



# 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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**JULY 15, 2008**

**A NOTE FROM PRESIDENT TONY CUMMINGS:** "Hello everyone. I am back after an eventful trip with my family to the Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando. The whole international convention adventure is one that every Kiwanian should experience at least once! I have posted my "travelogue" on our website and I think you will enjoy reading about our trip and here is a quick overview. \*\*\*\*\* After registering for the convention and receiving my name badge with two ribbons, one for being a delegate and one for my first trip to a convention, my son asked me if I won a race to get those ribbons! The opening ceremony featured Craig Karges who did several tricks and shows on mind reading. It was very funny and entertaining. During the House of Delegates meeting Kiwanis and the Boys and Girls Club signed a partnership. More details will follow as I get them. Our club has already contacted our local Boys and Girls Club and we hope to be able to have a joint service project soon. \*\*\*\*\* The delegates also passed several amendments to the bylaws (which can be found on the international website (<http://www.kiwanis.org/>)) and elected the VP for international Sylvester Neal from the Pacific Northwest district. Walter Sellers a former Past International President from Xenia Ohio passed away a month ago and was honored. Our very own Ohio member Alan Penn will be running for VP next year so we hope to get as many Ohioans to make the trip to next years convention in Nashville. The convention schedule coming up is as follows: 2009 Nashville, 2010 Las Vegas, and 2011 Geneva.....Switzerland. \*\*\*\*\* The classes, meetings, elections and opening and closing ceremonies were fantastic and have given me a new sense of pride and purpose of what our clubs can do individually and together. \*\*\*\*\* I want to now switch from the convention to the membership front where I ask each of you welcome our four new members when you have a chance, again, they are Joe Clime, Beth McGookey, Jane Windisch, and Ken Schmiesing. I also encourage all of you to spread the word about Kiwanis! MEMBERS, MEMBERS, MEMBERS! My personal goal at the start of my year was to get our membership over the 40 mark. We currently have 37. I challenge our club to find three more before October! \*\*\*\*\* In addition to the conventional way of finding new members, I have started to use some un-conventional ways to find new members, in combination with our website we now have a "Facebook" page ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)) as well as a "Myspace" page ([www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com)). I am hoping these pages will continue to grow along with our site in the future and attract possible past Key Clubbers, or Circle K members to continue with Kiwanis. \*\*\*\*\* We also have our "igive" online fundraiser. If you have not signed up yet please do so. A link is available on our site at [www.sanduskykiwanis.org](http://www.sanduskykiwanis.org). We have raised roughly \$33 in two months. If you are on the internet at all you can make our club money. One penny for every search you do goes farther than you think. So far we are averaging close to 400 searches a month with those signed up. There is a lot of growth potential for this project with minimal effort. \*\*\*\*\* Now here are some of my ideas for the future. Before the end of the year I would like for our club to do one big project....similar to our past project with the Sandusky Library reading room. I will be in contact with Firelands Regional Medical Center representatives for a possible project involving the pediatric ward. \*\*\*\*\* As stated in my convention review Gil Vaughn has expressed an interest in doing a joint project with our club and the kids at the Boys and Girls club. If you have a specific idea for us to get involved please bring it up at one of our weekly meetings. \*\*\*\*\* At

our past board meeting we discussed the possibility of working on saving our clubs history. In our storage we have documents dating back to the clubs inception in 1919. These documents should be preserved. I have contacted our library historian into the possibility of bringing them the documents. Not only will this preserve the documents but we may be able to save some money in the process by downsizing our storage unit. If you have questions concerns or want to help go through the storage area to see some of our past history let me know. I do have some more details to work out prior to this happening. I would like to have the library historian to come in and speak to our club about our past as well as they go through it. \*\*\*\*\* Pete Kowalski held our second, albeit somewhat delayed, highway cleanup on Saturday July 12th. On August 16th is the Toast of Ohio (sign-up available). We have a tour set up of Providence Commons on our regular Tuesday meeting August 19<sup>th</sup>. This year's division 12 picnic will be held in Norwalk on August 21st. The Firelands hospital picnic is September 6th. Our pancake breakfast is October 19th, and next year's golf outing has been set for May 20th. (So mark your calendars.) A pancake meeting will be coming up shortly. \*\*\*\*\* THANK YOU Jen Keefer for stepping up to be Vice President. If you have an interest in joining chairs or being on the board let us know. Again, the international conventions are slated as follows, Nashville 2009, Las Vegas 2010, and Geneva (Switzerland) 2011. WE CAN USE BOARD MEMBERS...so if you haven't been on the board or want to see the innards of the club....it's a great opportunity. As always, thank you for all you do for the children of our community and have a great week!"

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

July 15	Program: Brian Jordan, SMCC Key Club
July 16 & 17	Ohio District Golf Outing @ Tam O'Shanter Golf Club, Canton
July 22	Program: Buckeye State Paranormal
July 29	Committee Day @ FRMC – South Campus Cafeteria (Old Providence, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
August 5	Program: Bob Mackowiak, Alzheimer's Association
August 12	Program: Lois Trevine, Erie Metroparks
August 13	Board Meeting @ FRMC South Campus Cafeteria (Old Providence, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
August 14/17	Ohio District Convention
August 19	Program: Lunch and Tour of Providence Commons, sign-up at club meeting
August 26	Committee Day @ FRMC – South Campus Cafeteria (Old Providence, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor)

**ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:** On July 15, 1933, Aviator Wiley Post, flying a Lockheed Vega called Winnie Mae, leaves New York for the first solo flight around the world. The trip took 7 days, 18 hours, and 49 ½ minutes.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** “An optimist is one who sees an opportunity in every difficulty. A pessimist is one who sees a difficulty in every opportunity.” *L.P. Jacks, (1860-1955), Educator and cleric*

**TRIVIA QUESTION** – “What was the exact day, month and year that our Kiwanis club was founded? (June Trivia Answer: Our club has earned \$28.85 from our Igive web search and purchasing fundraiser through July 13, 2008).

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