



# The Sandusky Kiwanian

*"Serving the children of the world"*

A newsletter for the members and friends of the Kiwanis Club of Sandusky

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**A NOTE FROM PRESIDENT ANNE McGOOKEY:** "HAPPY NEW YEAR FELLOW KIWANIANS! I hope you and yours will have a safe, healthy and prosperous 2010. As we begin this New Year, we continue to move forward with a possible merger of the Sandusky Bay Club with ours. On January 5, we had an informative, productive, and thought-provoking meeting to discuss this potential. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 27, 12 noon at the VFW as that will be a combined meeting with the Bay Club to meet, greet and eat with their members and openly discuss all the issues related to the unification of our two clubs. Please plan to attend as your input is important and valuable. Membership in Kiwanis throughout our Division and District is down and combining the two Sandusky Clubs will show the community that the importance of the commitment to our mission. \*\*\*\*\* Lt. Gov. Mary Ann Snider joined us this past week and shared her goals for our Division in 2010: 1. New member orientation. 2. Member retention . 3. Implementation of Satellite Clubs. A new Division project to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House will be collecting pop can tabs. Start collecting today! Upcoming meetings and activities for our Division include:

Division Council Meeting - January 26 – Bellevue

Division Bowling - February 27, - Tiffin

The Windsor trip is jeopardy without a co-chair with Frank Vanyo. Please contact Frank if you are willing to help coordinate this annual event for the spring. Heather and I attended the Growth Summit in Findlay this week and received important information on the current status of Kiwanis as well as ideas for future growth and retention of members. \*\*\*\*\* With a long tradition of interesting, informative and fun weekly programs, we need all members to contribute. There are many citizens, organizations and businesses that would be willing to come speak at our meetings. Please ask! \*\*\*\*\* Special thanks to Larry Windau and Marty Hippler for bundling up and dismantling our angels from the Festival of Lights. Just what did you put in that hot chocolate? Thanks again for all you do!"

## **COMING EVENTS:**

January 19 Program – Roger Dickman, Sign of the times  
January 26 Committee Day Meeting – CANCELLED  
January 26 Division 12 Council Meeting - Bellevue  
January 27 Joint Meeting with Sandusky Bay Club, noon @ VFW Hall 604 W. Perkins Ave.

**WHAT IS AN INTERCLUB MEETING?:** An interclub meeting is one which is jointly planned and held by two or more Kiwanis clubs, or by a Kiwanis club and any Kiwanis Junior, Circle K club, Key Club, Builders Club, K-kids, or Aktion Club and duly announced as such in advance through club notices. No less than a visiting group of four, composed of Kiwanians or a minimum of two Kiwanians plus members of the circle K club, Key Club, and/or Builders Club sponsored by the visiting Kiwanis club, must be in attendance. To qualify for interclub credit, the meeting must be an official meeting of the host club. Conventions, division council meetings, and similar events do not normally qualify.

**WHO IS OUR INTERCLUB CHAIRPERSON?:** We are proud to announce that Pat Scheid has agreed to be our Interclub Chairperson! Pat has a long and distinguished history with Kiwanis serving in a variety of capacities including Ohio District Secretary. Pat will be passing around sign-up sheets for future interclub opportunities. Please give some thought to attending an Interclub meeting as they are great opportunities for fellowship and learning about other Kiwanis clubs service projects and activities.

**HAIL AND FAREWELL:** On December 18, 2009, our club lost a long time member and friend with the passing of Bob Mitchel. Bob was not only our fellow member, but past president, in 1970, earning the 38-year Legion of Honor and the Hixson Fellowship in 1998. As fate would have it, Bob's wife of 62 years Jane passed away just three days later on December 21, 2009. Our prayers and sympathies go out to their family.

**A SHORT COURSE ABOUT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL:** Kiwanis International is a global organization of member-volunteers working to change the world one child and one community at a time – locally and globally through Kiwanis Club-sponsored activities and programs. Kiwanis comprises more than 600,000 adult and youth members in 70 nations and geographic areas that serve children and communities worldwide. Kiwanis members are service-minded men and women united in their commitment to and compassion for others. They dedicate more than six million volunteer hours and invest more than US\$100 million annually in projects that strengthen communities and serve children. Kiwanians, through guidance and example, work to prepare today's children to tomorrow's citizens.

**PLAN FOR HEALTH:** Start the new year off right. Resolve to boost your well-being by making wise choices to benefit your body and mind. Plan meals and snacks that have good nutrition as a key ingredient. Schedule physical activity and relaxation into your routine, and have health tests as recommended. Even small lifestyle changes can add up to big difference.

**SPEAKERS NEEDED:** We need all club members to keep their eyes and ears open for program speakers at our club meetings. If you know of someone who would be interested in speaking to our club members please give the information to President Anne McGookey.

**ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:** On December 15, 1975, "I've got bad news and I don't expect any applause," warns U.S. president Gerald Ford before delivering his first State of the Union Address. He was referring to the economy, not the aftermath of Richard M. Nixon's scandal-racked administration.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** "The acceptance of the truth that joy and sorrow, laughter and tears are not confined to any particular time, place or people, but are universally distributed should make us more tolerant of and more interested in the lives of others." *William M. Peck*

**TRIVIA QUESTION** – How many members of our club will attend the joint meeting with the Sandusky Bay Kiwanis club on Wednesday, January 27, 2009? (December Trivia Answer: There were forty five Kiwanians and friends that attended our club's Christmas luncheon on December 15, 2009.).

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