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President's Message

Hopefully, the luck of the Irish will be with us all as we welcome March.

I would like to thank our membership for continuing to support our club whether it be in person through meeting attendance and/or through spirit. We will be coordinating some service projects in the upcoming months but encourage every member to share any/all ideas of potential projects.

As a reminder, we have our joint Key Club Meeting on March 13th at Piqua High School. We would love to outnumber the youth!



House Cleaning

Birthdays

No March Birthdays

Anniversaries

No March Anniversaries

Wednesday Programs

- March 6 Ben Richard
Johnston Farm and Indian Agency
- March 13 Joint Meeting with Key Club
Meeting will be held at PHS
- March 20 Kathy Sherman
Piqua Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting follows
- March 27 TBD

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:

Head Start Reading - **Tue March 12**

Volunteer readers needed! Contact Mark Wion for more details or to volunteer.

Children's Traveling Opera - **Thur Mar 21**

Once again the Dayton Children's Traveling Opera will perform at Piqua Central Intermediate. There will be two performances (8:30 and 10 am) with randomly selected student participants. This year's performance will be The Pirates of Penzance. Guests are welcome. Contact Mark Greenwood for details.

Track Concession Stand - **Mon Mar 25, Wed Mar 27, Wed Apr 10, Mon Apr 15, Wed May 1, & Thur May 2**

This is a wonderful fundraiser and a lot of fun. Volunteers are always needed. Work as little or as much as you like. Contact Mark Wion for more details or to volunteer.

Bike Rodeo - **Fri May 10**

Annual Kiwanis Bike Rodeo during Piqua's Taste of the Arts Festival. Come on out and help us and Key Clubbers check in participants. Volunteers are also needed for setup. Contact Mark Wion for more details or to volunteer.

Eighty-Eight

In the movie "Back to the Future", released in 1985, eccentric inventor Doc Brown outfits a DeLorean sports car with a flux capacitor (his own invention) to create a time machine. For it to work the car had to accelerate to **88** miles per hour. It was the highest grossing picture in 1985 and grossed over \$389,000,000 worldwide. If you have never seen the movie, it's worth tracking down.

While "Back to the Future" had a large worldwide presence, there was another **88** presence confined mostly to the United States. It was the Oldsmobile **88**. The **88**'s were produced from 1949 thru 1999. In 1967 you could drive one off the show room floor for around \$3,500. The same car today, in good condition, would fetch around \$30,000!

The Olds **88** represented a U.S. focused presence, but how about something closer to home? How about an Ohio **88** phenomena. That's easy, we have **88** counties.

Movies, cars, counties, all very interesting, but is there an **88** connection in Piqua? Absolutely, and it is closer than you might think. Our club was chartered in 1936 which means that we are **88** years old this year!

So it turns out that **88** is a pretty interesting number. Though it won't turn your car into a time machine, it will most likely get you a speeding ticket on the **75**.

Mark Greenwood

Dennis Carity Bearing Gifts

Kiwanian Dennis Carity is pictured below presenting Leesa Baker of the Miami County YWCA with a \$1000 check on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Piqua.

Our \$1000 donation will help the YWCA with the remodel and upgrade of their facility. Since we hold our Wednesday meetings at the YWCA, we are anxiously looking forward to meeting in the updated facility.



Dennis standing with Leesa, a familiar face at the YWCA.

Springcreek K-Kids Redefine the "Domino Effect"

"Domino effect" definition: *a cumulative effect produced when one event initiates a succession of similar events*

The term has its roots in dominos where just one domino causes an entire row to fall one by one. Although most people are familiar with dominos, the term "domino effect" or "ripple effect" is generally applied to real world events. For example, the Feds raise the interest rate which leads to higher mortgage payments which in turn leads to a slow down in housing sales.

Springcreek K Kids decided to create their own version of the "domino effect". It all started with a truck load of cereal boxes. 191 to be exact!



191 boxes of cereal arriving at the Bethany Center



Boxes of cereal set up like dominos

Once the cereal arrived the fun began. K-Kids set up the boxes in a long winding row. Eventually the first box was pushed causing all the cereal boxes to fall like a row of dominos!

K-Kids had fun creating their own "domino effect" and when the last box fell, it triggered one final event. All 191 boxes of cereal were donated to the Bethany Center!

Well done Springcreek K-Kids!

Kiwanian Marijo Poling Strikes Again!

If you recall, Marijo Poling was featured in our January newsletter for donating her time and talent to crochet blankets for area shut ins. That newsletter is still available for download at our website for any interested readers.

Well, Marijo is at it again. Pictured below are four crocheted lap blankets that she recently completed and will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to residents at local Assisted Living Facilities in Piqua.

Often Marijo will personally deliver the blankets and reports that "they are usually tickled to have an outsider visit and to receive a blanket."

Marijo learned to crochet from her Grandma Anna Copeland. She not only finds it a relaxing hobby, but a great way to benefit others and she is willing to help anyone who is interested in learning the craft.





Exercise Those "Gears" Between Your Ears

(answers will appear in next month's newsletter)

1. I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
2. What is full of holes but still holds water?
3. You see a boat filled with people, yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?
4. What three numbers, none of which is zero, give the same result whether they're added or multiplied?
5. I have lakes with no water, mountains with no stone and cities with no buildings. What am I?
6. What has a head and a tail but no body?

Solution to February's riddle

February riddle: "Three people went to lunch and the bill came to \$30. They each gave the waiter \$10. The waiter took the \$30 and returned a few minutes with 5 one-dollar bills and an explanation that a mistake had been made and the bill was actually \$25. The diners each took one dollar and left the remaining two dollars for the waiter. Since each diner originally paid \$10 but took back a dollar, they paid \$9 each. So, three times \$9 is \$27 plus the \$2 left for the waiter totals \$29. Since \$30 originally went out, where is the missing dollar?"

Solution: The key to this riddle is to focus on what the restaurant received, not what the diners paid.

- a. The restaurant collected \$30.
- b. The waiter took back \$5 to the table, so the restaurant collected \$25.
- c. The waiter was given \$2, so the restaurant now had \$27.
- d. The diners each paid \$9. Three diners times \$9 equals the \$27 the restaurant received!

***** Don't miss the Great Swami's prediction on the next page *****

The Great Swami weighs in on the 2024 election.

