

West Akron Kiwanis July 2011 News



Our defining statement:

KIWANIS IS A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS DEDICATED TO CHANGING THE WORLD ONE CHILD AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME.

July Schedule

July 25 -- Dinner/Board/Business Meeting

@ 5:00 pm — Board Meeting in the Fireplace Room

@ 6:15 pm — Dinner & Committee Report/Planning Meeting - main room

July 30 -- Picnic -- (Saturday) Kiwanis Picnic with Green and Downtown Akron

Dinner Meeting Room Assignments:

Door Prizes:

July 25: Bob MacCallum

Invocations:

July 25: Joe Mann

Officers 2010-11

PRESIDENT

BRIAN HOLLINGSWORTH

PRESIDENT-ELECT

MICHAEL BUSSAN

VICE PRESIDENT

JASON VERSLUYS

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

BILL MELVER

SECRETARY

KYLE DUITCH

TREASURER

CHRISSE BEYNON

BOARD MEMBERS

DAVID BLY

LILA FARAROU

BEN TEGEL

MARCIA JONKE

TERRY VERNON

Project Managers

Adopt-a-Family: Terry Vernon

Breakfast with Santa: Chrissie Beynon and Mike Bussan

Camp Manatoc: Nick Jordan

Diamond Classic: Bob Taylor

First Night: Jane Trinter

Health Baby Fair: Jane Trinter

Hole-in-One: Ben Tegel

K-Kids: Chrissie Beynon

Kids' Nights Out: Chrissie Beynon and Mike Bussan

Keep Akron Beautiful: TBD

Pancake Breakfast: Joe Mann,

Chic Carlson and Bill Melver

Portage Path Elementary

Reading Program: Mike Marks

Salvation Army Bell Ringers:

Bud Boote

Spring Egg Hunt: Mike Bussan

Sunshine Fund - Lila Fararoui



Plan for the FUTURE!

Save The Dates!

Mon., August 1 — Kids Night

Mon., August 8 — Speaker - Felicia Brunner from Open M

Mon., August 22 — Board Meeting - Committee/Planning Night

— Brief comments by Megan Manion - Principal of Rankin Elem.

W.A.K. FOCUS

July is always a lazy-day month, so in keeping with tradition, take some lazy time and look for these classic WAK words. Let me know if you would like something like this on occasion. -

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CAMPANATOC
HEALTHYBABYFAIR
PANCAKES
SPRINGEGGHUNT

Make a Kiwanian Difference!

Rankin Reading

We are looking for 4 volunteers for each weekday (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) to work with 6 students on each day. That will be 4 volunteers partnered with 6 students. Life happens so we are hoping that at least 2 of the 4 assigned volunteers can show up each day for a 1:3 adult to student ratio. There will be a volunteer lead for each day to make sure that enough volunteers will be coming for their day of the week. If not, we will be maintaining a list of possible substitutes. Volunteers will be expected to arrive at Rankin elementary by 11:25am and then work with the students from 11:30am to 12:15pm. The time spent during the 45 minutes will be discussing the current book that each student is reading. Ask them questions about the books, how the stories relate to them personally, help with their vocabulary questions, and help them with any other questions that they may ask you. Our experience is that around 6-10 weeks the adult volunteers will really start to build trust and rapport with the students and can start to make a real difference in the student's growth. Please email Ben Tegel at Benjamin.tegel@ubs.com ; else call 330-665-7477 or 312-498-7084. if you are interested in this program. Rankin Elementary School is at 415 Storer Avenue, Akron, OH 44320.

Portage Path Reading

The West Akron Kiwanis AWARD WINNING Portage Path School project is still ongoing. Meet us in the Portage Path school office 11:00 Thursdays, 55 South Portage Path, behind Highland Square Walgreens. Every Kiwanian, partner, and friend will be well appreciated as a mentor.



The Kiwanis Clubs of Akron, West Akron, and Green

Invite You and Your Club Members to the 2nd Annual Divisions 16 and 20 Kiwanis Family Picnic

Saturday, July 30th from 1 – 4pm

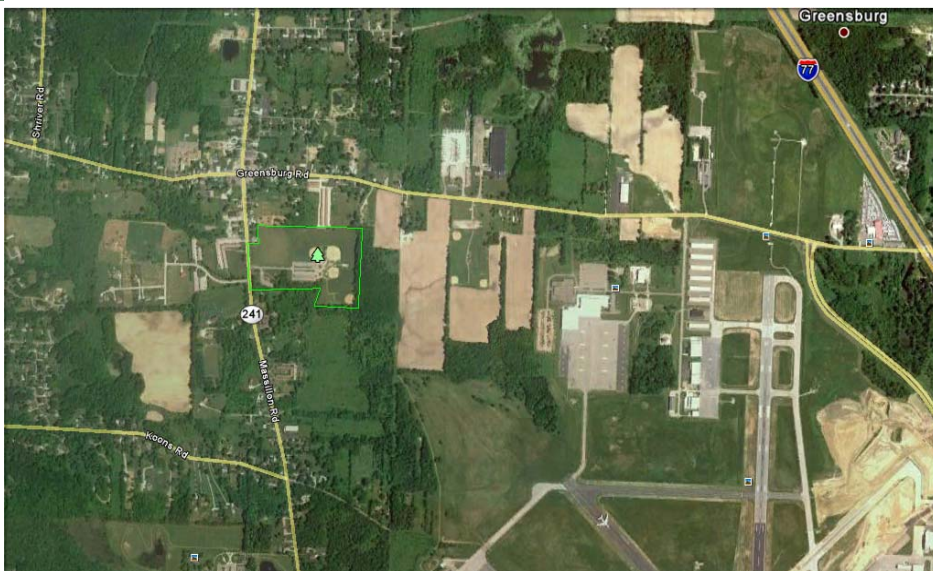
Greensburg Park

4899 Massillon Road, Green, OH 44232

Be sure and let Ben Tegel or Brian Hollingsworth know that you will be attending the picnic on July 30th and what you'll be bringing. Kiwanians are asked to bring the usual stuff that makes picnics so much fun like:

- Side dishes (Pasta salad, deviled eggs, watermelon, chips/dip,)
- Desserts (Brownies, 2 doz cookies, cup cakes, etc.)
- Drinks (Lemonade, Pop, Water, etc.)

Contact them at:
Benjamin.tegel@ubs.com or
bhollingsworth@chmca.org with
the number attending and what you'll
be bringing!



Focus 2011

West Akron Kiwanis Code of Conduct

To encourage a welcoming environment for all members and guests, and assure all behavior during West Akron Kiwanis meetings and activities is consistent with the organization's mission, principles, and policies, we agree to follow these standards of conduct:

- All meetings and activities will be run in accordance with commonly accepted standards of dignity, courtesy, and respect for all participants.
- The presiding member shall start and end all functions in a timely manner.
- Members shall inform guests of proper dress, time, and seating for all events.
- Members shall be responsible for making sure that the meal of their invited guests is paid for. However, the club shall pay for the meal of any prospective member, one time only.
- All guests shall be introduced by their invitee at the appropriate time of the meeting.
- Members shall stand while addressing the club to introduce guests, or to make an announcement, including Happy Dollars.
- Members shall turn off cell phone ringers prior to all presentations, and calls should only be taken outside of the meeting room during all club, board, and committee meetings.
- All planning, proposals, and club business discussions shall take place during specified planning meetings and these conversations will not be permitted during any speaker meetings.
- Please respect Club Officer's and Project Manager's time during speaker and committee meetings by sending all questions and suggestions via email or by phone.
- Members shall rise and applaud when the Lt. Governor, Governor, International Board Members, and other distinguished Kiwanians are introduced.
- Members are required to join a committee, pay dues by October 1st, promote our mission, and adhere to this code of conduct.

Instituted 10-30-08
Revised 1-5-10

The Bigger Picture

West Akron Kiwanis < Division 16 < [Ohio District](#) < Kiwanis International

Ohio District Board Meeting Dates for 2010-2011

Friday, August 12, 2011 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Eagle Point Room, Park Inn, 101 N. Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio

Annual Meeting of the Membership

The Annual Meeting of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation will be Saturday, August 13, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. at the Park Inn Toledo, 101 North Summit Street, Toledo, OH 43604 in Ballroom 1.

All members of Ohio Kiwanis Clubs are voting members of the Foundation and are encouraged to be present to hear reports of the work of the Foundation, honor supporters of the Foundation, and elect new members of the Board.

Free meals for needy kids

By Priya Kulasagaran

Published June 26, 2011, in the star online.com

Bukit Bandaraya, Malaysia—I really like laksa!” says SK Bukit Lanjan pupil Nor Ashira Anak Alang in between mouthfuls of noodles.

“It’s nice to go to class feeling full; I can listen to the teacher better,” she added.

The seven-year-old is one of the 30 children in the school benefitting from the **Kiwanis Club of Bukit Bandaraya’s (KCBB) “Breakfast a Child” (BAC)** programme.

Beaming at the pupils tucking into their meals for the day, KCBB president Hong Mei Keng explains that the aim of the programme is to sponsor needy children with one meal a day for the entire year.

“The idea for the project arose when we decided to hand over some mooncakes to a nearby school. “After talking to the headmaster, we learnt that some pupils could not afford to buy meals at the school canteen, and found it hard to concentrate in class because they were hungry,” she says.

The programme currently provides for 330 pupils in 10 schools, and is funded by individual and corporate donors.

One of the corporate sponsors this year is KMPG Malaysia, providing a total of RM56,000 for 160 pupils under the scheme.

Aside from SK Bukit Lanjan, the accounting firm is also sponsoring pupils in SJK (T) Sepang, SJK (C) Soo Jin, SK Bukit Rahman Putra, SJK (C) Subang and SK Sungei Way.

KMPG in Malaysia partner-in-charge Ow Peng Li says that staff support for the programme exceeded her expectations.

“Education is one of the key areas of our corporate social responsibility initiatives,” she says.

“So it was really heartening to see our colleagues pitch in for a good cause.

“Even those who felt like they couldn’t afford to donate pooled their money in small groups to raise the required RM350 for each child,” she says.

In fact, Ow says, staff contributions accounted for about 150 of the children, while the firm itself sponsored the rest.

It should be noted that a similar scheme is already in place in schools; the government’s additional food programme (also known as Rancangan Makanan Tambahan or RMT).

While it was reported in January that RM247mil will be allocated under the RMT for 691,000 primary school pupils across the country, there is still a gap to be filled.

“There are children who are left out of the RMT but still need help,” says Hong.

“The average family income of those who qualify for the RMT is RM500 and below, and we want to complement it by

catering to those who earn RM1,000 and below.”

The KCBB also plays an active role in the running of the programme, working closely with school administrators and canteen operators.

“The schools identify the children themselves, but we monitor the menus and cost estimates sent to us by the canteen operators each month; this reporting of costs is similar to the RMT.

“We even conduct surprise visits to the schools for accountability – and I’m happy to say that all the schools genuinely have the children’s interests at heart,” says Hong.

She concedes however, that this level of involvement comes with a price.

“The spot checks are necessary but time-consuming, and since it’s all a voluntary effort, time is always an issue.

“With our current manpower of 23 women, we don’t want to overextend ourselves by increasing the number of schools in the programme.

“Right now we’d rather focus on increasing the number of children who can benefit instead; as new intakes of pupils come in, we need to make sure that we can cater for them as well,” she says.

SK Bukit Lanjan headmistress Normah Baharum says she is grateful for the BAC initiative, and hopes that more organisations will contribute to the project.

“Something as simple as a good breakfast will go a long way in making sure that they can make full use of their education.

“These are good, hard-working children, and what they need more than pity is a helping hand,” she says.

One of the pupils Normah is referring to is Rasrull Anak Tereyak, 12, whose father is a sweeper and mother is a housewife.

“My mother cooks meals at home, but I can’t afford to buy food in school,” he says.

“It’s usually not a big deal, I try not think about being hungry when I’m in class so I can concentrate.

“I like having these meals at school though, I feel like I can study better – and I need to study hard, because I’m going to be a scientist when I grow up,” he adds.

The other beneficiary schools under the BAC programme are SJK (C) Sentul, SJK (C) Ma Hwa, SJK (T) Sepang and SJK (C) Kundang.

For those interested to sponsor a child or participate in the BAC programme, contact kiwanisclub.bukitbandaraya@gmail.com

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