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President's Message

Fellow Kiwanians,

Where has the time gone? We are embarking on Independence Day as we gather with family, friends and neighbors and before long we will be ringing in a New Year.

I hope each of you continue to have a great summer while staying cool, hydrated, and diligent as Covid spikes across the nation, again.

This past month, we have supported the Salvation Army's Summer Feeding Program. Thank you to those who have volunteered and will continue through August. We came together for service projects and look forward to our next one at Piqua Fest.

Many of us continue our outreach to identify potential new members and work to grow the club. Please continue to share with those around you the many opportunities Kiwanis poses. As we know, there is strength in numbers!

We have some exciting speakers in July and another tour brewing at the YMCA in August to hopefully see the final project. I know schedules are busy but would love to see you all at a meeting.

Kelly



House Cleaning

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Spencer Peltier (July 18), Shane Schneider (July 22), Gloria Riley Smith (July 27), Jeff Smith (July 27),
Kathy Graeser (July 29), Jerry Sowers (July 29)

Wednesday Programs

- July 3 No meeting due to holiday
- July 17 Sponsored Youth Advisors from our Sponsored Youth Programs
Board Meeting immediately follows.
- July 24 TBD
- July 31 CORSP
Katie Brandewie of the Council for Rural Services Programs (CORSP)
will be our speaker.

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 Kelly Meckstroth at 419-348-4329 or kelly.meckstroth@hcr-manorcare.com

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 the end of the month.

The Back Burner



Just a few things on the back burner that are worth noting:

Bicycle Parade (co-sponsored by Kiwanis and the Piqua Center) - **July 4**

Children will decorate their bicycles ride in a bicycle parade at the Piqua Center.

Bicycles will be judged prior to the parade.

Volunteers are needed from 2 to 2:30 to help kids decorate their bikes.

Even if you can't volunteer, join us at 3pm for the parade and support the event!

**The event will be held inside the Piqua Center in the food court area in case of inclement weather.

Contact Gretchen Roeth or Kelly Meckstroth for more details or to volunteer.

Kid's Day at the Fair - **August 12**

Once again we will join Troy Kiwanis at the Miami County Fairgrounds to serve free hotdog lunches to children and their families. We start setup at 10am and are done serving by 1pm.

Volunteers can help themselves to a lunch and are free to enjoy the Fair afterward.

Five volunteers will be needed.

Email Mark Greenwood to signup as a volunteer.

OBE

What is OBE and what does it have to do with Piqua Kiwanians?

OBE was coined back in the 1940's by parapsychologist G. N. M. Tyrrel in his book "Apparitions". It stands for "Out-of-Body Experience".

OBE is where a person perceives the world from a location outside their physical body. There have been hundreds of studies and dozens of movies on the subject. There's still some debate over whether the sensations and perceptions associated with OBEs happen physically or as a sort of hallucinatory or dreamlike experience. **To date there is NO scientific evidence to support the idea that a person's consciousness can travel outside the body.**

Be that as it may, in April 1977 a patient at Harborview Medical Center experienced an OBE during a near-death experience where she floated outside her body and outside her hospital room where she spotted a tennis shoe on a third-floor window ledge. A worker later verified that there was a tennis shoe on the ledge and eventually published the account, years later, in 1984. The story has since been used in many paranormal books as "evidence" that a spirit can leave the body. Unfortunately, the shoe was visible from many locations inside and outside the hospital and was talked about frequently by hospital staff. Most likely the patient had seen or heard about the shoe and her mind incorporated it into a very real dream during her near-death experience.

Now what do OBEs have to do with Piqua Kiwanians? Strictly speaking, nothing. But if you think of our club as a body, then plenty!

We're all familiar with experiences available "within" our club. Weekly meetings, helping with our own projects like the Halloween Parade and Pancake Day. But what about those opportunities outside our club?

Instead of "out-of-body experiences" we can have "out-of-club experiences" where we do work for other groups. Reading for the Head Start and bell ringing for Salvation Army come to mind. During our last meeting in June some of us prepared tickets for next year's Taste of the Arts, which was work for another organization, Main Street Piqua. And this month, as many of you have done, I will be working the Salvation Army's Summer Lunch Program.

There are plenty of opportunities to help organizations "outside" our club, and unlike OBEs, they really do exist! Oh, and don't forget, out of club experiences count as volunteer hours and should be reported to Gretchen at the end of each month.

So, here's an idea, rather than looking for shoes on windowsills, how about putting on your shoes and doing some "out-of-club" volunteering. Our June 26th meeting (see page 5) offered a perfect opportunity to do just that. And next month, Kid's Day at the Fair will provide another such opportunity (see page 3 for details).

FYI:

Maria was the patient who "saw" the tennis shoe and it was Kimberly Clark Sharp, a hospital social worker, who published the account.

An internet search for "tennis shoe on windowsill" will bring up lots of info about the incident.



Mark Greenwood

Out-of-Club Experience during a Wednesday Meeting?

During our June 26th lunch meeting at the YWCA, Kiwanians were given the opportunity to help another Piqua organization outside our club.

At that meeting, ten “Terrific” Kiwanis members completed a community service project for Piqua Taste of the Arts in a sit-down fashion! 5,000 tickets were torn into strips of 5 tickets and then put into groups of 100 strips for use at Taste of the Arts in 2025! No one broke a sweat, and the project was completed in record time.

“I was so excited to know that the Kiwanis members were willing to do this project and that they completed it in just one sitting,” said Leesa Baker, coordinator of the project. “I sure appreciated their enthusiasm and willingness to help with this community event,” she added.



Exercise Those "Gears" Between Your Ears

(answers will appear in next month's newsletter)

Starting this month, the **last** question will be a Rebus puzzle. A Rebus is a picture representation of a name, work, or phrase. To solve them look for clues such as position, orientation, missing and repeating things. For example the in the Rebus puzzle, $\frac{\text{EGGS}}{\text{EASY}}$ the word "eggs" appears over "easy", so the answer is "eggs over easy"!

1. It belongs to you, but your friends use it more. What is it?
2. What 2 things can you never eat for breakfast?
3. Two girls were born to the same mother, on the same day, at the same time, in the same month and year, and yet they're not twins. How can this be?
4. What has branches, but no fruit, trunk, or leaves?
5. A bus driver goes the wrong way down a one-way street. He passes the cops, but they don't stop him. Why?
6. What has many teeth but cannot bite?

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Answers to last month's riddles

1. A cowboy rode into town on Friday. He stayed for three nights and rode out on Friday. How is this possible?
Answer: His horse's name is Friday.
2. What has a neck but no head?
Answer: A bottle.
3. If you multiply this number by any other number, the answer will always be the same. What number is this?
Answer: Zero. ($0 \times 1 = 0$, $0 \times 99 = 0$, $0 \times \text{any number} = 0$)
4. Forward, I am heavy; backward, I am not. What am I?
Answer: A ton. (Ton spelt forward is "ton" and spelt backwards is "not")
5. Throw away the outside and cook the inside, then eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it?
Answer: Corn on the cob. If you were stumped on this one, you need to review your Ohio roots!
6. What is it that no one wants to have, but no one wants to lose either?
Answer: A lawsuit.