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President's Message

Greetings all;

Hopefully, our major snows are over with.

Our Pancake Day is almost here! Saturday March 14th, we will be serving from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. We need volunteers to mix and lift the pancake batter. If you have not done so, please let Gretchen know your availability, even if you cannot work. Tickets have been distributed, so please sell, sell, sell, since this is our major fundraiser. Remember presales drive this fundraiser.

We also need volunteers for some of our other upcoming projects like reading at Head Start, Track concession stand, serving lunch at the Salvation Army Summer Feeding Program and we have been asked to help repair an old wagon at the Johnston Farm this spring.

Formal invitations will be going out soon for our club's 90th anniversary dinner which will be held on Saturday, May 2.

Lastly, our joint meeting with Key Club is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th at noon. It will be held in the Student Union at the high school. I realize that this is the second Wednesday of the month, but due to scheduling conflicts, this was the best we could do. We need to show Key Club our support, so please plan on attending. We will be inducting their new officers at that time.

Spring is only a few weeks away ... at least we can hope!

In His Name

Mark Wion



House Cleaning

Birthdays

none

Anniversaries

Ben Zimmerman (3/9), Steve Wells (3/28), Paul Doak (3/30)

Wednesday Programs

- Mar 4 Pancake Day
Discussion of our upcoming March 14 Pancake Day event.
- Mar 18 Piqua Steel
Jim Sever will talk about Piqua Steel. Jim represents the 4th generation of the family to run the business.
Board Meeting follows.
- Mar 25 Pitsenbarger Event
Carl Shofner will talk about a 3-day event celebrating Piqua native William Pitsenbarger.
The Piqua event will include a film inspired by Pitsenbarger's life and a graveside 21-gun salute.

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.

Text (preferred) 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:

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.

Pancake Day - **Saturday, Mar 14**

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! If you haven't yet signed up to help with the event (Mar 14) or with setup (Mar 13) please contact Gretchen Roeth. Volunteers are always welcome.

Children's Traveling Opera - **Tuesday, March 17**

Once again, the Dayton Children's Traveling Opera will perform at Piqua Central Intermediate.

There will be two performances (8:30 and 10 am) with randomly selected student participants. This year's performance will be The Pirates of Penzance. Guests are welcome at either performance.

Key Club/Kiwanis Joint Meeting - **Wednesday, April 8 at noon**

We will join our Key Club members in the PHS Student Union for a joint meeting and to induct their new club officers. Please note that this is the second Wednesday of the month.

Piqua Kiwanis 90th Anniversary - **Saturday, May 2 from 5 to 9 pm (dinner at 6 pm)**

Our Club will be celebrating its 90th anniversary on May 2, 2026. The location will be the Covington Eagles at 715 East Broadway, Covington. More info to follow.



Daylight savings time, a.k.a. DST, begins this year on Sunday, March 8. That's when we set our clocks ahead one hour, but does every clock get moved ahead an hour?

In the U.S., all clocks spring ahead everywhere except in Hawaii and some parts of Arizona. Beside the U.S., seven other countries will observe DST on March 8 while sixty will also observe DST but on a different date. That leaves 178 countries that won't observe DST at all.

So why will DST in the U.S. start on March 8 this year? Thanks to our Congress, the answer lies in a series of Acts and laws, plus a little history. Read on.

The concept of DST has been around for centuries with various civilizations and countries implementing it at different times and for different reasons. The first official nation-wide DST dates back to 1916 when Germany used the concept during WWI as a way to conserve fuel by extending daylight. The concept quickly caught on.

The U.S. passed The Standard Time Act in 1918. It established standard time zones and DST, but DST was so unpopular that it was repealed the following year leaving only the time zones as law. DST was re-established nationally during WWII and observed from Feb 1942 thru Sept 1945 after which its use varied among states and localities and was no longer nationally observed.

The Uniform Time Act of 1966 standardized the beginning and ending dates of DST but allowed for local exemptions from its observance. DST was to begin on the last Sunday in April. In 1974, due to the energy crisis, Congress changed the DST start date to Jan 6. The following year it changed to Feb 23 and a year later went back to the last Sunday in April.

In 1986 a law passed changing the DST start date to the first Sunday in April beginning in 1987.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 set the start date to the second Sunday in March, beginning in 2007, and that's where it has remained to-date.

So this year the second Sunday of March falls on March 8, and there you have it!

So much for adjusting all those clocks in your home by hand, but what about your cell phone and computer? Provided they are set to auto update or use network time, they should automatically adjust themselves. But how?

Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), which is the same as Greenwich Mean Time, is available to all cell phones and computers via cell towers and network time servers. UTC is one time for everyone. It doesn't vary by time zone and is not affected by daylight savings. It is up to each cell phone and computer to calculate its local time based on its location (time zone) and to adjust for DST (if applicable).

The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority maintains a database of all time zones and DST rules. That information is part of the cell phone or computer's operating system. When a time zone or DST changes, updates are sent to these devices.

So, if you want the correct time for your location, including DST, make sure your settings are correct and your software is up to date!

Mark Greenwood

Note: In the 3rd to the last paragraph, Coordinated Universal Time is referred to as UTC. Is that a mistake? In English, the term is "Coordinated Universal Time" and would be abbreviated as CUT, but in French it's "Temps Universel Coordonné" which would be abbreviated as TUC.

UTC came about as a compromise between English and French speakers!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

In Kelly Meckstroth's President's Message, back in our November '24 newsletter, she stated that, "We are looking to grow by 5 new members...". She was echoing a goal set by our Board with an October '25 deadline.

Well, goals are just that, goals. Something to aim for, but not guaranteed. We could have come in under 5, or over 5, or hit the mark at exactly 5 new members. So how did we do? As far as our Oct. '25 goes we were over half way but still under 5. However, if we put aside our arbitrary deadline of Oct. '25, we made our goal of 5 new members. Here's how it happened, with an interesting twist regarding our 5th new member.

Nov 2024 - Kelly announces a 5 new member goal

Nov 2024 - Ralph Tracy inducted

Dec 2024 - Paul Doak and Nate Funderburg inducted

Nov 2025 - Ralph Tracy's wife, Charlene (Char) Tracy, inducted

Feb 2026 - Artie Parker inducted



Pictured left is Artie Parker being inducted into our club during our meeting on February 25, 2026.

And here's the twist:
Artie is pictured with his sponsor, Ralph Tracy. So, our 1st new member, Ralph, sponsored our 5th new member, Artie.

So, mission accomplished, and welcome aboard Artie!

Springcreek K-Kids and the "Domino Effect"

The term "domino effect" has come to mean a "chain reaction", such as a row of dominos falling one after another when the first is pushed.

Back in March of 2025 the Springcreek K-Kids created a domino effect using 137 boxes of cereal as dominos, which were then donated to local food pantries. The project was so successful, and fun, that they decided to do it again, only this year with a different "domino".

This past February the Springcreek K-Kids decided to use boxes of Mac n Cheese as their dominos. They collected nearly 250 boxes of Mac n Cheese which they arranged in a long row.



The setup took some time, but once the first box was pushed, the domino effect was over in just a few seconds.

Afterward, all the boxes of Mac n Cheese were donated to the Bethany Center's food pantry.



PACO Strikes Again!

If you recall, Paco and Officer Lotz were featured at our April 2nd meeting last year. The event was included on page 9 of our May 2025 newsletter (still available on our website).

Well, Paco strikes again, only this time at Piqua Catholic. This past February Paco and Officer Lotz appeared before the Piqua Catholic Builders Club where members learned about Paco's training which enables him to detect drugs and other substances, as well as sniffing out individuals that are missing or on the run.

Officer Lotz is a good trainer and handler, but that Paco is one smart pooch!



Lotz talking to Builders Club members about Paco's training and abilities



Paco, front and center, hamming it up in the club photo

All Work and No Play for Key Club?

All work and no play for Key Clubbers? Not quite. After electing officers for 2026-27, preparing to volunteer at our Pancake Day, and working on a joint meeting with Kiwanis on April 8 at the high school, it was time for some fun time. They chose to gather in the high school's Indian Trail Cafe for bingo with winners receiving gift cards!



Key Clubbers enjoying bingo at the Indian Trail Cafe



Cappuccino, Latte, Espresso ... bistro tables ... sure different from the vending machine and old picnic table outside during my high school days!



Exercise Those "Gears" Between Your Ears

(see bottom of page for answers)

1. To cut it in half, you have to cut through it twice. What is it?
2. What is the least spoken language in the world?
3. I have a spine but no other bones. I wear a jacket but no other clothes. What am I?
4. An arrow was shot right in the center of this and never hit it. What was it?
5. *Apple* π

----- answers -----

1) a doughnut 2) sign language 3) a book 4) a doughnut 5) apple pie

Question 5 is in honor of pi day.

π is the lowercase version of the 16th letter of the Greek alphabet.

π is pronounced as pi (or pie).

π represents a number that goes on forever.

Here are the first 10 digits of π : 3.141595926535

Over 31 trillion digits have been calculated to date!

π is often estimated as 3.14.

March 14 can be written as 3.14, so March 14th is known as π day!