

SEPTEMBER
2009

Indiana Kiwanis

2009-2010
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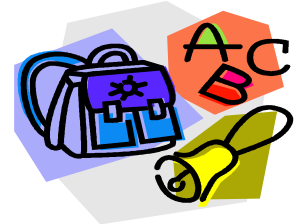
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Joan Henry
Gloria Bruner

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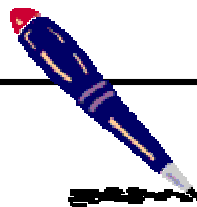
Bingo
Treasurers
Co-Chairs
Dave Schimsky
Gloria Bruner

August Board Meeting



The board acted on the following items:

- accepted the July bingo report of \$51,771.32 YTD profit
- accepted the resignation of Dave Jackson
- purchased a sign for American Cancer Society Day for \$100
- donated \$200 to the Indiana Free Library
- donated \$200 to the Indiana County Blind Association
- donated three Steeler baskets
- sponsored a team for the Indiana County CareNet bowling event
- donated \$1,000 to the Jimmy Stewart Museum
- donated \$250 for a hole sign for the IRMC golf outing
- purchased a ½ page ad (\$50) in the Convention handbook
- agreed to train Special Olympics bowlers



Kiwanis Education

Kiwanis adapted the name Kiwanis International and the six objects of Kiwanis International at the 1924 Convention in Denver, CO.

The Kiwanis Legion of Honor recognizes Kiwanians who have been members for twenty-five years and more. Special lapel pins at five year intervals are available.



Tid-Bits

Thanks to **Joan Henry and the picnic committee** for a great job organizing the annual picnic and to the **Boy Scouts** for cooking the hot dogs, hamburgers and corn. Members enjoyed the pontoon boat rides and the zip line demonstrations.

Thanks also to the members who participated in **Care Net Bowling** and answered phones for the **Big Heart Little Hands phone-a-thon auction**.

Our club's **news bulletin** was judged to be second in the state and **club brochure** received first place at the District Convention! Fred Yun was named a Distinguished Kiwanian and we received a 2008 Rose Sale patch.

Details on the annual **rose sale** are that roses can be purchased from any member for \$18 a dozen. Orders must be placed by October 5 and the roses will be delivered on October 29. Last year, we sold 160 dozen roses; we will make \$7 for every dozen sold this year.

We have a new **K-Kids club at St. Bernard's!** Tracy Dixson is the teacher-advisor. They are interested in getting involved in the BUG and Terrific Kids programs. We are in discussion with the Seeds of Faith Academy about a K-Kids at their school too.

Jennifer Helm was going to leave to teach in New England, but she decided to stay in Indiana. She will continue to co-advise the Ben Franklin K-Kids.

We are also looking at a **Key Club in the Purchase Line High School**.

Steve Higgins and Gina Augustino are creating our very own **Facebook** page!

Friends and family of **Chuck Woods** have donated \$1,500 to Kiwanis in his memory.

We have two new members! **Anthony DeStefano** (Boys and Girls Club) and **Tracy Dixson** (St. Bernard's) have joined our club – welcome!

Rob Parker, CEO of Kiwanis International, states "organizations that choose to bemoan societal change are often left behind by new ventures that are proactive and responsive. While it is not easy to be nimble when you are 94 years old, Kiwanis can take steps to position itself for the future".

Upcoming important dates: **October 7 is United Way Pancake Day** and **November 14 is Governor Ethan McBeth's visit** to Region III.

Want to receive the color version of the **newsletter** via e-mail? Send your e-mail address to dschimsky@comcast.net.

Thought of the Month

*"Some people
want it to
happen,*

*some wish it
would happen,*

*others make it
happen."*

Michael Jordan

*Every tree is known by its own fruit.
A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good.
Luke 6: 44-45.*

September 2009



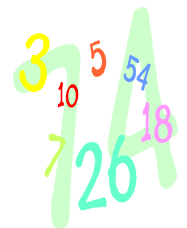
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
County Fair this week! Your help is needed at the Kiddie Farm!		1 Dinner Meeting Julie Voris Violinist, fiddler	2	3 Board Meeting	4 	5 Indiana County Fair ends
6	7 BINGO Labor Day	8 Breakfast Meeting Commissioner David Frick	9	10	11	12
 Grandparent's Day	14 BINGO	15 Breakfast Meeting Apollo Library	16	17	18	19
20	21 BINGO	22 Breakfast Meeting David Truby 1 st Day of Fall	23	24	Happy Birthday to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Tim Petro 9 Ed Onuscheck 10 Melanie Wardrop 15 A. Solomon Eller 16 Joyce Scibek 17 Austin Anderson 24 Luida Shearer 28 Howard Mandigo Alan Holsinger 	
27	28 BINGO	29 Breakfast Meeting Herb Gleditsch	30			



By The Numbers

PA Kiwanis Service Learning Programs

56 K-Kids Clubs	62 Builders Clubs
200 Key Clubs (over 12,500 members)	37 Circle K (915 members)
30 Aktion Clubs (600 members)	
Key Leaders have served over 250 students since 2005.	



We are proud of our association with our youth groups; they serve more hours than our clubs!



Club Notes



August 11th Breakfast Meeting

Anthony DeStefano, Evergreen Boys and Girls Club, explained the Kiwanis International directive for local clubs to form a working relationship with the BGC. The EBGC began in 2002 as an initiative by the Children's Advisory Commission. Currently, the clubs serve 80 to 100 children in the Purchase Line and Homer Center School Districts. During the school, children do academic work during "power hour"; they have time to participate in activities and interact with each other in the national programs called Smart Moves, Image Makers and Dragonflies. The programs are designed to deal with children at high risk and deal with drugs, alcohol and self-imagining. All children from grades 3 through 12 are eligible to participate.

August 18th Meeting

Trish Corle, Executive Director of the United Way and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Indiana, talked about the changing United Way and the organization's annual campaign. United Way raised \$840,000 in 2008 plus \$140,000 in additional funding with the help of more than 70 corporate donors and 3,500 individual donors. They also aided 100 homeless children and 200 homeless families. The average donation across the country is \$6 per capita and the average donation in Indiana County is \$10 per capita. The kick-off for the 2009 campaign will take place at Rustic Lodge on September 9.

Mel O'Keefe announced the re-organization of the 3 bingo teams which will take effect in October. Don Coleman asked Kiwanians to help support the Boy Scout's annual popcorn sale. Members signed get-well cards to be sent to Cracker Walker and Jean Jenkins.

August 25th Breakfast Meeting

Leslie Krummert and Mark Hitchcock spoke about the recent Back to School Bash. Our club donated \$5,000 and many others contributed money, backpacks, clothing, food and haircuts. Krummert thanked all the groups and individuals for their involvement and said that plans are already underway for next year's event

Luida Shearer distributed flyers advertising the Indiana County Fair and reminded members to attend the fair, work at the Kiddie Farm and read to the children during the Kiwanis story times.

Convention Notes

The Erie Convention Center and the Sheraton Inn were beautiful and a great place for our convention. Ron and Luida Shearer, Howard and Joan Henry, Joyce Scibek and Fred Yun attended.



Some notes from the convention:

- *only one new Kiwanis club was formed in 2008-2009 – the Kiwanis Club of Penridge
- *PA Kiwanis lost 255 members in 2008-2009
- *total membership in the state is 5,317
- *the 2010 mid-winter convention will be in Hershey, at the same time as the Key Club Convention, which is March 5-7
- *Luida Shearer ended her term as a member of the PA Kiwanis Foundation
- *Jack Turner from Johnstown East Hills was a Division 10 Hero Award winner
- *Susan Grab was approved as Governor-Elect for 2010-2011
- *Ethan McBeth is the PA District Governor for 2009-2010
- *our Steeler basket was popular and raised more than \$200
- *the paper issue of the Keystone Kiwanian will be mailed to each club's secretary; all others will access it on the district website
- *the Parade of Love at the PA Foundation breakfast raised more than \$2,500 (our club gave \$100)