



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for April 7, 2019

EASTER EGG HUNT 2019

The Annual Portage Lakes Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 20, 2019 at the Tudor House. We had a great turnout at our meeting last week to get all of the eggs stuffed including several visitors, local scouts, and Key Club members. Thanks to everyone for the help; we couldn't have gotten the work done without you.



The Easter Egg Hunt festivities will begin at 11:00 am at the Tudor House, with the Egg Hunt starting at NOON. We will need as many members and volunteers as possible to help out on April 20th. It is time consuming to lay out all the eggs and to keep all of the children out of the roped off areas until the egg hunt begins. We have many fun activities planned for the kids. **VOLUNTEERS PLEASE BE AT THE TUDOR HOUSE AT 9:00 AM READY TO SET UP AND PUT THE EASTER EGGS OUT.**

KIWANIS MISSION STATEMENT

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

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.



On March 27th, Denice Shaffer from Jr. Achievement, came and spoke with us about their program and the many things they do. She told us about the three pillars of their foundation and their core values of education. It was an interesting program. She left some literature and ways you can volunteer. Their website is www.juniorachievement.org if you would like more information.

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

**Charlie Kepnes
Frank Smith**

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!



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.



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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

A while back, Ben Tegel from the Akron Children's Museum came and spoke with us about the many fun things that were in the works for the kids in the area. One of those programs was the Ninja Course, and that project is finally coming close to being completed. Ben and his crew are asking for volunteers to come and help with the following: moving items, laying the flooring, painting, and fastening racks to the concrete floor. The next work day will be Sunday, April 14th from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. If you have this time available and are skilled in these areas, please consider helping this very worthy organization out. Email Ben directly at betegel@hotmail.com if you have any questions or need more information.



**Esther Cole
Gene Cole
Dale Dietz
Bob Fowler
Jon Freeman
John Hercules
Larry Hunter
Bob Kansa
Melissa Millmier**

These nine individuals made the commitment to come to every Kiwanis meeting in the month of March! Way to go, you rock!

The International Welcome Center, one of our guest speakers at the President's Day Showcase back in February, is having a luncheon on Tuesday, April 30th. The subject is how they plan to help and bring joy to Akron's displaced immigrant and refugee families. They have invited members from our club to attend, have lunch, and enjoy their speakers. Please let me know if you would like to attend as soon as possible, as the RSVP is due on April 15th. Thank you, Cathy.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS:

- >April 16 - Division 16 Meeting - PLK Host
- >April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt

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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