



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for February 9, 2020



In the last several weeks or so, we have had some fantastic dinners both out and in, arranged by our own Al Grzeschik. We've had wonderful fellowship, great attendance, and have seen spouses and friends we don't normally get to visit with. We started out in December at Dano's on their Prime Rib night, next we went over to DeLuca's Pizza Pub in Green where they had excellent food and service. At our meeting last week we had a Soup and Salad pot luck which was delicious! Our next adventure will be February 19th and we will be dining out at LaLa's In the Lakes on Manchester Road; come join us, we have had a great time at every one of these dinners. A very special thanks to Al who has made the arrangements for all of these special dinners!

KIWANIS MID YEAR EDUCATION DAY

The Kiwanis Mid Year Education Day will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020. The event will be held at the Nationwide Conference Center & Hotel in Lewis Center, Ohio and runs from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. There will be seminars, fellowship, fun, and food. If you would like to go, we do offer sponsorships. Please let Vicki or Cathy know and we can assist with your registration.

KIWANIS NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Kiwanis National Convention will be held Wednesday June 17 through Saturday June 20, 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana this year. There is a jam packed schedule filled with speakers, conferences, seminars, meals, and social gatherings. Same as Mid Year Education Day...if you are interested in attending, we do offer some financial assistance. Please inquire.

BIRTHDAYS:

2/28 Bob Goff

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Jay Feldman - 37 years

Tom Burge - 34 years

Vicki Kepnes - 19 years

Becky Shookman - 4 years

Bob Kansa - 2 years

Melissa Millmier - 1 year

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

2/5 Jay & Connie Feldman

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

Charlie Kepnes



At our meeting on January 29th, Chris Weiland from the Great Trail Council and Jeremiah Shoemaker the Leader from Cub Scout Troop 3337 came in and spoke to us about the Scouting Program and Scout troop that has been meeting here at the Civic Center for the last few years. They have a wonderful group of about 20 kids. At our Board meeting on February 5th, a vote was taken to sponsor this Cub Scout Troop, allow them to continue to meet in our building, and offer them assistance when needed.

If you are interested in volunteering to cover the Kiwanis booth at the Akron boat show, please e-mail Dana Roderick at d1687@hotmail.com. There are a few openings left, and by volunteering you get free access to visit all other booths at the boat show.



You do NOT want to miss the meeting this coming Wednesday, February 12th. We will have a wonderful speaker, Jenny Fowler. Jenny will come in and speak to us about the Ronald McDonald House Program. Jenny is the wife of member Bob.



We had twelve members that had perfect attendance in January! These folks will be recognized at the meeting Wednesday 02/12:

Esther Cole
Gene Cole
Cathy Dietz
Dale Dietz
Al Grzeschik
John Hercules
Larry Hunter
Rosanne Edwardson
Phil Pinnow
Dana Roderick
Chuck Seeley
Stanley Vaughan

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS:

- >Feb 12 - Speaker Jenny Fowler / Ronald McDonald House
- >Feb 19 - Dinner at LaLa's In the Lakes
- >Feb 28 thru March 1 - Boat Show at JS Knight Center

SAVE THE DATE/FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >March 21 - Mid Year Education Day - Lewis Center, Ohio
- >April 11 - Easter Egg Hunt
- >May 22 - Rubber Ducks Baseball Night Out
- >June 20 - Annual Car Show, Purple Martin Festival, Antique Boat Show
- >June 27 - Portage Lakes Fireworks
- >July 17 - Buccaneer Bash
- >July 18 - Pirate Day at Portage Lakes
- >July 25 - Dragons on the Lake Festival
- >August 1 to 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.

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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