



# INDEPENDENCE KIWANIS

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Donna Agan – 2 years  
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Justin Weseloh – 2 years  
Fred Wright – 2 years

## **CLUB THEME**

Join Kiwanis

## **CLUB ANNIVERSARY**

January 14, 1952

## **CLUB WEBSITE**

[www.IndependenceKiwanis.com](http://www.IndependenceKiwanis.com)

## **DIVISION WEBSITE**

[www.ohiokiwanisdivision24.org](http://www.ohiokiwanisdivision24.org)

## **DISTRICT WEBSITE**

<http://www.ohiokiwanis.org>

## **INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE**

[www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org)

## **NEXT MEETING**

January 11, 2010  
Concordia Lutheran Church

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting will be on *Monday, January 11, 2010* at Concordia Lutheran Church. Our topic will be Goal Setting. Please come prepared to participate.

**HAPPY DOLLARS:** There were several dollars in remembrance of Tony Bontempo. **Kapusta** was happy everyone could make it tonight; **Chrzanowski** had a few dollars for Bontempo, A. Togliatti's new baby and one for global warming; **Sokol** had a dollar for the new year; **Freilino** had a couple of dollars one for his daughter who sold her home in Cleveland and one for Togliatti; **Hornack** had a dollar for the Buckeye's victory; **A. Togliatti** threw in a buck for the new year and for his son; **Faehnrich** had a dollar for his son's friend who just finished his last tour in Afghanistan; **Kukawka** for keeping it straight; and **Wright** for his son-in-law who might have to have surgery.



**SAD NEWS:** **Tony Bontempo** passed away on Saturday, January 2, 2010 in a Las Vegas hospital. At the time of publication, no firm details were available. Please check the newspaper and your email. Many members shared their memories about tonight this evening. He was remembered for his dedication to Kiwanis. **Wright** will remember Tony's creative way of keeping his golf score; **C. Schilla** will remember their time together while they finished his deck and cleaned out the house Tony had built; **Penitz** will remember Tony for all of the golf balls he collected. Rest in peace dear friend.

**SUNSHINE:** **Ausprunk** is in rehab. **J. Smigelski** may have to have surgery for a hernia.

**SINGING:** We attempted to sing "Dixie" and "Bye, Bye Birdie". We were definitely out of tune.

**JANUARY DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING:** The January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Busch Funeral Home on Ridge Road. The starting time is 7:45 pm. We are hosting this event. We are looking for a large turnout for this event. Since we are hosting this meeting, we need volunteers to make coffee, get donuts (Kukawka has this under control) and sell raffle tickets and be general hosts. **Mark your calendar and let's have a large turnout.**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The photo is this year's Kiwanis float, "Above the Rest," won the Isabella Coleman Award for Best Presentation of Color and Color Harmony through Floral Use at the Pasadena Rose Parade. A multi-tiered tree house lifts more than a dozen youngsters "Above the Rest" as they enjoy the delights of the outdoors and all it has to offer – tree climbing, fishing, and enjoying the relaxing pleasure of a classic wooden and tire swings, and butterfly watching. Activities all notably labeled "Kids Only" in a childish scrawled sign near the front of the float.



PHOTO BY PARADING.COM  
2010 Rose Parade Float - Kiwanis

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Reminder: The West Side Catholic Center is in need of the following items: *Food items:* coffee, sugar, cereal; *Toiletries:* soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste and brushes; *Clothing:* Men’s pants, shoes, socks, underwear; *Household Goods:* pots and pans, can openers, toasters, radios, small TV’s, tableware; *Baby Items:* diapers, wipes, cribs, bedding; *Misc. Items:* used eyeglasses, backpacks, sleeping bags, garbage bags, umbrellas. **Klepacz** says, “BRING YOUR STUFF!”

**MEMBERSHIP:** Did you know the number one reason people don’t join Kiwanis--they were not asked! Have you recently **ASKED** anyone to join the Independence Kiwanis? If not, what’s holding you back?

**POP TAB COLLECTION PROGRAM:** In an effort to raise money for Ronald McDonald House, we collect the tabs from aluminum cans. Don’t forget to bring them in.

**ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The 24th Division Annual Ash Wednesday Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7:00 AM on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at Middleburg Hts. Community Church, 7165 Big Creek Parkway, Middleburg Hts. The cost will remain at \$9.00. A sign-up sheet is now available. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

***January Meetings***

**Monday, January 11, 2010** – Goal Setting

**Monday, January 18, 2010** – Berea Kiwanians will share their techniques to recruitment success

**Thursday, January 21, 2010** – Division Council Meeting, Busch Funeral Home @ 7:45 pm (We are hosts)

**Monday, January 25, 2010** - Review the month and establish a game plan to grow our membership

***February Meetings***

**Monday, February 1, 2010** – Board Meeting

**Wednesday, February 17, 2010** – Ash Wednesday Prayer Breakfast @ 7:00 am

**Thursday, February 18, 2010** – Division Council Meeting, Busch Funeral Home @ 7:45 pm



<p><b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</b></p> <p>None</p>	<p><i>“Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right.”</i></p> <p><i>~Oprah Winfrey</i></p>	<p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b></p> <p>Mary Smigelski – Jan. 9</p>
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