



Kiwaniis CLUB OF PIQUA

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
following the Regular Meeting

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President's Message

Greetings everyone!

Our Kiwanis year ends on September 30th, as well as my presidency, and I have enjoyed being your club president over the past two years.

Our Youth clubs are getting back in the swing of things. K Kids will be meeting soon to elect their officers for the year. The check and charter paperwork has been completed for our new K Kids in Piqua Catholic. Key Club and Builders Club have been helping at the Junior High Football concession stand. This has been their first major joint project of the year. We could use some volunteers for the last game on October 4th. We start at 5:30 and usually end around 8:30PM.

There is a lot going on this month: CORE Head Start, Fall Festival, Halloween Parade. Please see page 3 for dates and details.

This year our club's officer induction ceremony will be held on October 11 (the second Wednesday of the month) at the Crooked Handle Brewery. The Club will be buying pizza for all attendees, so please contact Dennis if you plan to attend so we can order enough pizzas!

At our last board meeting Kelly reported that everything is set with the city on the Halloween Parade. The Post Office has asked to participate with a trunk or treat in their parking lot. Main Street Piqua Merchants are doing a trunk or treat in the parking lot behind Readmore Hallmark's as well.

Finally, our new Polo Piqua Kiwanis Shirts will be ready in a few weeks. It will be great seeing everyone in the same shirt at our events.

It has been a pleasure serving as your president these past two years. Thank you.

In His Name

Mark Wion



HOUSE CLEANING

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Parke (October 16), Jeni Greenwood (October 28)

ANNIVERSARIES

Mikaila Hall (October 14)

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS*

- October 4 Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Safety
Motor Carrier Supervisor Doug Mowen from the Highway Patrol will discuss the motor carrier section on what they do to keep our roads safe.
- October 11 Incoming Officer Installation
We will meet at Crooked Handle Brewing Co., 123 N.Main St., for our to new officer installation program. Pizza will be provided. You are responsible for your own drink.
Brief Board meeting follows to approve next year's budger.
- October 18 No Meeting
- October 25 Piqua City
We will hear from Piqua's City Manager, Paul Oberdofer
Board meeting follows

* Wednesday meetings are held from noon to 1pm at the Piqua YWCA, 418 N. Wayne St., unless stated otherwise.
With the exception of this month, we do not normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month.
In the event of a program change, emails will be sent out with updated 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

October 14 Saturday work project TBD.

DID YOU KNOW...current and back issues of the newsletter and up to the minute meeting info can be found on our website at www.piquakiwanis.org.

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:

CORE HEAD START READING - October 10

We are reading again for the year at CORE Head Start. Our next reading is scheduled for Tuesday October 10 at 10:30 AM. Contact Mark Wion for more info or to volunteer

PIQUA HARVEST DAYS FALL FESTIVAL - October 14

Set up will begin at 9:00 am at the Pumpkin Patch in front of Reedmore Halmark. We will be using our new "Pumpkin Patch" banner. The event runs from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm. Key Club and Builders Club will be helping kids paint their pumpkins. Contact Mark Wion if you are interested in helping out

HALLOWEEN PARADE - October 25

KIWANIS HALLOWEEN PARADE

Wed., October 25, 2023

Parade will begin on W Greene Street
by Readmore Hallmark
and end on High St (near gazebo)

Registration from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. – Parade Starts

GRAND PRIZE

\$75.00 Gift Card for a Boy & Girl

Plus Cash prizes awarded in each category.

Those 14 yrs. Old and Under will be awarded prizes.

8 CATEGORIES

SCARIEST / UGLIEST
MOST ORIGINAL
BEST GROUP (2+)
FUNNIEST
PRETTIEST

CARTOON CHARACTER / SCIENCE FICTION

3 YRS. OLD & YOUNGER
PIQUA MARCHING BAND

Printing donated by Eagle Printing & Graphics

Contact Kelly Meckstroth for more info or to volunteer.

DYNAMIC DUO VOTED KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR!



Piquia Kiwanians Kim Bean (left) and Bonnie Jackson (right)

Kim Bean and Bonnie Jackson were named 2023 Co-Kiwanians of the year! These ladies have been Kiwanis members for 5 years and are advisors for the high school Key Club and have been chairpersons for the jr high football and track concession stands for many years. They were in charge of the food trailer for Down a River Down a Beer and have been involved with Fall Fest, Trick or Treat at the Mall, helped with the Halloween Parade and the Christmas Parade for many, many years. Kim and Bonnie are our “behind the scenes” organizers of many Kiwanis and Key Club events. They represent a group of members that don't fit the "traditional" role of a Kiwanian. Because of their work commitments they are a rarity at weekly meetings but things happen because of their organization, involvement and enthusiasm. They are an asset to our club and we look forward to seeing them as Grand Marshalls of the Halloween Parade this year!!!

BIPLANES AND FLAPJACKS???

On Saturday morning, Sept. 16, the Kiwanis Clubs of Piqua, Troy, and Tipp City got together to sell pancake breakfasts to pilots and attendees at WACO's 100th Anniversary Fly-In. We arrived at 7 am for setup. The weather was perfect and the airfield was already filled with dozens of WACO biplanes that had flown in the day before. Mark Wion, Gretchen, and Mark Greenwood commandeered a passerby to snap a picture in front of one of the vintage aircraft before starting work on the breakfast.



Once the Troy group got their trailer positioned, work began. Chris Cakes of Ohio provided the breakfasts, so our work involved sales, pouring coffee and serving sausages while the "Chris Cake Guy" flipped pancakes through the air and on to customers plates! All in all, only a couple of flapjacks missed their target and landed on the grass.





EXERCISE THOSE "GEARS" BETWEEN YOUR EARS

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

1. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?
2. What word is the same backwards and upside down?
3. Bill bets Craig \$100 that he can predict the score of the hockey game before it starts. Craig agrees, but loses the bet. Why did Craig lose the bet?
4. A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?
5. Four cars come to a four-way stop, all coming from a different direction. They can't decide who got there first, so they all go forward at the same time. They do not crash into each other, but all four cars go. How is this possible?

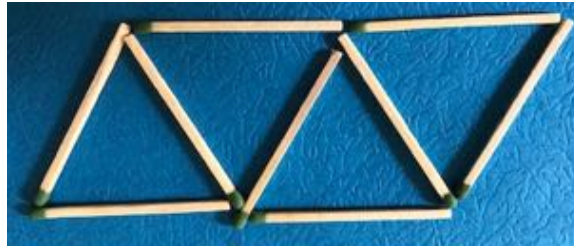
(see page 7 for the answers to last month's matchstick challenges)

----- answers to the September matchstick challenges -----

Challenge I - Move two matchsticks from the following figure to create a figure with exactly four triangles.



solution: move the 2 leftmost sticks to fill in at the bottom and make 4 triangles as shown below.



Challenge 2 - Move three matchsticks to create a figure with five triangles.



solution: move the 3 sticks in the triangle at the right down to the bottom to form 4 small triangles plus one big triangle formed by the outer sticks!

