



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for January 11, 2020

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

As we start out the New Year, please know that each and every member is a treasured volunteer and we thank you for your time and for your service...you are appreciated, and our club would not be successful without you.

Dedicated hearts like yours are not so easy to find,
it takes a special person to be so generous and kind.

To care so much for your fellow man is a quality all too rare,
yet you give of your time and talents, for all in need to share.

So thank you for being a volunteer, we're privileged to work with you,
we want you to know how appreciated you are, not just today, but the whole year through.

NEW MEMBER

At the board meeting held on January 8th, the Officers and Board of Directors voted to accept the membership of Kay Lukac. Kay will be sponsored by member Larry Hunter. Kay has resided in the Portage Lakes area for several years and is involved in many activities. She is currently the President of the Purple Martin Society which our club supports. She will be formally inducted on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, so please be sure to attend that meeting and welcome Kay.



Happy New Year! Come midnight 2020 was rung in by a small but mighty crowd. The most famous BLUE GILL in Portage Lakes was dropped at precisely the stroke of midnight. We had SO much food and drink, games and laughs a plenty, and learned that girls are smarter than boys, although they have challenged us to a rematch next year. A good time was had by all who attended. Many thanks to Larry and Cathy who planned the parts and to all that attended.



Later this year we will be doing some repairs and refurbishing to our Santa sleighs. We have ordered new tires and will be giving each sleigh a new coat of paint. When warmer weather arrives, we will dedicate a few meetings to the work the members can do...outside. The rest will be done by Russ and Rick at Summit Trailer.



On Wednesday, January 15, 2020, we will meet at DeLuca's Restaurant on Massillon Road for dinner and our meeting at 6:30 pm. There will be NO meeting at the Civic Center this coming Wednesday.

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 at Lewis Center, Ohio and runs from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. There is seminars, fellowship, fun, and food. If you would like to go, we do offer sponsorships. Please let Vicki or Cathy know if you would like to attend, we can assist with your registration.

Perfect Attendance! 

The following twelve people received the perfect attendance award for December, congratulations!!

Gene Cole
Cathy Dietz
Dale Dietz
Bob Fowler
Juanita Gehm
Al Grzeschik
Larry Hunter
Bob Kansa
Connie Nagy
Dana Roderick
Stanley Vaughan
Jim Welton

BIRTHDAYS:

1/7 Jim Welton
1/11 Melissa Millmier
1/26 Gene Cole
1/29 Charlie Kepnes

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob Goff - 30 years
Juanita Gehm - 18 years
Jon Freeman - 16 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

1/1 Tom & Joyce Longworth
1/19 Gene & Judi Cole

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

Charlie Kepnes

Our thoughts and prayers are with Connie Nagy and her family at the loss of her sister Vicki.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS:

>Jan 15 - Dinner & meeting at DeLuca's Restaurant
>Feb 5 - Board Meeting
>Feb 28 thru March 1 - Boat Show at JS Knight Center

SAVE THE DATE/FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

>April 11 - Easter Egg Hunt
>June 20 - Annual Car Show
>July 18 - Pirate Day at Portage Lakes
>July 25 - Dragons on the Lake Festival

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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