Tour
Don Smith will take us on a tour of the Piqua Project.
- July 19 Business Meeting
Board Meeting immediately follows.
- July 26 Piqua Manor
Member spotlight on one of our newer members, Kathy Vogler of Piqua Manor.
Lunch will be provided by Kathy for all members who RSVP to Dennis Carity by 7/24.

* 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

- July 15 Saturday work project TBD.

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:

SALVATION ARMY SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

The Salvation Army Summer Feeding Program will be on Tuesday August 1 and August 22. Volunteers will be needed to work from 10:15 am to about 1:30 pm. Contact Gretchen for more info or to signup.

KID'S DAY AT THE FAIR

Once again we will join the Kiwanis Club of Troy in serving hotdog lunches to children and their families at the Miami County Fair. The work is easy and it's a great way to meet fellow Kiwanians from Troy. You are also free to enjoy the fair afterwards! Mark August 14th on your calendar. Call or text Mark Greenwood at (909) 720-4440 for more info if you are interested in volunteering.

WACO FLY-IN

On September 16th we will join forces with Troy Kiwanis to sell pancake breakfasts to WACO Fly-In guests. Volunteers will be needed. More information, including times, will be forthcoming.

TROY FOUNDATION

In 2017 The Piqua Learning Place was purchased by Romer's Catering & Entertainment Facilities Inc. At that time Tony Sherry was instrumental in establishing a fund whereby our club receives 50% of the interest earned from that sale. Each year we receive between \$12,000 and \$17,000 based on the funds prior year's performance.

The fund is held in a special account within the Troy Foundation which includes certain spending restrictions. It can only be spent on nonprofits, it must be available to Piqua residents, it cannot be used for specific individuals (i.e. not allowed for scholarships), and it must be completely spent each year.

Budget year 2022-23 Foundation Expenses

| Date | Amount | Usage |
|---------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 11/7/22 | 2,000.00 | Salvation Army Christmas Program |
| 11/7/22 | 548.24 | Mark's Bikes |
| 3/16/23 | 375.00 | Friends of MainStreet Piqua |
| 3/16/23 | 175.00 | Piqua Chamber of Commerce Foundation |
| 3/16/23 | 500.00 | Hospice of Miami County Camp Pathways |
| 3/16/23 | 500.00 | UVCC Student Fund |
| 3/16/23 | 2,000.00 | Salvation Army Summer Lunch Program |
| 3/16/23 | 300.00 | Piqua Lady Braves Softball |
| 3/19/23 | 2,000.00 | Miami County YMCA |
| 3/19/23 | 2,000.00 | Piqua Arts Council |
| 3/24/23 | 750.00 | Piqua Youth Baseball and Softball |
| 4/21/23 | 500.00 | Piqua Civic Band |
| 4/21/23 | 300.00 | Opera Guild of Dayton |
| 5/26/23 | 2,000.00 | Young Life Summer Camp |
| 5/26/23 | 1,000.00 | Bethany Center Christmas Toys |
| 6/22/23 | 500.00 | Aktion Club of Miami County |
| 6/22/23 | 500.00 | Piqua Youth Soccer Association |

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Did you know that your community service hours strengthen our club standing?

Each month Gretchen completes a report detailing the activities and hours of service provided by our members. Any activity that benefits our community, such as volunteer work with other groups, your church, Kiwanis, etc., can be counted. So keep a record of your activities and time spent and look for an email request at the end of each month for this information. If in doubt that an activity can be counted, send it on and Gretchen will figure it out.

Shown below are two examples of this kind of community service.



Marijo is pictured above with two baby afghans she crocheted in June. To date she has crocheted over 25 afghans!



Mark G. and Mark W. pictured at our Saturday French Park cleanup. Mark, Mark, and Gretchen spent an hour cleaning up the park. Beside plenty of trash, the two big finds were a golf ball and a baseball!



EXERCISE THOSE "GEARS" BETWEEN YOUR EARS

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

1. A boy was at a carnival and went to a booth where a carny said, "If I write your exact weight on this piece of paper then you owe me \$50, but if I cannot, I will pay you \$50." The boy saw no scale so he agreed, thinking no matter what the carny wrote, he'd just say it wasn't his weight. The boy ended up paying the carny \$50. How did the carny win the bet?
2. What runs all around a backyard, yet never moves?
3. You do not want to have it, but when you do have it, you do not want to lose it. What is it?
4. What has roads but no cars, rivers but no water and hills but no trees?
5. What starts with an E, ends with an E and usually contains only one letter?

----- answers to the puzzlers in the June newsletter -----

1. Which tire doesn't move when a car turns right?
answer: **the spare tire**
2. Where does today come before yesterday?
answer: **in the dictionary**
3. A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece. Which has the most?
answer: **an hourglass**. They contain thousands of grains of sand.
4. What do you throw out when you want to use it but take in when you don't want to use it?
answer: **an anchor**
5. In which sport are the shoes made entirely of metal?
answer: **horse racing**