



# INDEPENDENCE KIWANIS

## **President**

John Kapusta  
216-524-5570

## **President-elect**

Bob Scott

## **Vice-President**

Anthony Togliatti

## **Secretary**

Edith J. Schilla  
schilla8304@wowway.com

## **Treasurer**

John Young

## **Immediate Past President**

Marilyn T. Senick

## **Directors**

Gene Chodzin – 1 year  
Mike Costanzo – 1 year  
Jack Shallcross – 1 year  
Donna Agan – 2 years  
Rich Rejna – 2 years  
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 18, 2010  
Concordia Lutheran Church

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting will be on *Monday, January 18, 2010* at Concordia Lutheran Church. We will be establishing our game plan to grow our membership. Please come prepared to participate. Please return your completed copy of the Club Excellence Tool. If you didn't receive one, additional copies will be available on Monday.

**PROGRAM:** We had a lively and productive meeting about growing our membership. Several members made recommendations ranging from getting specific with what we have done over the years to picking up a potential member and bringing them to our meeting. It was recommended that articles be written about what Kiwanis has done in the community and to spotlight a Kiwanian each month.

**HAPPY DOLLARS:** *Spilker* had a dollar for Bontempo because he hired her as a dispatcher and one because she was leaving town on Sunday; *Simon* had a dollar for his granddaughter who had her cast taken off; *R. Fritz* had a dollar for the new decade; *Hornack* had a dollar for his wife and sister-in-law who were vacationing together; *Kukawka* had a dollar for his wife's birthday; *Sokol* had a dollar for his roommate Mike who joined him for this evening's meeting.

**SUNSHINE:** *J. Smigelski* will be having hernia surgery on Thursday; *Chrzanowski's* mom is in poor health and the family is with her at this time.

**SINGING:** We sang "You Are My Sunshine". We sounded great this evening!

**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. LET'S BEAT BEREA!**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Simon reported that he was doing some comparison shopping for a variety of items. Event date is *Sunday, March 14, 2010*.

## **BOARD BRIEFS**

The approved the membership application of Mike Sokol. The Board was informed of Joe and Joy Milano's resignation. It was stated that it was time for the books to be audited.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** *Klepacz* thanked *Faehnrich, Fritz* and *Wright* for their stuff. **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!"

**INTERCLUB:** *Benes* reported that an interclub is planned with Parma on *Wednesday, January 13, 2010* at 6:15 pm at Anthony's Restaurant on the corner of Pleasant Valley and York Roads.

**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?

**SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS:** *IPS K-Kids – D. Nicastro* reported that they will be holding a party on *Wednesday, May 2, 2010*.

**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.

\*\*\*\*\*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### January Meetings

- Monday, January 18, 2010* – Review the month and establish a game plan to grow our membership  
*Thursday, January 21, 2010* – Division Council Meeting, Busch Funeral Home @ 7:45 pm (We are hosts)  
*Monday, January 25, 2010* – Berea Kiwanians will share their techniques to recruitment success

#### February Meetings

- Monday, February 1, 2010* – Board Meeting  
*Monday, February 15, 2010* – Past President's Night  
*Wednesday, February 17, 2010* – Ash Wednesday Prayer Breakfast @ 7:00 am  
*Thursday, February 18, 2010* – Division Council Meeting, Busch Funeral Home @ 7:45 pm



HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY

Otto & MaryAnn Penitz – Jan.15

*“The main dangers in this life are the  
people who want to change everything -  
or nothing.”*

*~Nancy Astor*

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

Diane Weseloh – Jan. 16