



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for April 20, 2019

EASTER EGG HUNT 2019

The Annual Portage Lakes Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, April 20th at the Tudor House. There were threats of rain all week in the weather forecast, but we were lucky enough to stay dry. We had a good turnout, with games and activities for the kids, GASP, and a visit from the fire department; all culminating with the egg hunt. Many thanks to Connie Nagy, event chair, and her entire team of volunteers for putting this signature annual event together. It takes a village to do this and it always comes together wonderfully. Sue Fassoles one of our Kiwanis members, has been our Easter bunny for the last several years. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK:

Just a reminder that our Blessings in a Backpack program is ongoing until the school year ends in June. Please continue to bring in backpacks and easy to open foods that can be heated quickly or can be opened and eaten directly out of the package or container.

WHAT'S UP NEXT?

SCHOLARSHIPS! Every year our Kiwanis club chooses two graduating seniors from Manchester and two graduating seniors from Coventry to award financial scholarships to. Each spring students can apply for these scholarships and we have a committee that will review the applications and will make their recommendations. Jon Freeman, our President will go to the schools and present the awards to the winning students in May. The chosen students excel academically, volunteer in their community, and are all around awesome college bound young adults. The west wall of the Civic Center houses years and years of our scholarship recipients. Our club takes great pride in presenting these scholarships annually. On May 22nd we will hold a dinner here at the Civic Center honoring the four chosen scholarship recipients and their families. Please make it a priority to attend this dinner to honor these young adults and this program!

Congratulations!



Now this is some really cool news! Our own Larry Hunter is going to be inducted into the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. He has received his letter from Columbus letting him know! Larry is involved in so many volunteer activities it would be impossible to list them. This is a well deserved honor, Larry is the kindest giving person around, congrats Larry, you are awesome.

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer for health issues:

Charlie Kepnes
Frank Smith
Betty Seeley

Also, please keep Tom Burge and Polly Price in your thoughts and prayers as well; Polly's mother has passed away.

BIRTHDAYS:

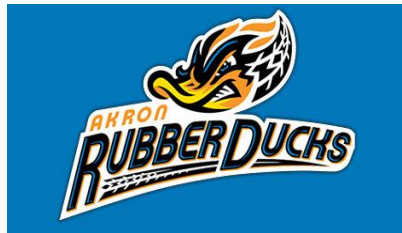
04/20 Vicki Kepnes
04/30 Steve Hess

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

John Schermesser - 38 years
Glen Sheets - 24 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

04/01 Don & Marie Reilly
04/03 Paul & Betty Schuckert
04/11 Bob & Rebecca Goff
04/15 Debbie & Mike Rubino



Friday, June 14, 2019 will be the date of our annual Kiwanis Rubber Ducks game. Tickets will be \$8.00 and this will be a fireworks display night. We will be defeating the Portland Sea Dogs that night. Al will be taking ticket orders as usual. This is always a fun family night out and is usually a sellout. Put the date on your calendar! **Please get your reservation turned into Al, he will need to get the ticket order placed by the middle of May, thank you.**



THE PIRATE DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTER ON SATURDAY, JULY 27TH, FROM 7:00 AM TO 11:00 AM.



The Kiwanis Car Show is planned for Saturday, June 22, 2019. Jeff Goodwin is the chair for this event and would like some new committee members. He is looking for some new ideas to make the event even bigger and better. If interested, please get in touch with Jeff .

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS:

- >April 24 - Regular Meeting & Board Meeting
- >April 27 - Clean Up Portage Lakes Day
- >May 22 - Scholarship Dinner

AND A BIT LATER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >June 14 - Rubber Ducks Baseball Night
- >June 22 - PLK Kiwanis Car Show
- >June 22 - Buckeye Martifest/Antique Boat Show
- >July 6 - Portage Lakes Fireworks & Boat Parade
- >July 20 - Dragons on the Lake Festival
- >July 26 - Buccaneer Bash - Pick's
- >July 27 - Pirate Day - Portage Lakes State Park
- >July 27 - Pancake Breakfast - Civic Center
- >Aug 1 thru Aug 30 - Purple Martin Boat Rides

ALL ABOUT PLK...

Our club meets every Wednesday. You can join us at 6:30 pm for dinner, which is catered by Lukity's Restaurant, a full meal for just \$10.00, or you can attend any meeting which begins at 7:00 pm. We'd love to have you.

We meet at the Civic Center, located at 725 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, OH 44319. Telephone number (330) 644-8967.

Our website is: www.plkiwanis.org and please check out our facebook page too under Portage Lakes Kiwanis.

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KIWANIS MISSION STATEMENT

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.