



# 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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**OCTOBER 15, 2008**

**A NOTE FROM PRESIDENT JODY MEISLER:** "Hello, everyone: I am grateful to hold the position of President and I am looking forward to making this another remarkable year for our club. Over the next 12 months I would like to continue to grow our membership; more members create more opportunity for our club to over fulfill our mission. It is also my goal to bring more recognition to our club for our contributions to the community. I would like to see the citizens in which we live know exactly who Kiwanis is and our generosity towards the community. The Kiwanis Club of Sandusky has a long history of traditional fundraising events and a long record of accomplishments; I would like to continue to build upon these great things into our future years. With the commitment and contributions of our members, we can expect to accomplish many great things again this year. \*\*\*\*\* Looking forward over the next 12 months our club has a busy year set before us, from our annual pancake breakfast to making the arrangements for our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party. \*\*\*\*\* Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, marks the date of our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser. Tickets sales that have been received to date prove that this will be another promising fundraiser. \*\*\*\*\* Our club will be participating in the Cedar Point Trick or Treat again this year on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. \*\*\*\*\* Once again our club will have a light display at the Sawmill Creek Festival of Lights outdoor display. Raffle tickets are available to members to sell or purchase. In lieu of participating in the silent auction this year we are placing a stronger effort on selling all 40+ raffle tickets. A good portion of the proceeds will benefit our club. \*\*\*\*\* Our Holiday celebration is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>; this is also our last meeting day of 2008. The Edison show choir is our entertainment for this celebration, and I think we can expect to see many other clubs present again this year. Have a great week!"

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- October 19 Annual Pancake Breakfast, Sandusky High School Cafeteria
- October 21 Program: Firelands Symphony
- October 28 Committee Day @ FRMC – South Campus Cafeteria (Old Providence, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)
- October 29 Cedar Point Trick or Treat, signup available at club meetings
- November 4 Program: Scott Matheny, Gentlemen's Club, Jackson Junior High School
- November 11 Program: Tony Cummings, Kiwanis Website Overview
- November 18 Program: Brett Fuqua, Habitat for Humanity
- November 25 Committee Day @ FRMC – South Campus Cafeteria (Old Providence, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)
- December 2 Program: Veggie U
- December 9 Program: Bev Huston, 4H Camp at Kelleys Island
- December 10: Board Meeting @ FRMC South Campus Cafeteria (Old Providence, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)
- December 16 Program: Christmas Party featuring Edison Show Choir
- December 23 Meeting cancelled for holidays!
- December 30 Meeting cancelled for the holidays!

**FINAL PUSH FOR PANCAKE TICKET SALES:** We have a few days left to sell our pancake tickets, so please do your part to make this a successful fundraiser.

**HIGHWAY CLEANUP:** Highway Cleanup Chairperson, Pete Kowalski reports that on Saturday, October 4, 2008, nine (9) Kiwanians patrolled our assigned 3+ miles of State Route 250 for our final highway cleanup of 2008. The wonderful fall weather helped us as we spent one hour collecting 12 bags of litter off this well-traveled section of Milan Road. The following is a list of the community-minded Kiwanians, friends and family who made it to at least one of our four Saturday morning cleanup sessions: Mary Baughman (2); Ernie Bowman (2); Tony Cummings (3); Marty Hippler (3); Jen Keefer, Pete Kowalski (4); Mark Larrick (2); Anne McGookey (3); Jody Meisler (4), Kayla Meisler (family); Warrenette Parthemore, Gee Gee Scheid, Pat Scheid, Ken Schmiesing, Seth Schmiesing (family), Jody Sennish (family); Jim Sennish (3); Larry Windau (3); and Gil Vaughn (friend). Collectively, we spent 48-person hours picking up 61 bags of litter! NICE WORK people – you are AWESOME!!! Thank you to all! See you in the spring!

**ABOUT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL:** Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time – locally and globally through Kiwanis Club-sponsored activities and programs. Kiwanis comprises 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 6 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 be tomorrow's citizens.

**EVERY VOTE COUNTS:** Election Day arrives on Tuesday, November 4 this year and if you think your vote doesn't count, consider these historical cases: 1645 – one vote gives Oliver Cromwell control of England; 1649 – one vote was the margin that ordered the execution of Charles I of England; 1795 – one vote in Congress decreed the American laws would be written in English not German; 1845 – one vote in the Senate brought Texas into the Union; 1868 – one vote kept Andrew Jackson from impeachment; 1875 – one vote changed France from a monarchy to a democracy; 1876 – one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the U.S. presidency; 1923 – one vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party; and 1960 – one vote per precinct elected John F. Kennedy to the U.S. presidency! So do your part on Election Day and vote!

**ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:** On October 15, 1966, a 75-year-old Texan qualifies as the worst driver in American history. He received 10 traffic tickets, drove on the wrong side of the road four times, committed four hit-and-run offenses, and caused six accidents, all within 20 minutes.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** “A good many gifted people would accomplish more in life if thorns grew on laurels, so they would be harder to rest upon.” *Rush Middlecombe*

**TRIVIA QUESTION** – “How many loyal and dedicated Kiwanians will volunteer to work at this Sunday's Pancake Breakfast? (September Trivia Answer: Our club made \$4,400.00 from this past summer's Bike Week event).

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