



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for December 5, 2021

SANTA DELIVERY 2021

URGENT URGENT URGENT...

We have one route left that needs a team captain. The route remaining is a shorter one and we will assist with the routing if needed. We need someone that has been out on Christmas Eve before and knows the ropes. If you can fill this urgent need please contact Connie or Al as soon as possible.

We could also use a few more volunteers to assist on routes, help out at the Civic Center the week of December 12th, and work at the Civic Center on Christmas Eve. If you are available to help, please contact Al or Connie.

Please note this year the package drop off locations will be the Coventry Fire Department and the New Franklin Fire Department opening on Monday, December 6, 2021 from 8am to 8pm and closing at 5pm on Sunday December 19, 2021. The Kiwanis Civic Center will be open beginning Monday, December 12, 2021 from 10am to 8pm and closing at 5pm on Monday, December 20, 2021.



Come out and visit Santa Claus! Stan and Connie Vaughan have an amazing Christmas decoration display at their home located at 4700 South Arlington. Santa is available for visits and photos every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6 to 8pm. Please consider bringing a shoe donation to support the Green High ROTC fund raiser. Bring your kids or grandchildren out for a visit!



New Years Eve Party

A New Years Eve Party will be held at the Civic Center on Friday, December 31, 2021. Doors will open at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:30 pm. There will be games and prizes and the Blue Gill will drop at precisely midnight! On the menu is pork and sauerkraut, beef tenderloin, shrimp, and all the fixings. The cost to attend is \$25.00 per person plus a side dish or dessert to share - you may be assigned a dish. For reservations call/see Chuck Seeley (330) 418-0947 or Larry Hunter (330) 644-1540. Plan to attend this wonderful annual event.



SHOE DRIVE SHOE DRIVE SHOE DRIVE SHOE DRIVE

Stan and Connie Vaughan's granddaughter Haley is a member of the Green High School Air Force ROTC. As a service project and fund-raiser they are collecting outdated, outgrown, and gently worn shoes to clean and repair, then those shoes will be sent to impoverished countries. They will take any shoe...flip flops, tennis shoes, baby shoes, boots, and even sports cleats. The monies earned will be used for drill competitions and training. You can drop your donation off at Green High School any school day, or you can bring them to the Civic Center any Wednesday from 6 to 8pm. You can also contact Connie Vaughan at dreamcricket@aol.com to arrange a pick up. Thank you.

The Coventry Christmas Tree Lighting Event sponsored by Picks/PLX was held Sunday 12/5. Our club had a table for folks to drop off food for our Blessings in a Backpack program and to collect toys for the needy in our community. We handed out candy canes and hats and gloves to those that needed them. Many thanks to members Al Grzeschik, Cathy & Dale Dietz, Dana Roderick, Bob Kansa (and Mary), Rosanne Edwardson, John Hercules, Jim Welton, Jonathan Zito, and Tim Peterson for setting up and manning the display. Such a wonderful community event.



KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

- Charlie Kepnes
- Joyce Longworth
- Betty Seeley
- Al Grzeschik
- Kay Lukac

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.

BIRTHDAYS:

12/02 - Lisa Fouser
12/16 - Jim Davis
12/20 - Rosemarie Ripple
12/24 - Barry Terjesen

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Cass Freeman - 16 years
Frank Smith - 16 years
Tim Peterson - 15 years
Bob Fowler - 6 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Charlie & Vicki Kepnes - Dec 3
Bob & Jenny Fowler - Dec 10



There were ten Kiwanians that had Perfect Attendance in November.

**Al Grzeschik
Rosanne Edwardson
Bob Fowler
John Hercules
Steve Hess
Chuck Seeley
Connie Vaughan
Stanley Vaughan
Jim Welton
Jonathan Zito**

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- >December 24 - Christmas Eve Santa Delivery**
- >December 29 - No regular meeting at the Civic Center**
- >December 31 - New Year's Eve Party at Civic Center**

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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