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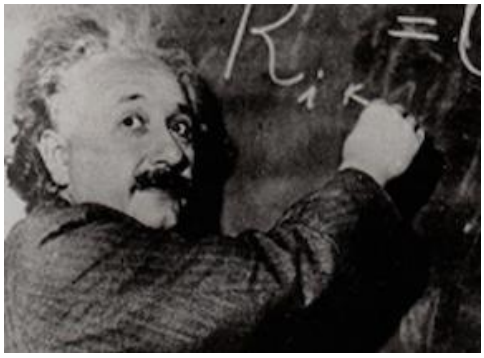
It's the Little Things...

Not sure who first said it, but "it's the little things that matter" is a phrase that is often heard. It can have a variety of meanings, but the one I like is, "small things matter because they can make a big difference".

Take the CORS Head Start Reading program, a little 15-minute commitment to read to children can make a big difference in their lives. How about a commitment, just once a year, to work Pancake Day. That little commitment helps our club raise funds that are used to make big differences in our community.

The list goes on, but how little can a thing be and still have a big impact? How about 38 millionths of a second?

In the early 1900s, Albert Einstein made two startling claims about time. First, moving clock runs slower than stationary clocks, and second, clocks speed up when gravity is weaker. There was no way to verify his claims back then but a half a century later atomic clocks and fast-moving airliners were used to prove that Einstein was correct.



Atomic clocks onboard airliners were synchronized with clocks at the U.S. Naval Observatory and then flown around the world. When the airliners landed, the clocks were measurably out of sync with the ones at the Naval Observatory. They were only off a few billionths of a second, but it proved that gravity and velocity (speed) have an impact on the passing of time. In other words, time is not absolute!

Einstein was right, but a few billionths of a second, who cares? Two decades later GPS was deployed for civilian use. GPS satellites orbit the Earth around 12,550 miles above its surface and travel at speeds of nearly 8,700 mph. At that speed the clocks onboard lose approximately 7 millionths of a second per day but gain about 45 millionths of a second due to the weak gravity that far above Earth. All in all, the clocks gain roughly 38 millionths of a second a day. But a little thing like 38 millionths of a second would result in your GPS being off by roughly 6 miles!

So, the clocks onboard GPS satellites are constantly adjusted so your GPS doesn't say "turn left at the next light" when you already passed it 6 miles back!

So, the next time you get a chance to do something with our club, no matter how small, go for it. Your effort will make a BIG difference.

FYI: For all you geeks and nerds out there, Google, or check out a book on, Time Dilation. That's what Einstein had discovered. I barely scratched the surface above, but I did capture the general idea. As a closing observation, consider twins separated at birth. One lives in New Orleans (near sea-level) and the other in Boulder, CO (just over a mile high). Assuming they never moved, at 30 years of age the one in Boulder, CO would be older. Okay, only 17 nanoseconds older, but still weird!



House Cleaning

Birthdays

Ralph Tracy (11/3), Kelly Meckstroth (11/5), Mikaila Hall (11/15), Artie Parker (11/15), Kathy Graeser (11/19)

Anniversaries

Kathy Vogler (11/10)

Wednesday Programs

Nov 4	Famous people with Piqua ties Dave Vollette will talk about his book featuring leaders and famous people with Piqua ties.
Nov 18	Protecting Our Water Ways Jeff Lange, from POWW (Protecting Our Water Ways) will present. **Board Meeting** follows.
Nov 25	Happy Thanksgiving! No meeting since Thanksgiving is the 26th.

Wednesday meetings are held from noon to 1pm at the Piqua YWCA, 418 N. Wayne St., unless stated otherwise.
Currently, we do not meet on the second Wednesday of the month.
In the event of a program change, emails will be sent out with updated information.

To order lunch:
Text your name and number of lunches requested to Kelly Meckstroth at 419-348-4329
no later than the Monday prior to the meeting.

DID YOU KNOW...current and back issues of the newsletter and up-to-the-minute meeting info can be found on our website at www.piquakiwanis.org.

Newsletters are published at the first of the month. Please email news items to mark1greenwood@gmail.com.
Items must be received at least one week prior to the end of the month.

The Back Burner



Something worth noting to keep on the back burner:

Head Start Reading - **Third Tuesday of each month during the school year at 9:45 am**

If you would like to volunteer or get more information about the program, contact Mark Wion.

Key Club and Builders Club Members Lend a Hand



PHS Key Clubbers and members from PJHS and Piqua Catholic Builders Club (left) worked together to help set up a Kiwanis pumpkin patch and pumpkin painting area for the Piqua Fall Fest on Saturday, October 17th. Club members also worked in the painting area during the festival.

Pictured below is the 2-step process for getting a pumpkin to the final decorated result.

Step 1 - The Pumpkin Patch



A canned good or cash donation was required to select a pumpkin. There were over 300 hundred pumpkins to choose from and 2 grocery carts full of canned goods plus $315 in cash donations were collected!

Step 2 - The Pumpkin Painting Area



Pumpkins are taken to the painting area for decorating

Final Product

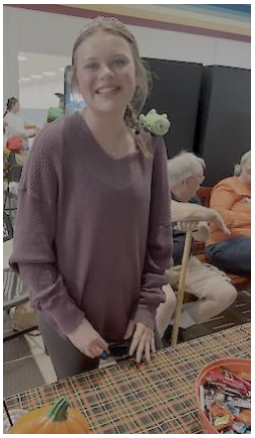


Two Key Clubbers with their painted pumpkin

Trick or Treat at the Center

Just two short days after the Oct. 17th Fall Fest, the Center opened its doors the evening of Oct. 19th for an evening of indoor Trick or Treating. As usual it was well attended. Below are a few random pictures including two of our very own Kiwanians and their families!





(Left) Members of the PJHS and Piqua Catholic Builders Clubs along with members of the high school Key Club who helped man tables and hand out treats to trick or treaters in attendance.

(Right) Piqua Kiwanians Ben Zimmerman and Shane Schneider arrived with their families to do a little trick or treating.

Looks like the Zimmermans went all-in for the Little Mermaid, while the Schneider's daughter, Brielle, sported a Captain Minnie outfit that she picked up on board the Disney Wish last summer!

One big question remains, "why is Ben dressed in an Ursula costume?"





New Officers Recognized at Interclub Meeting in Sydney

Rather than assuming what constitutes a Kiwanis Inter Club Meeting, here are the official rules governing interclubs:

- A meeting held by two or more Kiwanis clubs (including clubs "in formation") or by a Kiwanis club and any Builders Club, CircleK club, Key Club, Aktion Club, and K-Kids club.
- For clubs with 20 or less members, a minimum of 2 members are required to attend an interclub meeting.
- For clubs with 21 to 30 members, a minimum of 3 members are required to attend an interclub meeting.
- For clubs with 31 or more members, a minimum of 4 members are required to attend an interclub meeting.

We met with the Kiwanis Club of Sidney, which satisfied the 2 or more clubs requirement, and we also had 8 Piqua Kiwanians in attendance which more than satisfied the minimum number of club members in attendance.



Lt. Governor Michael Benanzer (above) recognized new and returning Board members and officers for the Sidney and Piqua clubs at an interclub meeting on October 21st sponsored by the Sidney club.
Board members and officers from our club that were in attendance are pictured below.

Piqua Kiwanis attendees (L to R):

Mark Greenwood (returning Board Member),
Gretchen Roeth (returning Secretary),
Warren Parker (returning Board Member),
Mark Wion (Immed, Past Pres & returning Treasurer),
Mikaila Hall (returning VP),
John Leese (new Board member),
Ralph Tracy (new President),
and Char Tracy.





Exercise Those "Gears" Between Your Ears

(see bottom of page for answers)

1. Why despite killing dozens of people Charley and Wilma were not punished. Why weren't they punished?

2. A girl was happy because her father went to jail, her mother mortgaged all her properties and her brother had to sell his house. Why was she happy?

3. Two twins are lying next to a king and a queen in a large room.
   How is this possible if there are no people in the room?

4. A man is sitting in his cabin in Colorado. Three hours later he gets out of his cabin in Texas.
   How is this possible?

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1) They were intense hurricanes which formed in 2004 and 2005 respectively 2) They were playing Monopoly 3) They are types of beds 4) He was in the cabin of his airplane 5) Long time no c