



## **PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR**

August 20, 2023

### **KIWANIS TOWER DINNER**

Our annual Kiwanis Tower Dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at **6:00 pm**. This dinner will be held at the Civic Center. The Kiwanis Tower residents will be joining us for dinner that night, as this dinner allows us to meet and greet with the residents and get an update of events going on at the Tower. Please attend this dinner to show our support for the residents of the Tower. This invitation is open to all Kiwanis members and all Kiwanis Tower residents. There is no charge to attend this special dinner.



Our annual Fish Fry will be held at the Civic Center on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased from President Larry Hunter. Please bring a covered dish to share. Mike Studeny from the ODNR will be our guest speaker for the evening. Please make plans to attend and get your tickets soon, this is usually a sold out event.

### **OHIO STATE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**

Many thanks to Steve Hess for chairing the OSU Raffle fundraiser. We raised \$560.00, keeping \$3.00 out of every ticket we sold. Thank you to everyone that sold tickets and everyone that bought tickets. The drawing will be held next week and one lucky winner will receive the grand prize which is two tickets to the seven home games the Ohio State Football team will play. The seats are located in Section 22 , row 26 on the 45 yard line.



Many thanks to the **NINETEEN** PLK club members that volunteered at the Dragons on the Lake Festival held on the beach at Portage Lakes State Park on August 12th. This very special event is a day of community, camaraderie and competition. Teams of 20 paddlers competed for top honors in three different divisions: Corporate, Community and Breast Cancer Survivor. It was a beautiful day until about 2:30 pm...then the monsoon hit.

A promotional graphic for a fundraising event. It has a dark blue background. At the top, "COVENTRY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION" is written in white. Below this is a photo of a corn roast with corn, potatoes, and shrimp. To the right of the photo, the text "CORN ROAST &amp; LOW COUNTRY BOIL" is written in a large, black, hand-drawn font. Below that, "AUG. 26 | 5 - 9 P.M." is written in a similar font. At the bottom left, it says "THIS EVENT ALWAYS SELLS OUT!". At the bottom right, it says "FUNDRAISING EVENT". In the center, there is a logo for "PRIME VINE WINERY &amp; EVENT CENTER".

The Annual Corn Roast & Low Country Boil is a fundraising event for Coventry Local School teacher grants and student scholarships. This is one of their biggest fundraisers of the year! Join the Coventry School Foundation at this year's Corn Roast and a Low Country Boil! This elevated event is at Prime Vine Winery in Portage Lakes, OH. Great food, paired with great wine & spirits, live entertainment by our favorite PastTime Band, raffle baskets, a silent auction, 50/50, and so much more!

Presale tickets are available for \$40. After Aug. 1, ticket sales increase to \$45 per person and \$50 at the door. This event ALWAYS sells out! The Coventry Schools Foundation supports students and teachers by providing scholarships and teacher grants. Last year, we gave \$5,000 in scholarships and \$10,000 in teacher grants. We rely on donations and a few fundraisers each year to support our Coventry students and teachers financially.

**Even though it is after August 1st, please see member Crystal Cianciola, who is on the Coventry Schools Foundation Board, and she will get you tickets for \$40.00. Thank you for your support.**

# Twilight Boat Ride Purple Martin Migration Tour

Every year from August through mid-September hundreds of Purple Martins flock to local Nimisila Reservoir in Green Ohio, to settle in the reeds overnight as they prepare for migration back to South America. The PLPMA offers Twilight Boat Rides from early August through Labor Day to experience this wonder of nature. Cost is \$35 per person and Reservations are REQUIRED. Our 2- 2.5-hour narrated tour will include the history of Nimisila with opportunities to see Eagles, Osprey, Herons, Cormorants, and many other birds and wildlife who call the area home. Nimisila offers spectacular sunsets to enjoy as you wait for the birds to gather. The aerial show is something you really need to see.

**You can book your spot directly for the pontoon boatride at [portagelakespurplemartins.com](http://portagelakespurplemartins.com). If you have any questions, please contact Kay Lukac, President of the Portage Lakes Purple Martins.**



## LEGION OF HONOR AWARDS

**We recently celebrated two Legion of Honor recipients. First is Connie Nagy who celebrated 25 years of service with PLK. She joined the club in July of 1998. Connie takes on the enormous job of both Easter Egg Chair and Santa Delivery Chair.**

**Rosanne Edwardson also received a Legion of Honor Award for 35 years of service with the Portage Lakes Kiwanis. She joined PLK in August of 1988. Rose is a Past President as well as a Past Lieutenant Governor.**

**Congratulations to both of these young ladies; this award is a testament of dedication and commitment to our club and our community. President Larry Hunter presented the awards.**



**Larry presenting to Rosanne**



**On Saturday November 4th our club will hold a Quarter Auction fundraiser at the Barberton Moose which is on 31st Street in Barberton. We will have local vendors like Color Street, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, etc to be present to sell their wares and each will be asked to donate a basket to be raffled off. How the auction works: You will bid on quality vendor raffle baskets with one to four quarters, depending on the retail value. Bids are then collected in the basket provided and you hold your paddle up. A randomly chosen number is called. If the person with that paddle number placed a bid, he or she wins the item. Numbers will continue to be drawn until there is a basket winner.**

**In addition we will have a ticket raffle with baskets donated by club members and businesses in the community. There will be a 50/50 raffle and food available for purchase. The auction will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 pm with doors opening at 3:00 pm for registration and vendor shopping. Tickets will be \$10.00 per paddle, and you can buy additional paddles for \$5.00 each at the door. Tickets will be available soon. Mark the date on your calendar!**

**We are asking for raffle basket donations from every member and also ask that you sell at least two tickets for the event. We will need several members to volunteer at the event. If you have any questions or need any additional information please email [cathy.dietz61@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com)**



**Community Cash Back is an easy, local fundraiser for non-profit organizations like ours! Simply save your receipts and turn them in to Cathy at any meeting. We did very well with this program last year, so hopefully we can do even better this year. We'll have some contests, drawings, and incentives over the next six months. The program runs from August 1, 2023 – February 15, 2024. Save those receipts!**



## SHOE FUNDRAISER

Many thanks to Connie Vaughan who was the chair of our second shoe fundraiser. Over 3700 pairs of shoes were collected for residents in third world countries, many of who have no shoes at all. Thank you to **EVERYONE** that donated shoes, this fundraiser would not be possible without you. The shoes were picked up this past Saturday at the Civic Center.



Please keep Marcia and Anthony Ponikvar in your thoughts and prayers as Marcia's son Cory Matthew Scherer passed away on August 2, 2023. It is always hard to say goodbye to our loved ones, but especially hard to say goodbye to your child. Cory's obituary can be viewed at [donovanfuneralhome.com](http://donovanfuneralhome.com)

## SPEAKERS

This Wednesday, August 23rd, Chris Patterson from Friends in Tents will come to speak with us about their mission, please attend to support their agency.

On Wednesday, September 20th, Bethany McKenney and Dorothy Somerville from BACM (Barberton Area Christian Ministries) will come fill us in on the many things they do for our community. They have grown leaps and bounds in the last few years!

On Wednesday, October 18th, Dr. William Lanzinger will come in to speak with us about the amazing things the Autism Society does in our area.

Many thanks to Chuck Seeley for arranging all of our speakers this year. We have had a wide variety of subjects.



**Kiwanis**  
2023 LABOR DAY  
**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**

Monday, September 4  
7:00am-1:00pm  
St. Augustine Hall (204 6<sup>th</sup> St. NW)

Advance Tickets:  
\$6.00 for adults  
\$3.00 for kids (6-12 yrs)  
Kids 5 yrs and under FREE

At the Door:  
\$7.00 for adults  
\$4.00 for kids (6-12 yrs)  
Kids 5 yrs and under FREE

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!**  
- Barberton Kiwanis Members  
- Farmer's Market, Tuesdays 2-7

barbertonkiwanis@gmail.com  
for more information

All proceeds benefit Barberton youth and community projects.

Please come out and support the Barberton Club at their annual Pancake Breakfast. All the details are show above. A group from our club meets at the Hall at 9:00 am to have breakfast together. All are welcome!

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

08/02 Cassie Freeman  
08/02 Juanita Gehm  
08/02 Kelley Nagy  
08/06 Paul Schuckert  
08/12 Dale Dietz  
08/15 Ryan Vaughan  
08/16 Stanley Vaughan  
08/17 Helen Thigpen  
08/23 Jon Veilhaber  
08/30 Bricey Bayonnet  
08/30 Sue Fassoles  
08/30 Anthony Ponikvar

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

Rosanne Edwardson - 35 years  
Barry Terjesen - 7 years  
Benjamin Pearson - 4 years  
Stanley Vaughan - 4 years  
Jim Welton - 4 years

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

08/02 Sue & John Fassoles  
08/04 Barry & Nancy Terjesen  
08/07 Jeff & Denise Goodwin  
08/08 Glen & Georgia Sheets  
08/10 Jill & William Lanzinger  
08/16 Chuck & Betty Seeley  
08/23 Rosanne & Terry Edwardson

### **KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:**

>Please keep Marcia and Anthony Ponikvar in your thoughts and prayers with Christian sympathy for the loss of their son.  
>Frank Smith

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

- >August 23, Chris Patterson/speaker with Friends in Tents
- >August 26, Coventry Schools Foundation Corn Roast at Prime Vine Winery, tickets available from Crystal Cianciola
- >August 30, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting

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

- >September 6, Annual Fish Fry at Civic Center
- >September 13, Kiwanis Tower Dinner at Civic Center, **6:00 pm**
- >September 20, Bethany McKenney & Dorothy Somerville with BACM, speaker
- >September 27, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting
- >October 7, Rose Day 2023
- >October 11, Charter Party at Canal Grille
- >October 18, Speaker/Dr. Lanzinger for the Autism Society
- >November 4, Quarter Auction fundraiser at Barberton Moose
- >November 17, Girls Night In, Holiday Event



This week our member spotlight will shine on Jay Feldman. Jay was born in Warren, Ohio in June of 1943. He attended 1st through 6th grades in Warren schools and attended 6th through 12th grade in the Howland School System. He participated in the Rifle Club in high school. He attended Kent State for a few years then transferred to Youngstown State until he was drafted in to the Army. Jay met his wife Ellen on a blind date in Youngstown. They had four children; Mike who is deceased, Laura, Kimberly, and Michelle. They have two grandchildren and one great grandchild. Jay went to work for his dad when he opened his first Arby's and worked there until he went in to the Army.

Some fun facts; the last book Jay read was written by W.R. Benton. His favorite hobby is photography of all types. In his spare time he likes to read, watch television, and take pictures. Jay likes country music and Christian music. His favorite vacation was an Alaskan Cruise and his least favorite trip was to South America. His bucket list trip would be to visit the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador. I asked if you had to eat one meal for the rest of your life what would that be and his



answer was ribeye steak! The one item he could not live without is his I-pad pro. The one person who inspires him is our own Tom Longworth.

Jay's stockbroker way back when was Scott Shookman and Scott is the one that got Jay interested in Kiwanis. Scott was of course Jay's sponsor too. Jay officially joined PLK in February of 1983; forty years ago. Jay has served as a board member of PLK and as the treasurer of the Civic Center. He served on the scholarship committee as well. Jay has received four Legion of Honor Awards as well as the prestigious Hixon Award in 2002. When asked what he has most enjoyed about being a member of PLK he replied the camaraderie of his fellow Kiwanians and helping people. His advice to someone considering joining Kiwanis would be JOIN! It will help you become a better citizen and you will build friendships that will last a lifetime. He has learned how to work with people on projects with many successful outcomes. Jay **LOVES** photography and has enjoyed taking photos of Kiwanis events including Santa Delivery, boat rides, fish fry's, and Charter parties. Jay and his wife moved to Naples Florida in 2015 but he still keeps his membership active with the Portage Lakes Kiwanis. He keeps up to date via the newsletter, our website, and Facebook page. If you'd like to drop Jay a message you can e-mail him at [jfeldman4@me.com](mailto:jfeldman4@me.com).



Jay and his wife Ellen

**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 \$14.00, 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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