



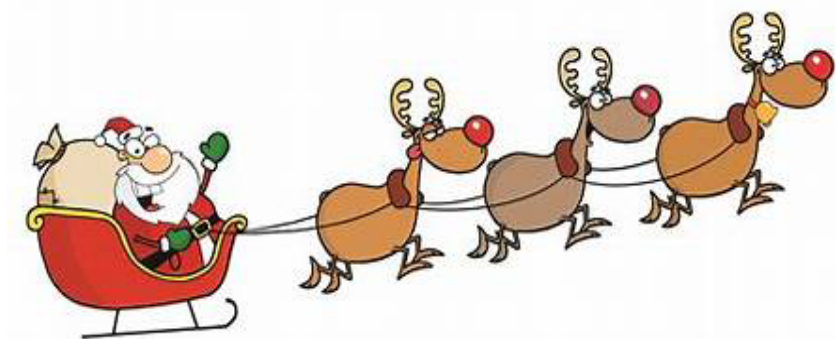
PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

January 6, 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE WRAP UP

Year 71 is now in the books. Shout out to the many volunteers who spent countless hours preparing for the big night. Thank you to Friess Welding for making sure our sleighs are road ready and to Gardner Pie Company for their generous donation to our officers and volunteers. Many thanks to the Coventry Firefighters and New Franklin Fire Department for letting Kiwanis use their facilities to drop off packages and help the residents. Thank you New Franklin Police Department and Summit County Sheriff's Office for keeping our crews safe while delivering gifts to the children in the Portage Lakes community. Until next year...

Connie Gareri Nagy and Alfred Grzeschik co-chairs



COOKIES WITH KIWANIS WRAP UP

Our annual Cookies with Kiwanis event was held on Sunday December 17th at the Kiwanis Towers on Portage Lakes Drive. Cookies, finger foods, and drinks for the Tower residents and the Kiwanis members were served. Santa visited and had a gift for each one of the residents. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon. Many thanks to all that donated food and their time, and thanks to Rosanne Edwardson for chairing the event.



COOKIES WITH KIWANIS EVENT



The drawing for the winning ticket was held on Wednesday December 13th at the Civic Center. Tom Longworth did the honor of pulling the winning ticket belonging to Spencer Imes. Spencer and a guest will be attending a Cavaliers game where they will sit in the scoring box and have access to the Lexus package; upscale five star restaurant food, beverages, and inside access to places not open to the public. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, congratulations Spencer. Many thanks to Phantom Fireworks and Lindsay Nagy for the donation. Also, thank you to Kelley and Connie Nagy for chairing this fundraiser that earned over \$2500 for our club. Thanks also to everyone that bought and sold raffle tickets.



This fundraiser is winding down and will end on February 15th. Community Cash Back is an easy, local fundraiser for non-profit organizations like ours! Simply save your Acme receipts and turn them in to Cathy at any meeting. We have already received enough receipts for the minimum filing, but keep them coming, the more receipts we get the more money we will earn, thank you.



We have a hometown hero amongst us! Gene Cole was inducted into the Coventry High School Hall of Fame for the wonderful sport of basketball. The Hall of Fame program recognizes and honors outstanding achievements of athletes that attended Coventry Local Schools. Congratulations Gene, we are very proud of you!





The Friends in Tents (FIT) sock collection for their clients that live in tents has ended. Over 500 pairs of socks were turned in shortly after Christmas. With winter arriving many do not even have the basics for cold weather, so FIT was very grateful for our donations. Many thanks to all who donated socks and all who donated money to purchase the additional socks. Your generosity is much appreciated.



This is a wonderful Christmas story that was contributed by Tom Burge and Polly. It was presented to the club on December 17th as a Happy Dollar! This is a story about Ned Mohrman and "THE RECIPE". It was written by Frank Weaver and was published in the Suburbanite in December of 2010. Debbie Rubino copied it and sent it off to Tom and Polly who live half of the year here in Akron and half of the year in Southern California. Thank you for sharing, it brought a lot of smiles!

Ned's Christmas Eggnog...This recipe was provided by the late Patty Mohrman Herwick who ran Patty's Book Store on 619 for many years. Patty was Ruth & Ned Mohrman's only child. Ned, of course is the Portage Lakes icon whose name has been immortalized on the Iron Channel Bridge. For years Ned was involved in the annual Portage Lakes Santa Home delivery program. The same one the organization has sponsored since time began. Halfway through the run Ned stopped at his home on Portage Point Boulevard and treated the volunteers to some Christmas cheer...his special eggnog. His wife Ruth actually made it, Ned only served it. The volunteers always left with a warm, cozy feeling full of Christmas

spirit. For years I'd ask Ned for that recipe, and he'd always promise, someday Frank, someday. Then one Christmas just before he passed on Ned stayed true to his promise. I made extra copies and had the master copy in the Pennsylvania Dutch cook book my mother gave me one year for a birthday gift; at least that's where I thought I'd put it. That Christmas there was no recipe to be found. Naturally I was absolutely mortified. About five years later I was telling Patty about my experience with her dad's Christmas eggnog and how I had lost the recipe. "You want the recipe Frank?" No problem she said, and she wrote it down on paper from memory. Here, and enjoy it she said with a Merry Christmas. Well folks I'm sure you can understand how I was instantly in my glory. I slipped the recipe into my wallet in my coat's inner breast pocket, pulled the zipper closed, and took off for home, eyeing anything and everything suspiciously and suspecting all kinds of shenanigans from every person I encountered. The reason I prefer this recipe is because eggs are not used. Yep, you read that right folks, it is eggless eggnog, but because it is so delicious you would never know that. So, folks, as my Christmas gift to you from the creativeness of a Portage Lakes icon, Ned Mohrman, I will share with you, "The Recipe".

Ingredients: Important DO NOT use eggs, instead buy a 1/2 gallon of very, very, very cheap vanilla ice cream. To that add two teaspoons of vanilla extract and two cups of 2% white milk. Set aside a dash or two of nutmeg. Except for the nutmeg, mix all the ingredients well with a hand or electric mixer. Pour into holiday glasses, sprinkle with nutmeg and enjoy. Now the reason for the very, very, very cheap vanilla ice cream is because it has gelatin, and as it melts, it quickly thins. Take one sip and you'll never know it was made without eggs. According to Ned, many folks refused to drink eggnog because they either didn't like it or they preferred not consuming raw eggs. That is, until they tried "The Recipe", then they were hooked. Now if you wish to strengthen it by 'doctoring' this holiday beverage with the spirits that some consume strictly for medicinal values, I prefer not including that part where you substitute a cup of whatever for a cup of the white milk. After all, this is a family newspaper. Finally cut this out, place it where it will be safe until next year and the next and the next. Don't forget where you hid it, and then enjoy the holidays year after year. When you pass this on to others make sure you tell them it's Ned Mohrman's recipe, not mine and definitely not yours.



Our club pays the registration fees for two members to attend any of these Kiwanis sponsored events. If you are interested, please let me know so I can work on your registrations. First come first served, thank you. cathy.dietz61@gmail.com

Kiwanis Mid-Year Education. This will be a virtual event and will take place on March 16, 2024. This will include keynote speakers, specific workshop tracks facilitated by top-notch presenters from around the country and all from the comfort of your own home.

Kiwanis International Convention. This annual convention will take place in Denver Colorado July 3rd thru July 6th. Discover the pathways to expanding our club's membership and what influence that has on our community. Delve into innovative fundraising concepts. Learn how to transform service projects in different ways, and receive hands on guidance in becoming a skilled Kiwanis leader. You'll connect with fellow Kiwanians for a very exciting event.

Ohio District Kiwanis Convention. This will be held on August 2nd thru August 4th, 2024 in Toledo, Ohio. This is the time for Kiwanis members to come together in fellowship, education, and to handle the business of the District which includes electing leadership and voting on other matters.

BIRTHDAYS:

01/07 Jim Welton

01/11 Melissa Millmier

01/22 Betty Seeley

01/26 Gene Cole

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob Goff - 34 years

Juanita Gehm - 22 years

Jon Freeman - 20 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

01/19 Gene & Judi Cole

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- >January 10, Regular Meeting and Board Meeting
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- >January 31, Regular Meeting and Board Meeting

LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >February 14, Marcia Ponikvar, guest speaker on insurance
- >March 6, Elliott Clarkson, guest speaker from Ohio Key Club
- >March 30, Easter Egg Hunt

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS: Please keep our members and friends in special thought and prayers.

Barry Terjesen

Frank Smith

*Here's to the blessing
of the year,
Here's to the friends
we hold so dear,
To peace on earth,
both far and near.*

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 \$14.00, 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 and like 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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