



THE COMMUNICATOR

Rose Rememberance Day



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The Portage Lakes Rose Office will be open on **September 22nd, 2014 at 6pm.**

Kiwanis members and club members are available by hand to take your orders. You can place orders online at www.plkiwanis.org or by calling a Kiwanis Member or visit our website at www.plkiwanis.org School Key Club Member.

These beautiful Yellow Roses will sell again this year for: \$ 15.00 per dozen and be hand delivered to your door on the first Saturday in October. Which will be **October 4th, 2014.**

If you need assistance or have any further questions please contact Project Supervisor: Mr. Tom Burge @ **330-644-8967** or stop by the Civic Center Rose office starting September 22nd, 2014 located at **725 Portage Lakes Dr.**

Remember this is what life's little memories are made of. In addition to that you are also contributing to this wonderful community that we live in.

Fish Fry & Guest Speaker

Special points of interest:

- KIWANIS FAMILY
- Special Interests in the Portage Lakes
- Dates to Remember

What a night at the Kiwanis Club last night was. Oh my there was food everywhere. From Salads to Pasta's to Breads and deserts. And we haven't even mentioned the Fish.

Last night was the Annual Kiwanis Fish Fry. Have you ever attended? Well all the fish that were served this evening were caught in the Portage Lakes by our own **Mr. Larry Hunter** and **Mr. Chuck Seeley** and other club members and friends. The wonderful assortment of side dishes and deserts were brought by those in attendance this evening and this was a sold out event.

If you have never attended you definitely should make a point of putting this on your calendar for next year.

We would like to extend our sincere Thanks to all those who fished, cooked, set up, helped in the kitchen and helped clean up afterwards. We know what kind of effort you put into all this so the rest of us could simply sit back and enjoy the evening.

Guest Speaker:
Mr Keith Shy from Summit Metro Parks – was our guest speaker for the evening.

The Summit Metro Parks was established in 1921

The mission of the Metro Parks is to acquire, conserve and manage natural resources and to provide the public with safe, outdoor recreational & educational opportunities in the local parks

They currently manage 10,500 acres, 14 developed parks 6 conservation areas in addition to the 125 miles of trails which

includes 21.5 miles of towpath trails that wind through the Ohio & Erie Canal.

The estimated annual number of visitors was 4.5 million. In 2011 the Metro Parks celebrated their 90th year.

The majority of the Metro parks are located in Summit County in the Ohio & Erie canalway National Heritage Area.

- *Cascade Valley Metro Park
- *Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park
- *F.A Seiberling Nature Realm
- *Sand Run, Furnace Run & Firestone Metro Parks
- *Munroe Falls & Goodyear Heights Metro Parks

Visitors at **Cascade Metro Park** can see two of the oldest structures in Akron: The **Mustill House & Store** which are maintained by the **Cascade Locks Park Association.**

Chukery Trail gives hikers a glimpse of : The Indian Signal

Tree. This is a 300 yr old Burr Oak that was reportedly planted by American Indians to signal the southernmost part of the Cuyahoga River as well as the beginning of the eight-mile Portage Trail.

F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm is a special park dedicated to the employment and study of the natural world.

Harold S. Wagner the parks First Director-Secretary planted the first **Daffodil bulbs** in the late 1930's in the Furnace Run Metro Park. It is estimated that today there are approximately 30,000 – 40,000 Daffodils growing along that trail.

There are 110 miles of endless possibilities in the metro parks. You can discover American Culture, canal – era history.

And all this can be done by hiking with the family, biking on the tow path trails, and sometimes even by horseback.

Or take a scenic ride on the Railway through the Cuyahoga Valley.

Spring, Summer, Fall or Winter there is always something to do at the metro parks. From a family walk on a beautiful fall day. Experience the parks. teach the kids

about our area and enjoy nature at the same time as a family. To sled riding at the Goodyear Heights Metro Park on Newton in Goodyear Heights in the winter. For more detailed information please visit their website @ www.summitmetroparks.org

A special **Thank you to Mr. Keith Shy** for attending the Fish Fry this evening and providing Club Members, Family and Friends with a little education on our local area Metro Parks.

Project Eliminate

We are several years into this project and have to date donated approximately \$ 2,000.00 towards this very worthy cause .

Third world countries do not have the luxuries that we as Americans have when it comes to health care, medicines, giving birth and every day drinking water.

So we incorporated the " Baby Bottle " project . Each time you drop \$ 1.80 into the bottle you have now saved one mother and her unborn children from a horrible fate.

If you would like more information on this project see Dale Dietz and obtain your baby bottle. We have large and small baby bottles.

Every penny, nickel, dime and quarter helps save a life.

Birthday's – Anniversaries – Club Anniversaries August

Birthday's

Sept 15th Debbie Rubino
Sept 25th Dana Roderick
Sept 28th Russ Friess

Anniversaries

Sept 2nd Larry & Judy Hunter
Sept 7th Cheryl & John Luck
Sept 10th Norman & Alice Elias
Sept 18th Kerri & Rich Gleisinger

Club Anniversaries

3 years Dale Dietz, Jeff Goodwin,
Esther Cole & Dana Roderick
12 years Larry Hunter
13 years Chet Brown
38 years Gene Cole

KIWANIS FAMILY

Please reach out each day and say a prayer for all of our Kiwanis Family Members and their immediate and extended families. A little prayer never hurt anyone.

We all lead extremely busy lives but, with the winter months fastly approaching - Please take time out to reach out to that elderly neighbor or friend and see if you can help with fall clean up, maybe shovel a sidewalk in the winter. That little offer to help only takes a few minutes and you would be surprise at the smiles it will generate and the warmth it will put in someone's heart just knowing that you offered to help.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PORTAGE LAKES

Picnic for Families with Disabilities: Will be held on Saturday September 6th - Food fun and games. The picnic will start at approximately 1-pm and last until 3 pm.

Food, fun and games for all. If you are able to volunteer to help with set up, games or anything else please arrive at the Civic Center no later than Noon.

Kiwanis Senior Towers: September 24th, 2014 (all members) we will be holding our regular meeting at the Kiwanis Senior Towers located on Portage Lakes Dr. The evening meal is on Kiwanis. Please join us in celebrating this wonderful building and the residents who live in it.

Notice for all current Board Members: The September Board Meeting will be held at the Civic Center directly after our dinner at the Senior Towers. Please return to the Civic Center when the evening meal is over so that we may start our board meeting promptly.
Thank you

November Quarter Auction: This year's quarter auction will be run again under the guidance and supervision of " Kerri's Confection's " It promises to be a wonderful, fun filled evening that you surely won't want to miss. Complete with new and returning vendor's, food and more.
The current date set for this event is **November 22nd, 2014 6pm.** We will update everyone in the coming weeks with location and paddle prices. But mark your calendars now. All proceeds from this benefit will be donated to a very worthy cause.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept 6th - Adults w/ Disabilities Picnic @ PLK Civic Center **1-3pm**
- Sept 10th - Regular Meeting
- Sept 16th - Division 20 Meeting – First United Methodist Church / Dinner 6:30pm
(downtown Akron)
- Sept 17th - Regular Meeting & Committee Night
- Sept 22nd - Rose Office Opens (9am – 6pm)
- Sept 24th - Dinner on Kiwanis at Kiwanis Senior Towers 6:30 pm
Board Members pls return to Civic Center following this meeting for our
Monthly Board Meeting.
- Oct. 1st - Regular Meeting
- Oct 4th - Rose Delivery Day
- Oct 8th - Charter Party
- Oct.15th - Regular Meeting
- Oct 22nd - Rose Day Wrap up

- Cascade Valley Metro Park
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