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CRESTWOOD

Lions 'tailgate' at convention

Distict 13-D hosts annual event, welcomes kicker Don Cockroft

The Lions of Ohio District 13-D recently hosted their 43rd annual District Convention at the Clarion Inn in Hudson with more than 300 people in attendance.

The weekend of events began on Friday night with dinner and the opening ceremony held in the Grand Ballroom, followed by entertainment provided by the Miller South Junior High Choir.

Then the guests visited the hospitality room, which was hosted by the Crestwood Lions Club.

During the Spouse's Program on Saturday, Joyce Ullman, wife of District Gov. Harold Ullman, introduced guest Carol Starre-Kmiecik, who gave a portrayal of famous American women.

This was followed by the Lions and Spouses Luncheon held in the Grand Ballroom with guest speaker Don Cockroft, kicker with Cleveland Browns from 1967 to 1980 and author of "The 1980 Kardiak Kids — Our Untold Stories." This followed the convention's "Tailgating" theme.

The Cabinet Appreciation Dinner was held Saturday evening with Gov. Ullman presenting the Cabinet Awards and Certificates. Convention comments and updates were provided by Past District Gov. Tom Kirkbride, convention chairman.

Saturday evening's entertainment was provided by co-



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Barb and Don Cockroft (former kicker for the Cleveland Browns), at left, join District Gov. Harold and Joyce Ullman of the Crestwood Lions Club at the Clarion Inn in Hudson for the Lions Tailgate Party.

median, juggler and ventriloquist Mike Hemmelgarn.

Sunday's convention events began with the 13-D Memorial Service presided over by Gov. Ullman, who also gave the roll call of the deceased Lions Club members.

Bell ringer was Second Vice Gov. Jeff Snyder; candle lighter was First Vice Gov. Don Heldman; and handling the flowers was Joyce Ullman.

The Grand Banquet was held on Sunday with the in-

roduction of Cabinet and Head Table by Tom Kirkbride.

Gov. Ullman introduced the guest speaker, Past International Director Scott Storms of Windsor Locks, Conn.

The report of the Parade of Checks was given by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Gauch and the invocation by past district governor Chaplain Jerald McCullough. Lions Club International Foundation chairman and past district governor Bob

Booher made the Melvin Jones Fellowship presentation followed by awards and remarks by Gov. Ullman and a program on Every Day Heroes by Stanley Kopp, governor of District 13-B.

At the end of the convention, Gov. Ullman expressed his gratitude to many people including his wife, Joyce, his daughter, Wendy, and the Crestwood Lions Club as well as the 3rd Battalion 25th Marines Weapons Co. for supplying the color guard, among others.

KENT

Helen Dixon, 87, celebrates birthday

Helen E. Dixon of Kent celebrated her 87th birthday recently with about 50 family members and friends in the dining hall of Union Baptist Church in Kent. The event was hosted by Felice Bozeman of Kent.

Helen was born April 6, 1922, in Meadville, Pa., to Weldon and Elizabeth MacWilliams. She attended high school in Paterson, N.J.

She married Harry Dixon Sr., now deceased, in 1942. Their children are Harry and Charlene Dixon of Rialto, Calif., Curtis Dixon of Canton, and the late Steve and Rose Dixon.

Helen has seven grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She has lived in Portage County for 66 years and worked as a housekeeper for 51 years.

She says she loves serving the Lord and being a friend to everyone. Helen has been a church usher for 55 years and currently is the church



HELEN DIXON

mother at Union Baptist Church.

Special guests at the birthday party were many church friends and family friends, including Minnie Green of Fairfield, Calif., and Helen's goddaughter, Erica Floyd of Columbia, Md.

Helen received many flowers, cards and gifts.

AROUND GARRETTSVILLE

There will be grief gatherings offered in Garrettsville. On Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., Linda R. Simpson, bereavement facilitator, will conduct the six weekly sessions from April 22 through May 27 in St. Ambrose hall.

The sessions offer continuous information and support for grieving individuals. Participants should try to attend all of the sessions because each meeting builds from the previous. Those interested should call St. Ambrose at 330-527-4105.

People grieve for many reasons including the loss of a loved one through death or the loss a spouse through divorce or loss of a pet, job or even a home or town after a move.



JACKIE LORETA-RINEARSON

The April menu for the Great Food For All is available. This month's box includes ham, shrimp, fish portions, chicken leg quarters, bacon, mixed vegetables, Jose Old Meal kit, marinara sauce with meat, broccoli, green beans, pizza rolls, mashed red potatoes, pineapple and tiramisu, all for \$30. This is a \$60 to \$80 value.

Contact the Praise Assembly of God at 330-527-2777.

Vendors are still being accepted for the Garrettsville Farmer's Market to be held on the second and fourth Sunday of every month from July 12 through Oct. 25.

The market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the village park located by the Garrettsville branch of the Portage County District Library on S.R. 88.

Call 330-527-5670 for more information or to request an application. The price is \$60 for all the Sundays.

The Garrettsville community yard sale will be held the first weekend in May.

Registration for the yard sale is due by April 27. The fee is \$10 and includes advertising, sign and maps.

Contact the Garrettsville Chamber of Commerce for more information at 330-527-5222.

The Garrettsville Curtains up Theatre is preparing for its annual Pie in the Face fund-raiser.

Watch for the voting ballot soon. Take a sneak peek into the names on this year's ballot: teacher and football coach — Steve Wylie, business owner — Aaron King, Board of Education member — Guy Pietra, and business owner — Chris Perme. Watch for the remainder of the candidates. Again votes will only cost \$2. The actual pie in the face presentation will be held during the Summerfest on June 28 at 6:30 p.m.

For Garrettsville news, contact Jacquelyn Loreta-Rinearson at rinearson05@verizon.net.

PORTAGE COUNTY

Information on seniors' groups is being sought

All area groups, clubs and organizations for area senior citizens are asked to submit current information to the Lifetimes department of the Record-Courier for an upcoming special section.

Those submitting information should include the name of the group; time, date and location of meetings; contact person's name and phone number; and any special features of the group, such as field trips, craft sessions, luncheons, etc.

Area senior centers and

other programs aimed at serving seniors also are asked to submit their information for this section.

Include name and location of center or program and times of operation as well as any special features offered.

Information may be submitted to the Lifetimes department of the Record-Courier, 126 N. Chestnut St., Ravenna, Ohio 44266, by April 17.

For more information, call Laura Nethken at 330-298-1120.

GARDENERS READYING FOR RUMMAGE SALE

The Portage County Gardeners are busy sorting and pricing the donations they received for their annual rummage sale. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 17 and 18 at the Gardeners' Center, 5154 S. Prospect St., Rootstown. Showing off some of the items available are, from left, Helena Parry, Nina Krupa, Jane Minard and Diane Jendrisak. The items include books, garden items, spring and summer clothing, knick-knacks, jewelry, electronics, baskets, housewares, craft items, holiday items, furniture, bedding, baby items and much more. Proceeds will help maintain the center to promote horticultural education, conservation of natural resources and more.



AREA HAPPENINGS

Gift card raffle going on now

The Crestwood Scarlet Guard is hosting a gift card tree raffle.

The Band Boosters will be raffling off a tree filled with gift cards of all sizes, shapes and denominations. The tree value will depend on the number of gift cards received.

The tree currently has more than \$650 worth of prizes. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the 2009-

10 Scarlet Guard Marching and Concert seasons.

The winner will be chosen at the 2009 Band Banquet held at the end of May. Winner need not be present.

To purchase a ticket or donate a gift card, contact Mary Jo Cline at 330-322-1013 or mjcline05@aol.com, Chris Nero at 330-212-3764 or neroe1@nationwide.com or Don Gregoire at 330-274-0208 or budda2066@aol.com.

KSU Press books among finalists

Two books published by the Kent State University Press have been announced as finalists for Ohioana Awards.

The books are "Clyde Singer's America" by M.J. Albacete and "Politician Extraordinaire" by Frank P.

Vazzano. Ohioana will announce the winners near the end of August, and recipients will be honored at the annual Ohioana Day Awards Ceremony and Luncheon on Oct. 17. For a complete list of the finalists, visit ww.ohioana.org.

Young at Heart reservations due

The Young at Heart Club will meet at noon on April 20 in the parish hall of Immaculate Conception Church

in Ravenna. Lunch will be catered by Guido's.

Reservation and payment are due by Monday.

Internet marketing to be topic

Andrew Dix, president of Record Publishing's Internet Division, will be the featured guest speaker at the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Thursday. Dix will speak on the topics of "Internet Marketing and Publishing."

This month's luncheon will be held at the Twin Lakes Country Club and is sponsored by Portage Marble & Granite. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and presentation starting at noon.

Walkers head for Kendall Lake

The Portage Trail Walkers will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday to walk the Kendall Lake Cross Country Trail. The four- to five-mile trail has wooded paths and some steep hills. It can be muddy if wet, and a walking stick would be helpful.

Those wishing to partici-

pate can take S.R. 303 west from Streetsboro through Hudson, past S.R. 8. Turn left (south) on Akron-Cleveland Road (old Route 8), past Budget Inn. Go one mile and turn right (west) on Truxell/Kendall for 1.6 miles. Turn left into the Kendall Lake parking area.

Sign up for salad in Streetsboro

The Streetsboro Senior Center will host Kermit's Salad at noon April 17 at the center, 9184 S.R. 43.

The cost is \$1 per person at the time of sign-up. The

center will supply the salad, and those attending will supply the toppings and their favorite dressings.

Sign up by April 15 by calling 330-626-2398.

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