



## PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

February 4, 2024



### PRESIDENTS DAY SHOWCASE

We will once again host our annual President's Day Showcase on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Our club invites the President of local Portage Lakes non-profits to come in and speak about their organization. We'll have a dozen or so speakers join us for dinner and the program. Larry Hunter is the chair for this event. An RSVP is needed for dinner so let Larry or Al know in advance if you will be coming to eat that night. This is a really fun and informative meeting, so please try to attend.

**PORTAGE LAKES**



**FREE FUN FOR THE FAMILY**  
Join us for activities including a PETTING ZOO, TAKE HOME CRAFTS, FOOD AND PHOTOS/MEET & GREET WITH:

- EASTER BUNNY
- PLX PIRATES
- ROSE QUEEN
- SANTA

Families will get a preview of our community activities throughout the year.



Contact us:  
[www.PLKiwaniis.org](http://www.PLKiwaniis.org)  
@PLKiwaniis @PLKiwaniis

### Calendar Kick-Off Extravaganza

Saturday, March 9th 1:00 – 4:00  
at Kiwanis Civic Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr.





## HIPPITY HOPPITY EASTER'S ON ITS WAY

Save the date of March 30, 2024 for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. It will be held on the lawn at the Tudor House. This is a free community event for children. We will have games, prizes, the balloon pop, visits with the Easter Bunny and of course the egg hunt. The Little Roaming Railroad will join us again this year with free train rides for both children and adults. We will be stuffing eggs at the Civic Center on Wednesday March 13th and finish on March 20th if necessary. Please join us at 6:30 pm if you can help. Connie Nagy is the chair of this event; please contact her if you can help volunteer the day of the event. More details to follow.



This fundraiser is winding down and will end on February 14th. Community Cash Back is an easy, local fundraiser for non-profit organizations like ours! Simply save your Acme receipts and turn them in to Cathy at any meeting. The last day to turn in your receipts is Wednesday February 21, 2024. Many thanks to everyone that has turned in receipts for the last six months, very much appreciated. If you have turned in receipts you are entered into a prize drawing to be held February 21st.

## **KIWANIS MID-YEAR EDUCATION DAY**

**Kiwanis Mid-Year Education day is fast approaching. This will be a virtual event and will take place on March 16, 2024. This will include keynote speakers, specific workshop tracks facilitated by top-notch presenters from around the country and all from the comfort of your own home. Our club will pay for two people to attend, first come first served. Please see Cathy Dietz if you are interested.**



**Our guest speakers for February and March are as follows:**

**Wednesday February 7, 2024 Tiffany Wearstler a Parent Mentor for Coventry Schools will join us to speak about this program at Coventry and what they do.**

**Wednesday February 14, 2024 member Marcia Ponikvar who works at Progressive Insurance will come in and speak about insurance issues and problems and give us some tricks and tips to better understand what happens behind the scenes.**

**Wednesday March 6, 2024 Elliott Clarkson from the Ohio Key Clubs will speak about Key Clubs which is where teens join this division of Kiwanis while in high school.**

**Please try to attend these meetings to support our speakers. Thank you to Chuck Seeley who arranges for our guest speakers.**



**On Wednesday, April 10th we will have 'dinner out' at Dano's Lakeside Pub. The Wednesday specials are a Prime Rib Dinner and a Meatball Sub Platter. Please arrive no later than 6:30 to join in the fun!**

**DIV. 16 WELCOMES  
GOVERNOR JASON MILLER**



**HELPING HANDS IN SERVICE TOGETHER TO BENEFIT  
SHELTER CARE SAFE LANDING AND SNOW ANGELS**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

**Doors Open-5:45 PM Pledge and Dinner Invocation-6:15 PM**

**St George Orthodox Church Hall**

**3204 Ridgewood Rd.**

**Fairlawn, Ohio 44333**

**Tickets: \$24 per person**

**Dinner Buffet will include:**

**Salad and Rolls, Coffee, and Tea**

**Bourbon Chicken with Rice and Pork Tenderloin with Rice**

**Dessert**

*Limited Vegan meals available please order on your RSVP*

RSVP including any SLP guests required to Barb Baley, Div. 16 Secretary

[bashabal@yahoo.com](mailto:bashabal@yahoo.com) or text 330-858-3520

All checks for dinner payable to *Kiwanis of Copley Fairlawn*

You may pay at the door with check, cash, or credit card.

You may also prepay by check and send to:

Jerry Baley 4785 Heather Hills Rd. Akron Ohio 44333

**Deadline to RSVP February 15, 2024**

**Questions contact Barb Baley**

**Please RSVP by February 15, 2024 if you will be attending.**



**Our weekly dinner provider, Lukity's will be raising the price of dinner by a dollar effective Wednesday February 7th. The price for dinner will now be \$15.00 which includes an entree, potato, vegetable, tossed salad, a dinner roll, beverage, and dessert. Unfortunately they have no choice with the rising cost of food. If at all possible, please continue to support our club meals.**



I have now sent out the member spotlight questionnaire's to all members. PLEASE complete and return to me in the enclosed envelope or give it to me at any meeting. If for some reason you didn't get one or have misplaced it, please let me know and I will be happy to send you another one. Please participate, it's fun to read about our members. [cathy.dietz61@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com)



#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

02/03 Marcia Ponikvar  
02/03 Shelly Somerville  
02/11 Jonathan Zito  
02/28 Bob Goff

#### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

Jay Feldman - 41 years  
Tom Burge - 38 years  
Vicki Kepnes - 23 years  
Becky Shookman - 8 years  
Bob Kansa - 6 years  
Melissa Millmier - 5 years  
Kay Lukac - 4 years  
Kelley Nagy - 1 year  
Shelley Betz - 1 year  
Ryan Vaughan 1 year

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

02/05 Jay & Connie Feldman

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- >February 7, Tiffany Wearstler, Parent Mentor at Coventry Schools, speaker
- >February 14, Marcia Ponikvar, guest speaker on insurance, also new member inductions
- >February 21, President's Day Showcase
- >February 28, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting

### **LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:**

- >March 6, Elliott Clarkson, guest speaker from Ohio Key Club
- >March 9, Calendar Kickoff event, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
- >March 13, Easter egg stuffing
- >March 20, Easter egg stuffing if needed
- >March 16, Mid Year Education Day (Virtual event)
- >March 27, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting
- >March 30, Easter Egg Hunt
- >April 10, Dinner out at Dano's Lakeside Pub
- >April 16, Taste of Coventry at Gather at the Lakes, please get tickets from member Crystal Cianciola
- >May 27, Memorial Day Parade
- >July 13, Pancake Breakfast at Civic Center
- >July 20, Dragonboat Festival
- >July 27, Pirate Day on the Lake

**KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:** Please keep our members and friends in special thought and prayers.

Barry Terjesen  
Nancy Terjesen  
Frank Smith  
Kay Lukac

**ALL ABOUT PLK...**Our club is currently meeting every Wednesday. You can join us at 6:30 pm for dinner, which is catered by Lukity's Restaurant, a full meal for just \$15.00, 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](http://www.plkiwanis.org) and please check out and like our Facebook page too, under Portage Lakes Kiwanis.

**KIWANIS MISSION STATEMENT - Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.**

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