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THE PIQUANIAN

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President's Message

Hello Kiwanians!

Noses are red, fingers are blue. I'm tired of winter! How about you?

Although we have had a mild fall, I was not expecting late November to be so brisk. With that said, we do live in Ohio so expect the unexpected. The holiday season is upon us!

As we continue to serve our community while embracing our youth sponsored groups, we have many exciting things that will be taking place in December. Our club will be Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army Thursdays at Kroger's (inside) starting 11/30/23 from 3:30pm-7:30pm. We will continue through 12/21/23. Although the Key Club and Builder's Club support this service project, members are encouraged to assist if possible as several of the kids have other commitments.

Last year, Kiwanis had the largest group participating in the community holiday parade in thanks to the participation of all sponsored youth groups. We hope to repeat that this year on Saturday, December 2nd beginning at 2:00pm downtown.

It has been a pleasure leading our club the last couple months as I look forward to our time together. I am sure everyone is busier today than yesterday but I do encourage each member to attend a meeting at least once a month.

Lastly, an Autumn Blaze Maple was planted at Kiwanis Park on 11/30/23 in honor of those members we have lost.

Thank you for your commitment to Kiwanis!



House Cleaning

Newsletter Change

Page 1 of our newsletter has a new look. This along with some less obvious changes were made to make our newsletter more accessible to visually impaired readers and the technology they use.

Birthdays

Shane Schneider (December 5), Kathy Vogler (December 11), Bob Montgomery (December 30)

Anniversaries

Bob Montgomery (December 30)

Wednesday Programs

December 6 School Bus Safety
Ohio State Trooper Mark Murray will do a presentation on school bus safety.

December 20 Business Meeting and Committee Updates
Board Meeting immediately follows.

December 27 No 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.

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.

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:

Salvation Army Bell Ringing - **Thursdays from 11/30 to 12/21**

Our club, with the support of Builders Club and Key Club members, will be ringing Salvation Army bells inside Kroger's every Thursday from 11/30/23 to 12/21/23. Our shifts are from 3:30pm-7:30pm. Sign up to work all or part of a shift. **Contact MarkWion if you are able to help.**

Collaborate...Team up...Partner with...Work together...

The Benefits of Collaboration

Do we really need to collaborate with other non-profits in the area? Not only is the answer "yes" but we already do! Collaboration is a great way for organizations to share resources and fulfill their individual missions.

Consider the Salvation Army Summer Feeding program. We provide donations to help with food costs. We also provide manpower for the distribution of lunches. The Salvation Army prepares the meals in their kitchen and provides a truck and driver to service the food route. By working together we help one another meet our individual goal of improving kids' lives in our community.

How about the Head Start Reading program. They have the facility and children eager to hear a story and receive a book. We have the resources to provide the books and members eager to read a story to the kids. A perfect partnership that allows for a successful program.

Lesser known is The Children's Traveling Opera. Once a year we pay for the Opera to come to Piqua Central and put on two performances for 4th graders. It takes about twelve people plus an actual opera singer to do the program. After the second performance, we are expected to provide lunch and that can cost a pretty penny. Fortunately, we have teamed up with the Piqua Arts Council (PAC) to make this possible. We pay for the performances and further our mission to improve kids' lives, and PAC pays for all the lunches and furthers their mission of providing access to the arts. It's about a 50-50 split money-wise and a win-win for both organizations.

To help our Halloween Parade run smoother we needed a golf cart. PAC was able to provide us with one. On November 4, in the Old Z's building, PAC needed help with the setup and running of their signature bourbon and wine culinary event. Three Kiwanians helped out. Mark Wion actually ran the wine bar. He reported that the food was great and the event went very well. Admittedly not a kids event, but does satisfy our commitment to make a positive impact on our community.

Every time you volunteer at one of our events, or with another group in the community, everyone benefits. Opportunities to volunteer don't come around every day, but when they do, considering taking advantage of one. And don't forget to track your time and report it to Gretchen.

I will be reporting 4 hours of volunteer time helping PAC with their culinary event this past November. What will you report?

Mark Greenwood

Piqua Catholic K-Kids Elect Officers

The Piqua Catholic K-Kids club elected their first slate of officers at their Charter meeting. Newly elected officers are pictured below with their club's certificate of Charter and official banner.



left to right: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President.

Wion Honored by Ohio Kiwanis Governor

Mark Wion was presented with the Beacon of Hope award by Ohio Kiwanis Governor Jason Miller in recognition of his work in Kiwanis, both locally and at the state level. Congratulations Mark!

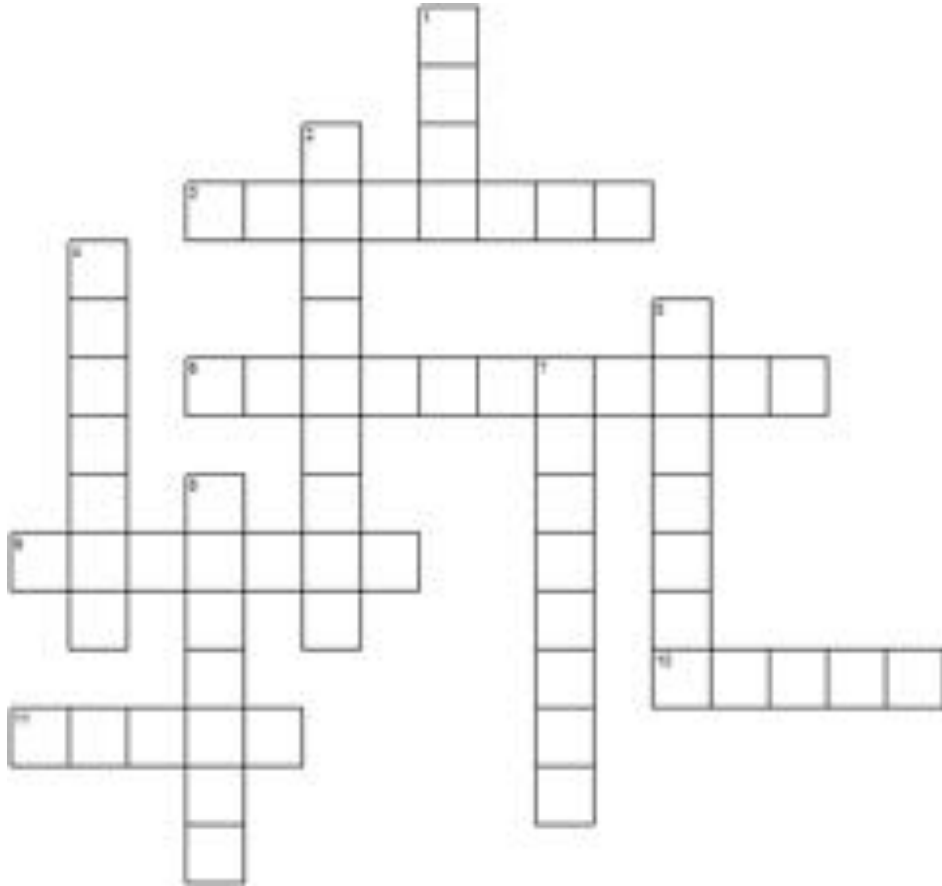


left to right: Lt Govs Dale Hart Div 2 and John Coffield Div 3, Mark Wion, and Jason Miller.



Exercise Those "Gears" Between Your Ears

(see the January 2024 newsletter for the solution of the crossword puzzle below)



Across

3. Flipped from 1955 on
6. K Kids 2009
9. Reptile that sounds like Kiwanis
10. Piqua Kiwanis Division
11. Based on "He has risen from the ashes"

Down

1. Meeting locale
2. Atlas unmentionables
4. Kids day grub
5. 1915 Birthplace of Kiwanis Intl
7. Lt Gov John _
8. Top 100 _

answers to the math problems in the November newsletter

To get the correct answers to 1 thru 4 you have to do things in the proper order. Answers are shown as fractions, mixed numbers, and as a decimal.

1) $3 + 5 \div 4 = ?$

answer: $\frac{17}{4}$ or $4\frac{1}{4}$ or 4.25 you must do $5 \div 4$ first

2) $\frac{10-2}{5} = ?$

answer: $\frac{8}{5}$ or $1\frac{3}{5}$ or 1.6 You cannot cancel 10 and 5, you must do $10 - 2$ first

3) $12 \div 3 \times 4 = ?$

answer: 16 work from left to right, do $12 \div 3$ first

4) $\frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{3} = ?$

answer: $\frac{13}{6}$ or $2\frac{1}{6}$ or 2.166... Bottoms must match to add. Change $\frac{3}{2}$ to $\frac{9}{6}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$ to $\frac{4}{6}$ and then add.

5. How many fence posts are needed to build a 20 foot fence if the posts are each 4 feet apart?

answer: 6 fence posts | 4' | 4' | 4' | 4' | 4' | don't forget the end post. 6 posts at 4' span 20 feet.