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CLUB OF PIQUA

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President's Message

Fellow Kiwanians,

Another month has come and gone as we are more than halfway through another year. The Salvation Army Feeding Program continues to be a success supporting youth within our community but will come to a close in several weeks as we embark on another school year. Thank you to all members who kindly volunteered for an exceptional program.

Although the majority of our youth sponsored groups will start after Labor Day, Piqua Catholic will resume their school year mid-August.

Mark Wion and Mark Greenwood have continued to volunteer at the Johnston Farm with various projects - thank you gentlemen!

Our reading program will continue at Head Start in September which many of us are looking forward to.

We will assist at Kid's Day at the Miami County Fair on August 11th again which will allow for an Interclub opportunity.

So many great things are happening within our community and with the club! Keep spreading the word of our service as we would really like to grow membership again this upcoming year but end strong this year.

Lastly, anyone interested in helping plan our 90th Anniversary Celebration please contact Mark Wion as he coordinates a subcommittee.

As an old fellow member once said, keep smiling!

Kelly



House Cleaning

Birthdays

Bonnie Jackson (8/5), Spencer Peltier (8/9), Marijo Poling (8/18)

Anniversaries

Nate Funderburg (8/11), Gretchen Roeth (8/12), Mark Reedy (8/28)

Wednesday Programs

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| Aug 6 | Piqua Catholic
Cyndi Cathcart, principal, will talk about Piqua Catholic school. |
| Aug 20 | PHS Golf Team
Director of Athletics, Chip Hare, and members of the PHS golf team will talk about the program.
Board Meeting follows. |
| Aug 27 | Ohio Hospice
Jamie Brown, Community Liaison, will talk about Ohio Hospice in Miami County. |

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:

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

Got a hungry kid, grandkid, or great grandkid? Come on out to the Miami County Fair on August 11th. That's Kid's Day at the Fair! Kids enter free and Kiwanians from Piqua, Troy and Tipp City will be handing out free hot dog lunches to kids and their families. Look for us in front of building 201, the poultry bldg. We start serving lunches at noon and usually run out of dogs by 1pm, so get there early!

Head Start Reading - **Starting in September!**

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

It's What You Keep

Which of the following would you choose? A five dollar bill at no cost to you or a ten dollar bill, but you have to pay one dollar to get it. I'd take the ten.. Even though it would cost me a buck, I'd walk away with nine dollars rather than five. It's not always what you spend, but what you keep!

Dave Ramsey's famous quote, "Cash is King!", is a warning to those folks who rely on credit cards and their potential to put them further into debt. He recommends using cash or debit cards. Sound advice for many, but for a disciplined consumer, purchases can be made on a "no fee" card with no interest charged PROVIDED the balance is fully paid each month. Also, ever notice how once you break a twenty for a small purchase the remaining money seems to vaporize!

So is cash really king? Maybe. Depends on the consumer and the situation. Regardless, as a club we needed to acknowledge the fact that more and more folks are using debit cards, credit cards, Apple Pay, etc. As a result, our Treasurer, Mark Wion, set our club up with Square about three years ago. Now when a customer wants to make a non-cash purchase at the Track Concession Stand, we can accommodate them. But at a cost of 2.6% plus 15¢ is it worth it? Or to quote Dr. Phil, "how's that working for you?"

Take an average order: hot dog (\$2), soft drink (\$2), and a bag of chips (\$1). A few years ago, if the person has no cash, we had to turn them away and brought in ZERO. With Square we pay a whopping 25¢ in fees and keep \$4.25!

Accounting for all fees, Square sales accounted for over a quarter of our 2025 Track Concession Stand sales, or \$2,295.03.

So, I guess it's not what you spend but what you keep!

Mark Greenwood

Habitat for Humanity

Scott Barr, pictured below with Kelly Meckstroth, is Executive Director of Miami and Shelby County Habitat for Humanity.



Scott Barr talked about all of the different things that his organization is doing. In addition to building homes for qualified families, Habitat also operates a Restore facility in Troy and another one in Sidney. Restores sell gently used donated homegoods at deep discounts.

If that's not enough, they have also started a home repair program and operate the Habitat Activity Center in Troy. The Activity Center is a large woodworking shop where volunteers build playhouses, picnic tables and benches for non-profits and other qualifying entities.

Volunteer opportunities are available at the two Restores, the Activity Center, and on job sites for new homes. All skill levels are welcome.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Maureen O'Keefe at (937) 332-3763 ext. 1 or mokeefe@hfhmco.org.



Dolly Parton Visits Piqua Kiwanis?

Actually, Dolly Parton's cardboard double paid us a visit! But even better, our July 30th guest speakers Andrea Wackler and Holly Johnson, from the Troy Miami County Public Library, talked to us about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

The program sends a monthly book to any child registered with the program and living in Miami County. Any child from birth to kindergarten can registered and start receiving books. Currently 62% of eligible children in Piqua are registered and receive the monthly books. The goal of the program is to get books in the hands of all eligible Piqua children to help them grow and learn to love books.

Our club can help by referring eligible children to Andrea Wackler at the Troy Miami County Public Library. It only takes filling out a form and the program can begin. If you know of any children in your family, neighborhood, church, work or other place, please have them contact Andrea at the library, 937-339-0502.

After their presentation, club members Mark Wion and Warren Parker joined Andrea, Holly and Dolly for a photo op! FYI: Holly is Warren's granddaughter and Dolly was a cardboard stand-in!



Left to right: Andrea, Mark, Dolly, Warren, Holly



Exercise Those "Gears" Between Your Ears

(see bottom of page for answers)

1. What is black when it's clean and white when it's dirty?
2. David's father has three sons: Snap, Crackle and _____?
3. What three numbers give the same result when multiplied or added together?
4. What is easy to lift, but hard to throw.?
5. Throw away the outside and cook the inside, then eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it?
6. ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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1) chalkboard 2) David 3) 1, 2 and 3 4) a feather 5) corn on the cob 6) missing U