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President's Message

Can you believe it? Another year in the books surrounded by continued service and good fortune. We have had many successes in 2024 but 2025 is looking pretty good already.

Before long, we will come together for our Annual Pancake Breakfast - yummy!

The Sidney Club has invited several surrounding clubs in the spring to join them at a Dayton Dragons game for interclub - more detail will follow.

Sponsored youth continue to excel in leadership and service.

We have several potential new members on the bubble and have been blessed with new members just before the New Year. As an old member once said, keep smiling!

Thank you for your commitment and service!



House Cleaning

Birthdays

Mark Greenwood (Jan 11), Bill McNeil (Jan 14), Gretchen Roeth (Jan 30)

Anniversaries

No January anniversaries

Wednesday Programs

- Jan 1 No Meeting
 Happy New Year!
- Jan 15 Piqua Economic Development
 Piqua Economic Development Director, Chris Schmiesing will present.
 Board Meeting immediately follows.
- Jan 22 Mentoring Partnership of Miami County
 Program Coordinator, Carragan Klawon, will talk about the mentoring program.
- Jan 29 Piqua City Schools
 School Superintendent, Dwayne Thompson, will present on our city schools.

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:

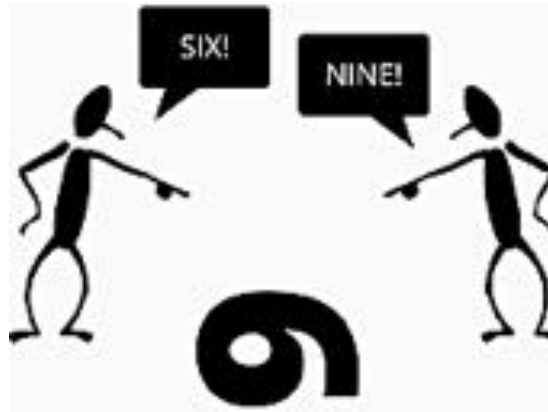
City Spelling Bee - **January 15 at 7 pm**

The Spelling Bee will be held at Piqua Central Intermediate School. Come on out and support the spellers!

Head Start Reading - **Third Tuesday of each month at 9:45 am**

If you would like to volunteer or get more information about the program, contact Mark Wion.

Right and Wrong



In the picture above, who is right? The guy on the left or the other guy? Or maybe they are both wrong, or both right, or both right and wrong at the same time. All are possible scenarios; it just depends on your perspective.

On page 8 of the November 2024 newsletter, I listed our SLPs at all the Piqua schools and went on to write "Piqua Catholic Builders Club also makes our 8th SLP".

After the newsletter went out, I read something from Gretchen that mentioned our 7 SLPs. I went back to the November newsletter and discovered that there were 7 SLPs listed. I figured that I was wrong about the count, so on page 2 of the December newsletter I wrote "That brings our SLP total to 7 not 8". But a later development proved that I was both right and wrong about our SLP count, depending on your perspective, that is.

After reading the December newsletter, Mark Wion contacted me and told me about our "forgotten" SLP, an Aktion Club that we co-sponsored with Troy Kiwanis. Aktion Clubs are the only service clubs for adults with disabilities. The club operates out of the Troy area. They have a speaker each month and are active in various service projects. Their latest was providing Christmas gifts for two children that the club "adopted".

So, depending on your perspective, it could be 7 and not 8, or 8 and not 7, or even both. It just depends on your perspective:

Perspective 1 - Piqua Kiwanis SLPs are SLPs our club started in Piqua. In this case 7 is the number.

Perspective 2 - Piqua Kiwanis SLPs are all SLPs that our club is associated with. In this case 8 is the number.

Perspective 3 - Our SLPs are unique to our club or those with a tie to us. Here 7 and 8 are both right!

What's your perspective?

Mark Greenwood

New Member Induction Twofer

Merriam-Webster lists one possible definition of **twofer** as "*something that satisfies two criteria or needs simultaneously*".

During our December 18th meeting, Kelly Meckstroth simultaneously welcomed two new members to our club. A Twofer!

New member, Nate Funderburg was sponsored by Gretchen Roeth. After graduating from Piqua High School, Nate received a degree in English from Wright State University. He graduated from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2006 and has been a practicing lawyer with Piqua law firm McCulloch Felger Fite & Gutmann since October 2008. Nate's family includes wife Rachel and children Marin and Dane. Two side notes with respect to Nate and family. First, Nate was actually a presenter at our August 21, 2024, meeting. Second, at our June 19th meeting that same year, his daughter Marin was recognized as one our \$1500 scholarship winners. She is now a freshman at Ohio State University.

New member, Paul Doak, was sponsored by Mark Wion. He was head custodian for both the Piqua Jr. High and the Highschool. Paul is recently retired. He enjoys being Santa at the Piqua Center and even comes with his own white beard! Paul has also agreed to be a Kiwanis Advisor at Piqua Jr. High and the Highschool. His family includes wife Becky, two daughters, and three grandchildren.



From left to right: Nate Funderburg, Gretchen Roeth, Kelly Meckstroth, Mark Wion, Paul Doak

K-Kids Get into The Holiday Spirit!



Washington K-Kids are pictured above enjoying the Holiday Parade this past December 7th.



Springcreek K-Kids, above, are hard at work making placemats for Meals on Wheels, creating sensory pads to help children practice small motor skills, and cranking out ornaments to take home!



Two Washington K Kids help ring bells at Kroger while their mother shopped!

Piqua Jr High Builders Club Brings Reindeer Games to Dayton Children's Hospital

Builder's Club volunteered on the morning of December 14th at the "Special Wish of Dayton Holiday Event" with Dayton Children's Hospital. Aside from leading Bingo in a room full of people, they assisted with Connect Four (below, left) and Reindeer Games (below, right).



Builders Club volunteers Keegan, Kiki, Ethan, Rosie and Nan (pictured above from left to right). Way to go volunteers!

Piqua Catholic Builders Clubbers Get Crafty

Piqua Catholic Builders Club broke out the art supplies and went to work building ribbon rings at their December meeting to help children with sensory issues. Club members are pictured working on their ribbon rings.





Exercise Those "Gears" Between Your Ears

(see bottom of page for answers)

1. What can go through glass without breaking it?
2. It belongs to you, but your friends use it more. What is it?
3. What invention lets you look right through a wall?
4. What is always on its way but never arrives?
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answers: 1) light 2) your name 3) a window 4) tomorrow 5) 3D movie