



EAST GEAUGA GAZETTE

Kiwanis Club of East Geauga, Ohio P.O. Box 187 Middlefield, OH 44062-0187
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE IN 2008
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IF YOU MISS A MEETING, YOU MISS A LOT: This past week, we heard a great program by Dick Coyne, from the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), who offers free business counseling to new and struggling enterprises. Also in attendance were Kiwanis Division 22 Lt. Governor Jim Rayle, as well as Janice Marks, who is the Lt. Governor Elect. Judy provided a fantastic meal of roast turkey and dressing for the 17 of us who attended. After stumbling a bit, we have a full schedule of programs for April and May, and we'll keep ahead of the calendar. With good programs on tap, any meeting night would offer a great opportunity to bring a guest for a free meal and a look at the real East Geauga Kiwanis Club.

FISH FRYS ARE BACK! Our next fish fry is Friday, 4/4 at the Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department from 4:30-7pm. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. Come as early as noon to help with prep work; stay as late as 8:30 to finish making the kitchen spic and span again. **WE NEED PIES!** This part of the dinner generates nice extra income just from donations. Store bought or home made- it doesn't matter; just bring 'em!

DIVISION 22 COUNCIL MEETINGS: These monthly events are a great way to find out what other Kiwanis clubs in the area are doing to raise money and support local services. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 4/23 at the Ashtabula Art Center, hosted by the Ashtabula Club. Don Hunter is the legendary wrangler for this event, and always manages to rustle up a qualifying posse (interclub of at least 4 Kiwanians) to visit our brethren and sistern. Volunteer to ride along- you won't regret it.

SPONSORED YOUTH: Our sponsored youth organizations: Key/Venture Clubs at Cardinal High School and Builders Club at Cardinal Middle School are an active bunch, even as the school year winds down. We are sending two students to the Kiwanis Key leader Seminar in Delaware, OH in May (in place of the HOBY gathering this year). The high school group is going downtown to assist Andrea Pollock with her Public Square meal for the Homeless, and they will help us with our remaining fish fries. We are providing bright yellow T-shirts for the Key/Venture Club so they can be recognized around the school. The Builders Club has also assisted us at the fries. Just being around these young people makes you proud that we are able to support such worthwhile programs.

NEED FOR ASSISTANCE: Under Youth Services, Claire is asking for help at the Cardinal Middle School to read State test questions to special education students. Dates are April 21, 23, 25, and 29 from 8:00am-10:00am. If you can perform this service for the schools, contact Claire Zurbuch at 636-5400 or at zurb@windstream.net.

CONDOLENCES: We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Al Boehnlein, and the Boehnlein and Christafferson families on the passing of Elaine Boehnlein. Many of us knew Elaine from Kiwanis functions and enjoyed her bright, cheery presence with us. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. God's greatest gift is life eternal.

MEMBERSHIP FOCUS: In the recent submission of members to Kiwanis International, we lost 6 members, bringing our total to 35. We have since picked up one new member- Curtis Bond, Randy's son. However, we have our work cut out for us, since we made a commitment to have 50 members in our 50th year of service. As Janice Marks from the Newbury club says- people respond to a personal invitation to join the club, but you have to ask them. On May 13th, Division 22 Lt.

Governor Jim Rayle will present a program on membership development. It's incumbent on all of us to be recruiters for East Geauga Kiwanis.

WEBSITE NEWS: Keep up to date on the web at www.eastgeaugakiwanis.org.

50TH ANNIVERSARY PLANS: We're moving closer with plans for our 50th anniversary celebration in June. We will host the Division 22 Council meeting on June 25, which nearly coincides with our anniversary date (June 28th). A big evening is planned, possibly with entertainment and lots of long-winded speeches (not really). In conjunction with Middlefield's Community Days, we will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament in the park, which should generate lots of interest from both the Amish and Yankee populace. Look for more info as we get closer.

KEEP IN TOUCH: It was good to see George Swain at last week's fish fry. He and Barbara will be selling their house in Burton, and moving to Brooks House assisted living in Troy. George still gets mail at home, so drop a card if you can, or plan to visit them at Brooks House. Let's try to keep in touch with our other homebound, under the weather, or absent Kiwanians as well.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 4/4- Kiwanis Fish Fry, Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department
- 4/8- Stuart Friedman, Catholic Residences (tentative), Crossroads Restaurant
- 4/15- Kiwanis Night Out (Spouses/Guests), Crossroads Restaurant
- 4/18- Kiwanis Fish Fry, Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department
- 4/22- Board Meeting: Committees meet at 6pm; Board at 7:15pm, Crossroads Restaurant
- 4/23- Division 22 Council Meeting, Ashtabula Art Center
- 4/29- **Annual Election;** Keith Wehrbach, Maple Leaf Residences; Crossroads Restaurant
- 5/6- Kimm Leininger, Geauga County United Way, Crossroads Restaurant
- 5/13- Division 22 Lt. Gov. Jim Rayle: Membership, Crossroads Restaurant
- 5/20- Kiwanis Night Out (Spouses/Guests), TBA
- 5/27- Board Meeting

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees **the opportunity in every difficulty.**"
- Sir Winston Churchill

Terry Robinson, Secretary
(The Ancient Mariner)

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