



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for January 23, 2022



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. Please let us know, thank you.

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 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 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.

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.

Sad news has been received that long time member Tom Longworth's wife Joyce has passed away. In Christian sympathy please keep Tom and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.



The Magic City Kiwanis Club is hosting their annual art auction on Saturday, January 29th at 7:00 pm. This is an on-line auction, you don't even have to leave the comfort of your own home. You can register now at bid.marlinart.com and preview all of the artwork that will go up for auction. The website shows the opening bid, a full description of each piece, and how to participate. For additional information please contact Diane Breiding at (330) 825-2225.

On Wednesday, January 19th, we had an interclub with the Barberton Noon Club. Leroy, Mike, Ken, and Lee came over to the Civic Center for a visit. They updated us on what is going on in their club with their most recent events and a few future events. It was nice to welcome them and get re-acquainted. Did you know their club was established in 1924 and they will celebrate their 100th anniversary in just a few short years.

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 with the info.

BIRTHDAYS:

01/07 Jim Welton
01/11 Melissa Millmier
01/26 Gene Cole
01/29 Charlie Kepnes

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob Goff - 32 years
Juanita Gehm - 20 years
Jon Freeman - 18 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

01/01 Tom & Joyce Longworth
01/19 Gene & Judi Cole

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

The January 18th District meeting was postponed due to the last snow storm and will be rescheduled soon.

- >January 26, regular meeting and board meeting
- >March 19, Kiwanis Mid-Year Education day
- >April 16, Easter Egg Hunt at the Tudor House

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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