



“The World’s Largest Gathering of PEZ Collectors”

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Hello to all !! ~

Happy New Year !! Time to ring in the 'new' ~ and we are very excited about all the fun and festivities that our new Hosts, Rick and Sue Marlowe, have in store for us at this year's Pezmania 26 Convention ! There are many events that will stay the same and some new events that promise even more fun. Let's begin with what will stay the same: Room Hopping will be as exciting as it always is each year with our knowledgeable Vendors and more Pez than you've ever seen in one place ! ~ Our Host Hotel continues to be the Holiday Inn Rockside in Independence, Ohio. We are at over 350 room night reservations already !! Please, book your room now ! Let Rick know if you plan to sell out of your room NOW ! He will place you close to all the action, but you MUST let him know. Make sure you let him know if you need a 2-bed room, otherwise ask for a king. Festivities begin on Wednesday and continue through the week with the Ballroom on Saturday open to the public. Please book your Ballroom tables NOW !! Based on the configuration for this year, only so many tables physically fit in there. If you don't book early, you may be out of luck because actual space will be gone. ~ The registration/hospitality room will be in the same location. ~ The Pony Races are back again this year organized by John Devlin, and nicely tweaked to accommodate the turnout. Stay tuned for details. ~ Face Painting by some very talented artists is back ! This event is very popular among 'kids' of all ages !! ~ LCR Game is back with Cecil and Tyler Chiplinski (father & son team) heading up the fun ! ~ Back by popular attendance is the Pez Collectors Seminar presented by our distinguished panel: Mike Chadwick, John Devlin, John LaSpina, and Joe Paravati who are very well-informed on History and Vintage Pez, and a new addition requested by our panel, Chris Jordan, who is really 'up' on the current dispensers. This promises to be a great place to get your questions asked and get in on the 'scoop' from some of the best in our Hobby. ~ We are still running an Early Registration Contest this year with the same cutoff date of June 1st. Those of you who get your paid registration in by June 1st, will be entered in the raffle for a special dispenser package !! Details to come..... ~ Our Convention Charity continues to be The Gliding Stars of Toledo, Ohio. We will have some nice items up for auctions on Friday and Saturday. You will receive in your packet a complete list of items that will appear in each auction. Save your money now to be able to bid on some nice items and of course, all proceeds going to The Gliding Stars. Incidentally, those of you who wish to attend The Gliding Stars end of year show, it will be on Sunday, March 13th. Let Rick know if you are going to attend. ~ There will be a

Premium packet offered at registration, as last year. The Premium Packet will contain exclusive items only found in that packet. To keep them exclusive, they will not be sold after the convention. ~ The Pezmania War Card Game is back. This game is limited to 128 players. Once 128 players are attained, the game will close to anyone else wanting to play. ~ Saturday Night Carnival Games will be run by Frank Mountford. This is always great family fun for those who stay over Saturday night after the Convention. ~ The concession snack bar in the hallway by the Ballroom will be open Friday and Saturday for food purchases. It's so convenient for those who don't want to leave the hotel for food. We appreciate the hotel for making this amenity available !

To add to the excitement, lets now talk about what's new !!! Wednesday morning the Adult Scavenger Hunt begins !! This new event will be run by Jeff Gilligan. Even if you don't arrive on Wednesday, this event is set up for you to be able to jump in and catch up regardless of when you arrive at the convention ! ~ 'Trade Night' will be organized by Carl Webb, Rusty Cox, and Josh Bales. This is an event for kids of all ages to 'trade' & 'swap' Pez. Tables will be organized and set up for this purpose. If you have a table setup at this event, and approached by a participant to 'swap' or 'trade', you MUST trade. That is the sole purpose of this event. ~ We have a brand new game at Pezmania 26 this year ! It's called Match-a-Mania. This new game will take the place of Dice-a-Mania and it will be held on Friday Family Fun Night !! You won't want to miss this easy, exciting game to play that won't take up the entire evening. We promise to get you back out into the Room Hopping Fun in the hotel. As you may have deducted by now, the theme this year centers around Hockey ! So, on Family Fun Night on Friday at Match-a-Mania, wear your favorite team Hockey Jersey ~ proudly !! ~ And now for the biggest news of the year !! Pez USA has agreed to do Convention Dispensers this year !! They will be special dispensers on specially printed cards and only available through three Conventions this year. We are very excited that Maheba Merhi of Pezcific will receive a truly special colored one commemorating the 15th Anniversary of her Convention: Pezcific ! Congratulations, Maheba !! Stay tuned to coming issues of the Newsletter when actual pictures will be revealed !!!



In this edition of the Newsletter, I am happy to say, we have an article submitted by Eric Wisniewski ! He has teamed up with Wolfgang Handl and Brian 'Youknowmyname' Jaskolski to do a great presentation you won't want to miss.

As always, all the information in the Newsletter has websites imbedded that you can just click on to bring up the registration form, the Pezmania website to read about the events on the Convention agenda, and other pertinent information you'll want to know about this year's event. We love getting articles from you, as well, sharing your interest in this hobby we all love. We are always open to any and all articles of any length. This

Newsletter is the mouthpiece for each of you to share information relating to Pez and the Pezmania 26 Convention.

Lots of exciting new events and wonderful folks helping to make this coming Pezmania Convention one that you and your family will remember for a very long time ! Stay tuned as we continue to bring you news and photos revealing the fantastic plans for this year ~



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PEZ Candy Collecting 102:

Great news fellow pezheads! If you are attending this year's Pezmania in Cleveland, Ohio: Wolfgang Handl and I will be hosting another seminar! "PEZ Candy Collecting 102". Joining us, will be Brian "Youknowmyname" Jaskolski, who will be doing a special presentation at this seminar on vintage candy boxes. You won't want to miss this exciting interactive and informative seminar on the growing niche of collecting Pez candies! We are asking attendees to bring in their candy packs for a "show and tell" and related discussion. You are also encouraged to bring in any extra or "personal" fantasy candy packs for buy, sell, or trade. Attendees will receive a special candy pack for attending and as always chances to win special prizes!!! Looking forward to seeing everyone again!



Eric Wisniewski
aka Pezburgh Punk

CHARITY NEWS:

John and Linda Gliha are heading up the Charity Auction merchandise. There will be so many wonderful items to bid on. Start saving up now to be able to bid and go home with one-of-a-kind signed Pez Dispensers as well as other merchandise. John and Linda are out and about continuing to gather signatures on Pez from celebrities in all walks of entertainment and sports. First on their list is an encounter with "The Platters". Check out the photos below ~ what a great group of individuals to meet ! We will continually update you in each Newsletter Issue to keep you excited about the many items that will be in the Friday Night and Saturday Charity Auctions. All moneys collected for Auction Items go directly to our Charity: The Gliding Stars of Greater Toledo.



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Last year's PDF versions of the Pezamania 25 newsletters are still posted to a public DropBox for your downloading. We would like to encourage you to download the PDF version at: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jq6ercsll3gmwaha/AAA0CJzNVaSNGGkdxKVGLSzya?dl=0> if you have not read them yet. Take a trip down memory lane and relive all the fun at Pezamania 25.

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[And Remember Facebook....](#)

We are encouraging everyone to keep up to date on Pezamania's Facebook site. Please search for "Pezamania, The World's Largest Gathering of PEZ Collectors". On the site, you will find detailed information about the Cleveland Convention.



We are continuing to add information and pictures of past conventions.

[Holiday Inn Independence, 6001 Rockside Road, Independence, Ohio 44131](#)

Special Room Rate \$92 per night plus taxes. When you call in your reservation, be sure to mention PEZAMANIA to get the special rate in the block. This rate is guaranteed until June 21st and after the 21st, the hotel will honor that rate on a space available basis only.



Hotel Website & Contact Info

www.hirockside.com

Direct Reservations 1-216-524-8050 (Ask for the PEZAMANIA rate)

Hotel Fax: 1-216-524-9280

Local things to do before and after PEZAMANIA 26

Hey it's never too early to plan ahead..

Here are some ideas to help you make this trip a truly memorable family vacation that includes the convention. You can add days at either end for addition fun.

Cleveland Corned Beef Company: an unofficial eating place for many of us at Pezamania.
Address: 5164 Pearl Rd, Cleveland OH. Phone: 216.351.0010
Open Monday-Saturday 6.30am - 6pm. Sunday 6.30am - 1pm.
Website: www.clevelandcornedbeef.com

b.a. Sweeties: Candy contributor to Participants' Packets.
Address: 6770 Brookpark, Cleveland, OH. Phone: 216.739.2244.
Open Monday-Saturday 10am - 8pm. Sunday 11am - 5pm.
Website: www.sweetiescandy.com

b.a. Sweeties GolfLand: (miniature golf course) Phone: 216.472.1340
Address: 6770 Brookpark, Cleveland, OH. Phone: 216.472.1340.
Open Sunday-Thursday 1pm - 10pm and Friday-Saturday 1pm - 11pm.
Website: www.sweetiesgolfland.com

The Christmas Story House Tour: Phone: 216.298.4919
Address: 3159 W 11th St., Cleveland, OH 44109
Website: www.achristmasstoryhouse.com

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame:
Address: 1100 Rock and Roll Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44114
Website: www.rockhall.com

Cedar Point Amusement Park: Sandusky, OH
Website: www.cedarpoint.com

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (1/2 day rail trip, Short distance from Hotel at Rockside depot) Website: www.cvsr.com

National Museum of the USAF, Wright-Patterson AFB near Dayton, OH
Website: www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

Things To Do In And Around Independence, OH
Website: <http://www.americantowns.com/oh/independence-things-to-do>

Twenty Minutes Away: Cleveland, OH
Website: <http://www.positivelycleveland.com/play/>

OVER A QUARTER CENTURY OF FUN!

Join our new convention hosts Rick and Sue Marlowe at "The World's Largest Gathering of PEZ Collectors". Spend a fun filled weekend with an international group of master PEZ collectors, PEZ dealers, and PEZ authors. See more PEZ than you ever imagined and have the chance to win lots of Valuable PEZ prizes.



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**Pezmania 26 will be held on
July 28 - 30, 2016 in Cleveland
Ohio**

Start Planning, NOW

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