



**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF PIQUA

**THE PIQUANIAN**

**July 2025**

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### **President's Message**

*"July is hollyhocks and hammocks, fireworks and vacations, hot and steamy weather, cool and refreshing swims, beach picnics, and vegetables all out of the garden." - Jean Hersey*

We are halfway through yet another year - unbelievable how fast Father Time goes anymore. Many of our fellow Kiwanians are vacationing and/or hosting extended family which is a blessing.

Thank you to those who have volunteered for the Salvation Army Feeding Program as well as those who are upcoming. We will sponsor the Bike Parade again this year on the 4<sup>th</sup> at the Piqua Center as all members are encouraged to come out and support between 12p-2p.

We encourage our members to get involved by spreading the word of Kiwanis, attending our weekly meetings and/or volunteering in the community. If you have any suggestions for upcoming service projects, please let us know. Aside from club community events, be sure to let Gretchen know of your additional service activities if any.

July will be HOT! Stay hydrated and cooled but enjoy family, friends and neighbors as we embrace another summer month.

Much Love, Kelly



## House Cleaning

### **Birthdays**

Mark Wion (7/4), Kim Bean (7/13), Nate Funderburg (7/15), Gloria Riley Smith (7/31)

### **Anniversaries**

Mark Wion (7/9), Spencer Peltier (7/18), Shane Schneider (7/22), Gloria Riley Smith (7/27), Jeff Smith (7/27), Kathy Graeser (7/29), Jerry Sowers (7/29)

### **Wednesday Programs**

- July 2           Habitat for Humanity  
Executive Director Scott Barr will present.  
**Board Meeting** follows.
- July 16          Ohio National Guard  
Clayton White will talk about recruitment and retention.
- July 23          Family Abuse Shelter  
Executive Director Barb Holman will be our presenter.
- July 30          Miami County Library  
Andrea Wackler and Holly Johnson will present.
- Aug 6           Piqua Catholic  
Cyndi Cathcart, principal, will talk about Piqua Catholic school.

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](mailto: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](http://www.piquakiwanis.org).

Newsletters are published at the first of the month. Please email news items to [mark1greenwood@gmail.com](mailto: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:

### Kid's Day at the Fair - **August 11**

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.

**Email Mark Greenwood if you would like to help out..**

## Aunt Mom

An Aunt and a mom? Sure. That's not unusual. My Mom's brother, my Uncle Bob, had two daughters. So my Mom was also an Aunt. Perfectly normal. BUT, the title of this feature is "Aunt Mom", not "Aunt and Mom". So what's going on?

Let's start by climbing a couple of branches on my family tree. Robert and Ruby Irwin head up the California branch. They married and had two kids, Joan and Bob. The Arizona branch is headed by Harley and Ethel Greenwood. They married and had two kids, Rick and Betty. Years later, the Greenwoods moved to California where Rick Greenwood married Joan Irwin. They had three kids, Mark (yours truly), Deborah, and Ron. Meanwhile, my mom's brother (Uncle Bob to me) met and married an Italian woman while serving overseas in the Army. Uncle Bob and Aunt Lorlie eventually returned to the States and had two girls, Lisa and Renee.

Now that defines a perfectly healthy family tree. So far, so good. Unfortunately, the old family tree developed some weird growth. To understand it, keep in mind that my Dad (Rick) and Aunt (Lorlie) each married into the Irwin branch and were thus not blood related.

Before I reached my teens, Dad and Aunt Lorlie decided that they should be together. So my Mom and Dad split up, my Aunt and Uncle split up, and my Dad and Aunt were married. Suddenly my Aunt Lorlie was also my stepmom. "Aunt Mom" if you will. To this day my brother and I prefer to call her "Aunt Lorlie" while my sister prefers "Mom".

Over the years, I've learned that many family trees contain some weird growth. I guess it's a product of human nature. I am, however, part of another family whose "tree" contains nothing but great branches. That family is the "Ohio Kiwanis Family".

Per the Kiwanis Ohio District website (<https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/>):

***"The Ohio Kiwanis Family*** *consists of more than 20,000 men, women, and children serving in Kiwanis, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids, and Aktion clubs throughout the great State of Ohio. What do we have in common? We are all dedicated to serving our communities and the world."*

What a great family to be a part of!

*Mark Greenwood*

**Update on my family tree:** My grandparents remained in California and have since passed away. My mother remarried twice. Both husbands passed away. My mother developed dementia and is living in an assisted care facility in Tennessee. My Dad and Aunt Lorlie (or Mom) are living in a small town on the Pacific coast in the Mexican State of Jalisco. My dad's memory is failing but they still live in their home. My Uncle Bob died two years ago in southern California leaving behind his second wife, Betty (not to be confused with my Dad's sister Betty) and their son Tim. Betty and Tim are my only relatives still living in California. My sister is retired and is living in Georgia. She is closest to Mom and looks in on her. My brother is living in Texas in my mom's house that she left after moving to Tennessee. Myself...you know where I am!

## Garbry Ridge Builds Hope by Breaking Ground

Last month on the 2nd of June 2 Garbry Ridge held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Memory Care Unit which will include 15 memory care apartments. Thanks to the unwavering support of community, families, staff, and partners, Garbry Ridge will be able to expand not just their building, but their mission, heart, and promise to care for those who once cared for us.

Kathy Vogler is the business manager for the parent company and just happens to be a Piqua Kiwanian! Kathy extended an invite to any club members available to attend the groundbreaking. There were a host of folks on hand for the ceremony. Kiwanians that were able to attend are pictured below. Ralph was joined by his wife and non-Kiwanian Char.



Pictured left to right: Ralph Tracy, Char Tracy, Mark Wion, Gretchen Groeth, Kathy Vogler

## FIELD TRIP

**Field Trip:** *"a journey by a group of associated peers or school students to a place away from their normal environment for the purpose of education or leisure."*

Last month, on June 18th, a group of Piqua Kiwanians met at the Piqua Fire Station instead of their normal meeting place, the YWCA. **In other words, they took a field trip!**

During the field trip they were updated on what's been happening at the Piqua Fire Department. Afterwards club president, Kelly Meckstroth, presented a special "thank you" certificate to Chief Lee Adams and his department for all of their hard work and dedication to keeping our community safe.



Pictured above: Chief Adams receiving a certificate of thanks from Kelly.



## Exercise Those "Gears" Between Your Ears

(see bottom of page for answers)

1. If you multiply all of the numbers on a phone dial together what is the result?
2. When Bill is 8 years old, his sister is half his age. When Bill turns 14 how old is his sister?
3. What has 18 legs and catches flies?
4. Which word is the odd one out: stun, ton, evil, letter, mood, bad, snap, straw?
5. What job title has three consecutive double letters?

6. EGGS  
EASY

----- answers -----

1) 0 2) 10 3) baseball team 4) letter, not a word when read backwards 5) bookkeeper 6) eggs over easy