



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for February 9, 2019



2019 PRESIDENTS DAY SHOWCASE - **UPDATED INFORMATION**

The 2019 Presidents Day Showcase will be held at the Civic Center on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. We have invited several new groups to attend this year along with some of our usual veteran speakers. **We will have a VERY special guest in attendance; Governor Faith Levine will be here to visit.** Let's all rally together and show her what an amazing club and facility we have here in Portage Lakes. Dinner will be catered by Lukity's and will begin at 6:30 pm, cost is \$10.00 per person, please plan on attending. You won't be disappointed. This promises to be a fun informational evening. To make sure we have enough food for everyone, please make your reservation with Al by emailing al5198@hotmail.com, call the Civic Center at 644-8967 or just let him know by Saturday 2/16.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

The Akron Boat Show at the John S. Knight Center in downtown Akron has graciously donated a booth for the show March 1st thru March 3rd, 2019. The PLK will be manning the booth with pirates, information on the Buccaneer Bash and the Children's Pirate Day. There will also be information on club membership and Rose Day. Anyone interested in dressing as a pirate and helping to run this booth please contact Bob Kansa.

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.



Our speaker on February 6, 2019 was Jackie Krieger, a 4H Educator in Summit County. She gave us quite a bit of information about the 4H program including: Agricultural and County Fairs, teaching about time management, their part in teaching on the Opiate Crisis, STEM, day camps, and nutrition education. Their involvement in the Ohio State University is extensive. She also said there are 4H programs in all 88 Ohio counties with over 16,000 trained volunteers in our state, pretty impressive !! If you have any additional questions or want any additional information, she can be reached at krieger.50@osu.edu.

OHIO DISTRICT KIWANIS MID-YEAR EDUCATION DAY

Will be held in Lewis Center, Ohio on Saturday, March 23, 2019. The day is full of educational and fun seminars. If you are interested in attending, we have money set aside in the budget for Kiwanis members to attend. If you'd like to go, please let me know as soon as possible so we can get your registration sent in.

KIWANIS MISSION STATEMENT

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

BIRTHDAYS:

02/08 Kerri Gleisinger
02/28 Bob Goff

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

02/04 Jay & Connie Feldman

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

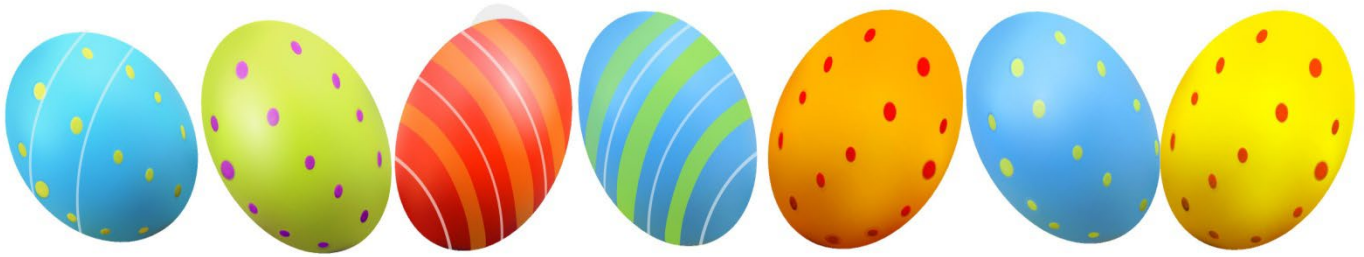
Jay Feldman - 36 years
Tom Burge - 33 years
Vicki Kepnes - 18 years
Jacob Grimm - 18 years
Becky Shookman - 3 years
Bob Kansa - 1 year



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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

It is a pleasure to announce that the Officers and Board of Directors have voted to accept the membership of Melissa Millmier. Al Grzeschik will be her sponsor and an induction ceremony will be held soon. She will be a wonderful addition to our club, and is excited to become a member.



The Annual Portage Lakes Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 20, 2019 at the Tudor House. We will be stuffing eggs at our meeting on Wednesday April 3rd, so please plan to be there, as we will need all hands on deck. We fill several thousand! If need be, we will finish up on April 10th.

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

**Charlie Kepnes
Frank Smith
Debbie Rubino**

Congratulations are in order for Chuck and Betty Seeley; they are expecting a new grandbaby in the near future.



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 .

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS:

- >February 20 - Presidents Day Showcase
- >March 6 - Board Meeting
- >March 23 - Kiwanis Mid Year Education Day
- >March 27 - Board Meeting
- >April 3 - Stuffing Easter Eggs
- >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 - Kiwanis Car Show
- >June 22 - Buckeye Martifest/Boat Parade
- >July 6 - Portage Lakes Fireworks
- >July 26 - Buccaneer Bash - Pick's
- >July 27 - Pirate Day - Portage Lakes State Park
- >Aug 1 thru Aug 30 - Purple Martin Boat Rides

Every year we get many cards of thanks and there are many stories of fun things that happen on our Santa delivery routes every year. It is always nice to hear from people in our community expressing their thanks and appreciation for our efforts. I'd like to share this one particular thank you note we received that really stood out this year...

This mother called in to the Civic Center on Christmas Eve asking if Santa could get out of the sleigh and come into their home because their daughter was bedridden and could not walk. The child was heartbroken that she would miss Santa this year; of course Santa said yes.

Dear Santa & Mrs. Claus,

I cannot begin to thank you or have a way to show my appreciation to you for what you did for my children on Christmas Eve. Coming into our home on short notice meant the world to my girls and it was just what this mother's heart needed to see the most! Thank you for coming in and trusting they were not contagious, having never heard of their conditions. Our oldest daughter has cyclic vomiting syndrome, and she had laid flat for three days prior to Christmas Eve. She was so sad she would miss you. Thank you for all you do every Christmas Eve. My girls look forward to your visit each year. It was the first smile I saw in days! You brought so much light into our lives just when we needed it most and you truly demonstrated what Christmas is all about. With love, The Knights

KIWANIANS WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN JANUARY, 2019

Esther Cole

Cathy Dietz

Jon Freeman

Al Grzeschik

John Hercules

Rosanne Mihaly Edwardson

Vicki Kepnes

Dana Roderick

The Kiwanis - Ohio Division 16 Governor's Visit will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at Guy's Party Center, here in Akron, Ohio. Faith Levine will be the keynote speaker. The cost to attend is \$25.00, and you can RSVP to Ron Hyre from the Cuyahoga Falls Kiwanis. His email is ronaldh@kiwaniscf.org.

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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