

The Trojan Kiwanews

A Message from our President

Each year the new President of our club has a focal point, something they want to achieve within their year. As I sat at Kiwanis International this summer, I heard the same thing over and over....How do we get more members? How do we get the members we have to participate? It is a sad but common theme to see that Kiwanis Clubs around the globe are dwindling down. Each year, since I have become a member, I have seen it. I have seen people leaving the club for various reasons. 2024 dues are no different. We are at the lowest capacity of members.

My goal this year is to help rebuild and revitalize our club. Let's bring back the camaraderie and the desire to serve children. In order to do this, we must pull back from the number of events we are doing to build a solid foundation again. It will take all of us to bring our club forward.

Our Board is currently working on strategic planning for the future. Our initial steps were to complete a SWOT analysis. If you are unfamiliar with that, we focused on Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats within our club. The survey that was completed by ten (10) of our members will be utilized to help with this process. I appreciate the fact that we had members complete the survey because your opinion matters! The next meeting with the board about our strategic planning will be in November.

Thank you to our members that continue to renew because you know the value in Kiwanis...in our club!

Thank you, Ashley Brocious President



October 2024

Officers 2024-2025

<u>President</u> Ashley Brocious

<u>President Elect</u> Donn Craig

<u>Vice President</u> Vacant

<u>Secretary</u> Penny Hoekstra

<u>Treasurer</u> Angela Benedict

Immediate Past President Chuck Fox

Board of Directors

Angela Benedict Erskine Caldwell Donn Craig Carrie Kendall Dave Zelmon Ron Scott OPEN

Meetings: Every Wednesday at 12p

Board Meetings: Third Wednesday of every month, immediately following membership meeting

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Survey Results

Service & Connection

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Focus on kids

Help Others

Make a Difference

Camaraderie

Reading to Kids

Pancake Breakfast

Family Tradition

Give Back

Weekly Member Meetings

October 2 - Officer Inductions (Piqua YWCA) October 9 - Nancy Royer, Waco Air Museum (1865 S. Co Rd 25A, Troy, OH) October 16 - Todd Denlinger, Denlinger & Sons Builders October 23 - Kyle Kuta, Miami County Veterans Services October 30 - Clint Hufford, Food Services Director THS

Please check your emails the morning of the meeting if it says TBD.

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Aktion Club

Unfortunately, our planned speaker was unable to make our September meetings, but we used the time to do some strategic planning with our members. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to share ideas about speakers and projects they would like to have for upcoming meetings, so it was time very well–spent.

In October, we will only have our afternoon meeting on Oct. 9, as our team will be attending a conference in Sandusky Oct. 2–4. If you are able to attend our afternoon meeting on October 9, we meet in the training center at the back of our building from 3:30–4:30pm.

We hope to see you soon! Patrick Kilbane, Aktion Club co-advisor

Reading to Kids

IT'S BACK! Our next reading to kids at Head Start is scheduled for Thursday, October 17 at 9:00 am!

Ron will bring a sign up sheet to the next several meetings! Shoutout to Penny for working so diligently on getting books ordered at a valued price.



Changes in our Club

Due to the decrease in membership, as well as everyday life, we have had some major changes to our committees as well as are in need of additional Board Members. Please note changes below:

Outreach Committee Chair: Empty Trailer Committee: Empty Membership Committee Chair: Changed from Carrie Kendall to Chuck Fox Children Services: Ron Erwin & Penny Hoekstra Aktion Club: Erskine Caudwell Key Club: Chuck Fox

Additional Board Members Needed: One (1)

If you are interested in stepping into one of these roles, please contact a member of the Board and/or Ashley Brocious. We are small but mighty!

