



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for April 17, 2022



Our annual Easter Egg hunt got off to a bit of a rough start with rainy and cold weather, but ended up quite nicely when the rain stopped and the sun came out. We'd like to thank Connie Nagy and Al Grzeschik for all their hard work and dedication in chairing this event. Thank you to ALL volunteers who helped plan, implement, and help out at the event. None of this would have been possible without YOU. Many thanks to the New Franklin Fire Department, The Little Roaming Railroad, and GASP who participated as well. In spite of the weather we had a good turnout and a lot of happy children.





Happy Easter to you and your family. Easter is the time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love, and joy through our risen Savior.



Our club elections are coming up in May. If you would like to run for an officer position or nominate someone, please contact Al Grzeschik. All club members are eligible to vote on election Wednesday. The date will be announced soon.



Charles John Kepnes Sr.

It is with great sadness to learn that our friend Charlie Kepnes passed away at his home surrounded by his family, on Wednesday April 13, 2022. Charlie courageously fought a battle with cancer for several years. Although we are sad that Charlie is no longer with us, we are relieved to know he is at peace. Charlie meant a great deal to our club, Charlie was a Past President, long time treasurer, and dedicated volunteer for over 30 years. Charlie had a giant heart and touched the life of everyone he met. He will be missed by all of us. Please keep Vicki and their family in thought and prayer as they face this very difficult time in their lives. You can read Charlie's obituary at www.mooreffh.com.



Congratulations to 12 club members that received the Perfect Attendance Award for March. These members received a bag of flavor coated popcorn. Way to go!

**Gene Cole
Bob Fowler
Al Grzeschik
John Hercules
Larry Hunter
Kay Lukac
Connie Nagy
Phil Pinnow
Dana Roderick
Chuck Seeley
Connie Vaughan
Stanley Vaughan**



Many thanks to Rosanne Edwardson and John Hercules for delivering Easter Baskets to the residents at the Kiwanis Towers. It really brings a smile to the folks that live there; as some of them have no family at all. It is always important that we remember them, but especially on holidays.



KIWANIS CONVENTIONS

The Kiwanis International Convention will be held June 8 - 11 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Kiwanis District Convention will be held August 12 - 14 in Wooster, Ohio.

If you would like to attend either of these, please let Cathy know and she will get you registered. We do have money in the budget for registration fees for two people to attend. It would be wonderful to have representation from our Club at either Convention.

This coming Wednesday, April 20th at our regular meeting, we will break off into our newly formed Committees. The committee sub-meetings will be held on the Wednesday before Board Meetings every month. At this meeting, each committee will choose a chair person and come up with a budget. If you have not signed up to be on a committee, you will have the opportunity to do so on Wednesday.



Donate Your Gently Worn, Used and New Shoes To

Help us raise funds for our organization by
donating your gently worn,
used and new shoes!

And don't forget to ask friends, family,
neighbors and co-workers to donate too!



Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors.
Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations.
They are typically operated by one person or family and
friends, depending on size.

WHERE & WHEN

LOCATIONS:

The Barberton Moose

Town Park Cleaners

Boggs Chiropractic

Waikem Ford & Honda

Bling It On Apparel

Portage Lakes Deli & Dogs

Kiwanis Civic Center

DRIVE-THRU DATES:

Contact

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We need your input...all Kiwanis members are welcome to contribute to our Newsletter. We are in need of family news, Kiwanis news, community news, or any information you would like our club members to know. You can email me at cathy.dietz61@gmail.com with your news.



This year our annual Kiwanis Night Rubber Ducks game will be held on Friday May 27th at Canal Park. The Rubber Ducks will be playing the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, the game begins at 7:05 pm and there will be fireworks after the game. Reservations have been made and tickets will soon be available. We always have great seats and this will be a fun way to kick off Memorial Day weekend.

BIRTHDAYS:

04/03 Connie Vaughan
04/20 Vicki Kepnes
04/30 Steve Hess

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

John Schermesser - 41 years
Glen Sheets - 27 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- >April 19 - Division 16 meeting at R. Shae Brewing
- >April 20 - newly formed committee meetings
- >April 27 - Regular Meeting & Board Meeting

FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD

- >May 27, Rubber Ducks game
- >June 4, Clean-up at Camp Manitoc
- >June 26, Martifest/Purple Martins
- >July 9, Portage Lakes Fireworks
- >July 23, Dragon Boat Festival
- >July 30, Pirate Pancake Breakfast
- >July 30, Pirate Day at State Park
- >October 1 - Rose Day

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer for health issues:
Kay Lukac
Judy Pinnow - home recuperating

Tierny Goodwin and baby Kieran Riley - Jeff Goodwin's daughter and grand-child.
Baby is still hospitalized and can use our prayers.

Please pray for comfort and peace for the Kepnes Family.

If you know of any Kiwanis members that are in need of prayer, please let me know.
I will be happy to add them to our prayer list.

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 \$12.00, 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.

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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