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CLUB OF PIQUA

THE PIQUANIAN

October 2024

Kelly Meckstroth (President), Marijo Poling (V.P.), Gretchen Roeth (Secretary), Mark Wion (Treasurer)

Kelly Meckstroth (Immediate Past President), Mark Wion (President Elect)

Board Members: Mark Greenwood, Mikaili Hall, Brent McKinney, Warren Parker, Shane Schneider, Joe Shaffer

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President's Message

“October is the month when trees turn to gold, and we turn to hoodies.” – Unknown

Fellow Kiwanians – it continues to be a pleasure leading such an amazing group of volunteers. October is upon us and there are many exciting things on the horizon that require member support. I think we can all agree that there is never enough time in the day, week, month or year anymore but it is what we make out of it.

This month, we not only have our Induction of Officers but we have the Fall Festival, PJH Concession Stand and the Halloween Parade. I encourage each of you to volunteer in at least one of the upcoming events – bring your family, a friend as the more the merrier.

Our focus will continue to be on growing membership so we encourage any ideas and suggestions you may have. I would like to thank the members who found time out of their day to come to our joint Piqua/Troy Meeting. Well done! We outnumbered the Troy and shined in blue – til next year!

I encourage you to turn to page 7 and read all about our upcoming Halloween Parade event!



House Cleaning

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Mikaila Hall (Oct 14)

Wednesday Programs

- Oct 2 New officer induction
 Joint meeting with Sidney
- Oct 16 Presenter Tami Kincer from Cross Creek Hydroponics
 Board Meeting immediately follows.
- Oct 23 Presenter Casey Wentz of Kids Read Now
- Oct 30 Miami County Veterans Services
 Kyle Kuta will describe the services they provide.
- Nov 6 Barclay's Clothing
 Owner Bert Harrison will present a history of Barclay's.
- Nov 20 Small Nation
 Wilson Reiser and Nick Davis will talk about plans for the old AAA site..

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.

For a lunch reservation notify Kelly Meckstroth by Monday.
Call/text (419) 348-4329 or email KMeckstroth@trio-healthcare.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:

Concession Stand - **Wed October 9 and 16, Tue October 22.**

Help sell food items at the Jr High School concession stand. You can volunteer to work anytime between 5 and 8 pm on Wednesdays or 5 to 7pm on Tuesday.

Contact Mark Wion or Gretchen Roeth for more details or to volunteer.

Halloween Parade - **Wed October 23.**

Our annual Halloween Parade takes place next month and there are a lot of opportunities for volunteers. See page 5 for detailed information.

A downloadable Halloween Parade flyer is also available at our website under the Documents link.

Contact Kelly Meckstroth for more details or to volunteer.

The INFORMATION HIGHWAY

"Information Highway" refers to a communication method that provides rapid, widespread access to information.

In ancient times, the Information Highway got off to a rocky start. In the Flintstones cartoons about stone age life, Fred Flintstone read the "Daily Granite" which was a granite slab. The cartoon was right about information being recorder on granite slabs, but unfortunately stone age man didn't write. It was ancient Sumerians who first wrote on slabs dating back to over 5000 years ago! Though durable, slabs were a lousy way of quickly spreading information to the masses.

About 3000 years later something happened in China that took communication to the next level. Paper was invented. Writing on paper was quicker than carving a slab. Unfortunately making copies meant recreating the original from scratch, so the information highway at this point was not accessible to the multitudes.

Enter Johannes Gutenberg and the invention of the movable type printing press in the 1400s. Suddenly copies of information could be printed relatively quickly on paper. A huge improvement to the Information Highway.

Over time, developments such as the Rotary Press, Offset Printing, and Digital printing continued to speed up the printing and copying of information, which led to the paper and ink Information Highway of today. But a cartoon series in the 1960s predicted one final improvement.

In 1962 the Jetsons cartoon aired on TV years before the existence of the internet and email. George Jetson, space age resident of Orbit City, got his news digitally on a monitor. Among other things, the Jetsons predicted video meetings, jet packs, and accessing information on screens. Years later the internet created a digital Information Highway capable of quickly and efficiently reaching an unlimited number of people.

For years our club has provided a directory of Piqua churches via the paper and ink Information Highway. It proved to be a good resource but was costly to print and quickly became outdated between printings. This year we moved the Piqua church directory to the digital Information Highway. Now it is available on cellphones and computers, always up-to-date, and all at no cost to our club!

The directory includes 37 Piqua churches spanning 19 different denomination types. You can view it at www.piquakiwanis.org/churches or scan the QR code below, both of which will be available at the Piqua Chamber of Commerce.



Mark Greenwood

STOP THE PRESSES!

"Stop the presses" is an old newspaper term that refers to delaying the printing of a newspaper in order to include important, late-breaking news. So why is it being used here?

Our newsletter normally comes out at the beginning of the month, but because of some important news coming from our October 2nd meeting, we had to "stop the presses".

Lt. Governor John Coffield installed Board members and club officers along with recognizing our "Kiwanian of the Year"! That late-breaking info needed to be included in this issue of our newsletter. Even the blue box on page 1 was affected and had to be updated!

Coffield started things off by introducing our Board members. Five Board members were recognized. New members were Mikaili Hall, Warren Parker and Brent McKinney while Mark Greenwood and Joe Shaffer were continuing members. Absent was continuing member Shane Schneider.



left to right: Mikaili, Joe, Warren, Mark, Brent



Mark (left) and John (right)

Lt. Governor John Coffield called Mark Wion to come forward on two separate occasions.

First John presented Mark with a Treasurer pin and installed him once again as our treasurer.

Later John presented Mark with a President Elect pin signaling that Mark will become our president a year from now.

Gretchen Roeth was installed as our returning Secretary and was presented with a Secretary pin by the Lt. Governor John Coffield.



Gretchen (left) and John (right)

STOP THE PRESSES! (continued)

Lt. Governor John Coffield installed Marijo Poling to the office of Vice President and presented her with a Vice President pin.



John (left) and Marijo (right)



Kelly (left) and John (right)

Kelly Meckstroth made multiple trips forward at the Lt. Governor's request.

As a second-term president, she received an Immediate Past President pin followed by a President pin.

On her last trip forward, John recognized her as our "Kiwanian of the Year". Our club secretary noted the following::

"Kelly Meckstroth has been a member since 2012. She has served on the board and as an officer, and is our current president. Committee work includes Halloween Parade, which she chairs, and Pancake Day. In addition, Kelly is a Builders Club and K-Kids advisor and helps run the concession stand for Jr. High Football games."



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HALLOWEEN PARADE

This year's Halloween Parade will take place on Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30pm.

We will begin at the corner of Greene/High beside Hallmark and end in front of the Post Office. We have encouraged downtown businesses to participate in "Trick or Treat" prior to the parade from 5-6 pm, or in "Trunk or Treat" following the parade at 7 pm.

We are awarding (3) prizes to downtown businesses who participate: Best Table, Best Costume and Kid's Choice.

Plenty of volunteering opportunities are available. We need folks to hold signs, assist with registration and Voting. Please consider helping!

Visit our website to download a Halloween Parade flyer. It can be found under the Documents link.

Contact Kelly Meckstroth for more details or to volunteer.

Builder's Club is Off and Running

Builder's Club is already off to a great year serving the community by volunteering with Munch Bunch. Club members are pictured below preparing food items for distribution.





Exercise Those "Gears" Between Your Ears

(see bottom of page for this month's answers)

1. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
2. What part of the chicken has the most feathers?
3. Remove two letters from five to make four.
4. What is red and smells like blue paint?
5. T
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W
N

Answers to the September riddles:

1. Where can you finish a book without finishing a sentence?

Answer: Prison

2. What runs but never walks, murmurs but never talks, has a bed, but never sleeps, and has a mouth but never eats?

Answer: A river.

3. A plane crashed on the border of France and Belgium. Were the survivors buried in France or Belgium?

Answer: Neither. Survivors don't need to be buried.

4. Which is heavier: a ton of bricks or a ton of feathers?

Answer: They weigh the same.

5. You walk into a room that contains a match, a kerosene lamp, a candle, and a fireplace. What would you light first?

Answer: The match.

6. TRY $\frac{\text{STAND}}{2}$

Answer: Try to understand (2 under STAND)

Answers: 1. Mt. Everest, 2. the outside, 3. remove f and e and Roman numeral iv remains, 4. red paint, 5. downtown