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CLUB OF PIQUA

THE PIQUANIAN

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President's Message

No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep, and we know it." – Hal Borland

What a wonderful March we had with an exceptional profitable Pancake Breakfast! A heartfelt thanks to all members and their support systems who helped ensure the event was a success. Save The Date for March 8, 2025!

As the YWCA continues their renovations, we will be offsite at the Chamber of Commerce in April. Stay tuned as we work to coordinate some exciting speakers.

We will be reaching out to Ben Richard, Johnston Farm, for some community service partnerships but we continue to look for new ways to give back. Please share any ideas, suggestions, etc. you may have.

Looking for ways to support our club? How about joining a committee? Any new member suggestions? How about running for an office or board seat? The possibilities are unlimited, and I challenge every member to consider a way to be an active member. I love our club and appreciate each member but would love to see more of you!

Kelly



House Cleaning

Birthdays

Brian Sowers (April 7), Warren Parker (April 8), Mark Reedy (April 8),
Dennis Carity (April 10), Joe Shaffer (April 21)

Anniversaries

Bill McNeil (April 2), Marijo Poling (April 17), Mark Greenwood (April 29)

Wednesday Programs

- April 3 Jim Oda will be our speaker.
- April 17 We will induct a new member, Brent McKinney!
Board Meeting immediately follows.
- April 24 Rick Byron from the Piqua Police Dept.

Due to renovations at the YWCA, meetings this month will be held at the Piqua Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday meetings are held from noon to 1pm unless otherwise stated.
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:

Track Concession Stand - **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 17**

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. The Bike Rodeo will occur near the corner of Greene and Main St.

Contact Mark Wion for more details or to volunteer.

PANCAKES!

The perfect pancake starts with a great batter, but that means different things to different people. Should it include baking powder, a dash of vanilla, pinch of sugar or is a pre-mix good enough? While there is no general agreement on the perfect pancake batter, there is a winning recipe for the perfect Pancake Day. It starts with a generous amount of volunteers and includes a hefty dose of hard work.

This year we had 34 volunteers working together to create the perfect Pancake Day!

Check out **Pancakes by the Numbers** at the end of this feature for event stats including the profit resulting from our generous sponsors and volunteers' hard work.



It all starts with the batter



Next is selling tickets to pancake eaters



Creating the perfect pancake



Being patient while they cook



Getting them off the grill and ready to serve



Sampling? Not a task, but a great perk for volunteers!

Pancakes by the Numbers:

35 Volunteers

21 club members

3 spouses

1 family member

9 Key Club

1 Builders Club

11 Sponsors

Thrivent Financial

Piqua Transfer & Storage Co.

P & R Specialty, Inc.

Staley Plumbing

Crayex

Upper Valley Career Center

Jamieson & Yannucci Funeral Home

Mutual Federal

Melcher-Sowers Funeral Home

Koverman Staley Dickerson Insurance

Park National Bank

531 Breakfasts served

452 Adult

64 Kids

15 Workers (free)

12 Ticket sponsors

30 Placemat Ads

Over \$7,200 profit!

A big thanks to the Pancake Committee, our volunteers, and sponsors for making this Pancake Day a success!

PIRATES in PIQUA??

If you read last month's newsletter you already knew that the Pirates of Penzance was coming to town. On March 21, the Dayton Children's Traveling Opera came to Piqua Intermediate School and put on two performances where 4th graders took part in the action.

Each year our club and the Piqua Arts Council (PAC) work together to bring the Children's Traveling Opera to Piqua and expose our children to the world of live performances. The performances are geared for 4th graders and prepares them to attend a live performance in Dayton as fifth graders.

This year's performances marked the third year of the Kiwanis - PAC collaboration and we hope to keep it going for many years to come. Piqua's Indian Nation Station was on hand to record the entire second performance. Click the picture below or visit our website at www.piquakiwanis.org to watch the show!



Students performing on stage under the direction of Traveling Opera staff (in black). Artists in residence sing and narrate to keep things moving. They are accompanied by a keyboard player.

A NEW TEAM IN TOWN

The Dynamic Duo, the Fantastic Four, the Secret Six, Team Seven. These are just a few of the superhero groups out to make a positive impact on the world. While they all have different capabilities they share one trait, they are all make-believe!

At St. Mary's in Piqua we have our own team and they are real! They are the K-Kids group, better known as the Mighty 11, and they have superpowers when it come to collecting things. They single-handedly collected 281 cereal boxes! The cereal will be donated to the Bethany Center where they will make a positive impact in our community.



The Mighty 11 are pictured above with their 3 super advisors.



Exercise Those "Gears" Between Your Ears

(answers will appear in next month's newsletter)

1. What month of the year has 28 days?
2. A little girl goes to the store and buys one dozen eggs. As she is going home, all but three break. How many eggs are left unbroken?
3. A man was standing outside in the rain without an umbrella or hat and didn't get a single hair on his head wet. How could that be?
4. What can you hold in your left hand but not in your right?
5. I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

Answers to March riddles:

1. I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Answer: A candle

2. What is full of holes but still holds water?

Answer: A sponge

3. You see a boat filled with people, yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?

Answer: All the people on the boat are married.

4. What three numbers, none of which is zero, give the same result whether they're added or multiplied?

Answer: One, two and three

5. I have lakes with no water, mountains with no stone and cities with no buildings. What am I?

Answer: A map

6. What has a head and a tail but no body?

Answer: A coin