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CLUB THEME

Always There

CLUB ANNIVERSARY

January 14, 1952

CLUB WEBSITE

www.IndependenceKiwanis.com

DIVISION WEBSITE

www.ohiokiwanisdivision24.org

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www.ohiokiwanis.org

INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE

www.kiwanisone.org

NEXT MEETING

February 20, 2012

Concordia Lutheran Church

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be on *Monday, February 20, 2012* at Concordia Lutheran Church. This is our Past President's Evening. Our speaker will be Necia Spilker. A group photo of the past presidents will be taken.

PROGRAM: We enjoyed the lovely voice of Fran Groins and the wonderful piano Jim Julinao.

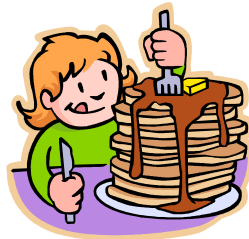
SINGING: This evening we sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Love and Marriage".

HAPPY DOLLARS: Hornack had a dollar for their anniversary on Friday; D. Nicastro has a dollar for Jim and Fran; Penitz and Morrison were happy for the good day; Chodzin had a great day playing pinochle; Kemenyes had a dollar for his wife; Ricco was happy for the good weather; J. Nicastro had a buck for the fact that summer was around the corner; Kapusta had a dollar for his wife who enjoyed the meal so much that she was returning next week.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: This year's event will be held during the weekend of **March 3-4, 2012**. Sign-ups are available. Please sign up for at least one of the days. We are light on volunteers for Sunday. Please if you have a few hours to give on Sunday, please sign up for the hours that you are available.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST: This year's Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, March 18, 2012**. Please mark your calendars as all available hands will be needed. Sign-up sheets and tickets are available. If you are interested in selling tickets during the following events, please contact Debbie.



Friday, February 10th - 10am to 12:30pm at the Senior Organization Meeting

Friday, March 9th - 10-12:30pm at the Senior Organization Meeting

Sunday, February 26th - Tropical Beach Blast 10am to 4 pm
(There are 2 hour shifts available for this event)

LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST: This year's event will be held on **Wednesday, February 22, 2012** at 7 am. It will be held at Greenbrier Senior Living Community; 6450 Pearl Road; Parma Hts. Deadline to sign-up is February 13th. Sign-up sheet was made available this week. See Wright if you are interested in attending.

ST. MICHAEL'S FISH FRY: Volunteers are needed. If you are able to help any Friday from February 24th thru March 30th (between 3:30 and 7:00 p.m.) Please contact Ed Frantz, evenings at (216) 520-0341. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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. Books are now accepted. 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!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: In light that our fundraisers over the years have been experiencing a decline in attendance, Kapusta gave the club ideas about getting the word out. For those of us who use email, take a look at your lists and drop an email to your friends, family and colleagues informing them about the upcoming event. Ask them to forward the information to their friends and family as well. Ask your children and grandchildren to announce the event on their Facebook page or their Twitter account. The reality today is that social media is the way to get the word out. **We are now on Facebook.** LET'S GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February Meetings

Thursday, February 16, 2012 - Division Council Meeting 7:30pm @ Busch Funeral Home on Ridge Road

Monday, February 20, 2012 - Past President's Night - Speaker: Necia Spilker (Guest Event)

Monday, February 27, 2012 - Speaker - Bob Gannon, Motivational Speaker and Americans with Disabilities Act Consultant

SAVE THE DATES...

March 3-4, 2012 - Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, March 10, 2012 - Mid Year Education Day at Conference Center at North Point

Sunday, March 18, 2012 - Pancake Breakfast

Monday, March 19, 2012 - NO MEETING (Our day of rest)

Thursday, April 19, 2012 - Division Council Meeting (Independence will host this evening)

June 28 - July 1, 2012 - International Convention in New Orleans, LA

August 10-12, 2012 - Ohio District Convention in Boardman, Ohio

<p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</p> <p>Joe & Dolores Hornack - Feb 17</p>	<p>"Life has taught us that love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction."</p> <p>-Antoine De Saint-Exupery</p>	<p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</p> <p>None</p>
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