



## PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for February 6, 2022



Our annual community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16th. We are planning to return to our traditional Saturday festivities with games, balloon pop, the fire truck, the Easter bunny, the egg hunt, and much more. This free event is for families in our community. Our meetings on April 6th and April 13th will be dedicated to stuffing the thousands of eggs to be scattered on the lawn at the Tudor House. Please come and help. We will also need volunteers to assist on Egg hunt day.



Our club is looking to raise some funds in the very near future for some additional expenses we will be incurring. We are in need of fund-raiser ideas! Please let us know if you have any tried and true ideas, or an event you attended that could work out for our club. We welcome suggestions.

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](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com) with your news.

## KIWANIS OHIO DISTRICT MID-YEAR EDUCATION DAY

The annual Kiwanis Mid-Year Education day will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at the Crown Plaza Columbus in Worthington Ohio. The Keynote speaker will be Shawn 'Spike' Smith who will be speaking about diversity, equity, and inclusion in the opening ceremony with an additional afternoon session about special interest clubs. Other topics that will be covered are parliamentary procedures, how to conduct effective meetings, open houses, grant writing, benefits of using social media, and how to find officers for your club. It would be wonderful to have someone from our club to represent at mid-year. We do offer a scholarship for two members if you would like to attend. Please see Cathy or Al to assist with registration, the deadline is fast approaching.



### Perfect Attendance Awards for January 2022

We had nine members that earned the perfect attendance award for January. The award was a scratch off lottery ticket. Way to go, thank you for your commitment and dedication to our club. The recipients were:

Cathy Dietz  
Dale Dietz  
Rosanne Edwardson  
Bob Fowler  
Al Grzeschik  
John Hercules  
Dana Roderick  
Connie Vaughan  
Stanley Vaughan



**At our meeting last Wednesday we put together Valentines for the residents at the Kiwanis Towers. They are plastic shovels filled with M&M's that say 'We Dig You'. Members Rosanne Edwardson and John Hercules have graciously volunteered to deliver them and pass them out to the residents.**



**At our December 1, 2021 Board Meeting, there was a unanimous vote to change the date of our monthly Board Meeting to the last Wednesday of the month instead of the first Wednesday of the month. If you are a member you are welcome to attend any Board Meeting so we wanted to make everyone aware of the change. Thank you.**

## **BIRTHDAYS:**

**02/11 Jonathan Zito**  
**02/28 Bob Goff**

## **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Jay Feldman - 39 years**  
**Tom Burge - 36 years**  
**Vicki Kepnes - 21 years**  
**Becky Shookman - 6 years**  
**Bob Kansa - 4 years**  
**Melissa Millmier - 3 years**

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

**02/05 Jay & Connie Feldman**

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

The District 16 monthly meeting in January was postponed due to bad weather. It has been rescheduled for February 15th and will be held at the Wolf Creek Winery. Social time begins at 6:30 with the meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. You are welcome to bring in your own food and they do have snacks for purchase as well. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting, come out and see what other clubs in our district are doing.

- >February 15, District 16 meeting
- >February 23, Board Meeting & Regular Meeting
- >March 19, Kiwanis Mid-Year Education day
- >April 6th & April 13th, Easter Egg stuffing
- >April 16, Easter Egg Hunt at the Tudor House

Our treasurer Dana and her team are trying to finalize the budget, but are missing some important information. They need budget forecasts for almost all committees. If you are the chair of a committee or on a committee please get this information turned in. Forms are available at the Civic Center or you can email Dana at [d1687@hotmail.com](mailto:d1687@hotmail.com) with the info.

The new MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS are available. You can obtain one at the Civic Center any Wednesday or if you would like to receive one in the mail just shoot me a message. My email address is [cathy.dietz61@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com).

### **KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:**

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

Charlie Kepnes

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.

### **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](http://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.**

