



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 TONY CUMMINGS: "Greetings, everyone, here are several items that are going on in our club at this time. Please take note and help out where you can. ***** Our new website is up and running. Let me know if you find any bugs, changes, etc. www.sanduskykiwanis.org Please take a moment to check out the blog and feel free to comment. ***** Thanks to our SMCC Key Club for doing an outstanding job running our club meeting this past Tuesday with SMCC Principal Dr Kenneth Schmeising as the guest speaker. I hope we can support our Key Club more in the future. The Key Club is running a "Penny's for patients program". In the past as a club we passed around an IDD jar. The Key Club will be bringing their jar to our meetings on Tuesdays so we can support their program. ***** Our Golf Outing is coming up on May 28th. Flyers are being handed out at meetings, are available online and also from me. Continue to ask about sponsors, door prizes and volunteers. We should be having an upcoming committee meeting soon. ***** On April, 16th is the Fremont Pancake Breakfast and the Div 12 Council meeting. I will not be able to attend and would like a few members present for the meeting. So let me know if you can attend! ***** Coming up on May 6th is the Kiwanis International Understanding bus trip to Windsor. Cost is \$25 for transportation plus 2 meals. Signup is going around at our weekly meetings. ***** Bike Week is just around the corner as well. We have June 14, and June 15 at the fairgrounds. A signup sheet will be going around for that shortly. ***** Please don't forget we have openings for speakers. I will update the calendar on our website for open dates or you can call me and let me know what you have in mind. ***** Thanks to everyone for their continued support. I appreciate everyone's efforts but most importantly the children of our community appreciate it more. ***** Vice President! Vice President! Vice President! WE NEED ONE! Please support Jody next year and step up! It's not a difficult job and the benefits of the experience far outweigh any negatives. ***** Members! Members! Members! WE NEED MORE! Don't forget when going around to promote the golf outing to mention coming to a future meeting. We will be using the golf outing as our membership drive as well. Have a great week everyone!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 18	Program: Timothy Nyman – Black Tie Dance Studio
March 25	Committee Day - @ FRMC – South Campus Cafeteria (Old Providence, 1 st floor)
April 1	Program: Dan Roesch, ARC
April 8	Program: Cheryl Bowman, NASA
April 9	Board Meeting – FRMC – South Campus Cafeteria (Old Providence, 1st floor)
April 15	Program: Matt Kline, Sandusky City Manager
April 22	Program: Mary David, CAC
April 29	Committee Day - @ FRMC – South Campus Cafeteria (Old Providence, 1 st floor)

MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S JOB: Our club has 33 great members and we need more in order to provide the community services we've come to be known for. We must continue our efforts to do our part to help Kiwanis International reach 1 million members worldwide by 2015!

NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK MARCH 19-25: The main focus of Poison Prevention Week is on children. Every day, parents, grandparents, and caregivers are faced with children who develop new skills, seemingly overnight. We celebrate when they learn to crawl, walk, and climb, but those milestones coincide with the curiosity to explore. Rose Ann Soloway, R.N., Chairman of Poison Prevention Week Council says one way kids explore is by picking things up and putting them into their mouths. Pills look like candy, cleaning products and automotive fluids look like soft drinks, and wild mushrooms look like food. The most important people in child poison prevention are the adults who care for them and create a safe environment. Some ways to do it: Store products in their original containers. Lock medicines, vitamin pills, household products, yard chemicals, and other potential poisons out of sight and out of the reach of children.

NATIONAL GUARD HAS DEFENDED AMERICA FOR 369 YEARS: In 1775, a ragtag group of farmers and townsmen muster on a hill, their flintlocks at the ready. All the previous day they heard the approaching drums that signaled the advance of an English infantry column. Now they watch as smoke rises from the town of Concord, Mass. The Redcoats have set the town on fire. The citizen-soldiers meet the Redcoats at a bridge and return fire. It was the 'shot heard round the world' that started the American Revolution. Even in 1775, these citizen soldiers were part of a long tradition of militias that began in the 1600s and from which the National Guard marks its birth. In fact, the Army National Guard has been existence for more than 369 years. It was the British who brought the idea of a citizen militia to the new world. Because settlements were scattered and vulnerable, every male between the ages of 16 and 60 was required to possess arms and participate in the defense of the community. Since then, Guard members have played a major role in every conflict in which our nation has been engaged. It is a proud heritage that includes 19 of our presidents such George Washington (Colonel), Harry S. Truman (Captain), and George W. Bush (Lieutenant). Today, more than 35,000 men and women continue the tradition of the citizen soldier as members of the Army National Guard.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY: On March 15, 1911, Gustave Otto, the son of German internal combustion engine pioneer Nikolaus Otto, organizes Gustav Otto Flugmaschinenfabrik Munchen. Otto's Munich-based aero-engineering firm would later merge with Karl Rapp's firm to form the Bayerische Motoren-Werke, or BMW. Drivers of these fine automobiles have been thankful ever since!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "Before you speak – listen; before you write – think; before you spend – earn; before you invest – investigate; before you criticize – wait; before you pray – forgive; before you quit – try; and before you die – give." *Author Unknown*

TRIVIA QUESTION – How many teams did we have participate in last year's golf outing? (February Trivia Answer: We had just 11 golf sponsors at last year's golf outing, we can do better!).

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