



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

July 3, 2023



PIRATE DAY IS ON THE WAY...

Our annual Pirate Day will be held on Saturday July 29th at the Portage Lakes State Park swim beach area from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The committee has great plans for a fun free community event day. There will be boat rides to Pirate Island, a treasure hunt, costume contest, pirate crafts, food and community vendors, knot tying demonstrations by the Sea Scouts, a Pirate Jeep invasion, pirates and mermaids, and **SO** much more. The Little Roaming Railroad will also be available for train rides. If you would like to volunteer, set up a booth, or need any additional information please contact Dana Roderick chair of this event at d1687@hotmail.com



The shoe drive has begun! If you have shoes you no longer want, please donate to our cause of helping third world countries. You can drop off shoes any Wednesday evening from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. A container has been put out for drop off any time at the Civic Center. Connie Vaughan is the chair of the shoe drive. Please contact her at dreamcricket@aol.com if you need any additional information or need a pick up. Many thanks to all those that have donated so far.



On Saturday November 4th our club will hold a Quarter Auction fundraiser at the Barberton Moose which is on 31st Street in Barberton. We will have local vendors like Color Street, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, etc to be present to sell their wares and each will be asked to donate a basket to be raffled off. How the auction works: You will bid on quality vendor raffle baskets with one to four quarters, depending on the retail value. Bids are then collected in the basket provided and you hold your paddle up. A randomly chosen number is called. If the person with that paddle number placed a bid, he or she wins the item. Numbers will continue to be drawn until there is a basket winner.

In addition we will have a ticket raffle with baskets donated by club members and businesses in the community. There will be a 50/50 raffle and food available for purchase. The auction will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 pm with doors opening at 3:00 pm for registration and vendor shopping. Tickets will be \$10.00 per paddle, and you can buy additional paddles for \$5.00 each at the door. Tickets will be available soon. Mark the date on your calendar!

We are asking for raffle basket donations from every member and also ask that you sell at least two tickets for the event. We will also need several members to volunteer at the event. If you have any questions or need any additional information please email cathy.dietz61@gmail.com

OHIO STATE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

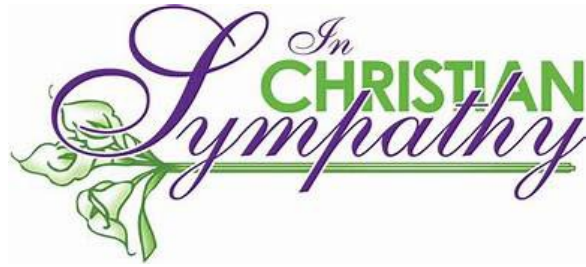
Have you picked up a batch of raffle tickets to sell to your family and friends? The Kiwanis Club of Columbus has offered all clubs in the Ohio District the opportunity to sell raffle tickets to make some money on a relatively easy fundraiser. The raffle tickets cost \$5.00 each and for every ticket our club members sell we retain \$3.00. So if we sell 500 tickets we will make \$1,500.00...see easy money. The grand prize is two tickets to the seven home games the Ohio State Football team will play. The seats are located in Section 22 , row 26 on the 45 yard line. The drawing will be held in August. Please see Steve Hess to get tickets to sell, he will have them at all Wednesday meetings. You can email him at hess0910@aol.com to arrange pick up of tickets as well. Please turn in sale money on or before August 9, 2023.



At our Board Meeting on June 28, 2023 we voted to accept the membership application of Debra Doan. Debbie is the daughter of Tom Longworth one of our original founders, and Tom will be her sponsor. Debbie has been around the Kiwanis family for many years and we are honored to have her officially join our club. Welcome! An induction date will be set soon.



Soon we will begin a new column in our newsletter. Every publication will feature a club member with the hopes of getting to know our Kiwanis family better. I will send out a questionnaire via mail and I'd like you to complete it and return it to me. Participation is not mandatory but I really really would like everyone to join in. This will take quite a while to include everyone so please be patient. I'd also like a photo as several members live out of town and we don't see them very often. Thank you in advance for your participation, Cathy.



Our heartfelt sympathies to the family of club member Betty Friess who passed away on June 24, 2023. Betty and her husband Russel were active members for many years. Please keep Jeanette and Rick Bell in special thought and prayer as they go through this very difficult time. Betty's obituary can be viewed at newcomerakron.com. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 12th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at Jeanette and Rick's home.



On Wednesday, July 19th we will meet at the Prime Vine Winery for a summer outing. They are located at 4332 Manchester Road in New Franklin, directly across the street from Lala's Restaurant. Please arrive any time after 6:00 pm but no later than 6:30 pm. They have food for purchase including charcuterie boards, meats, cheeses, fruit, nuts, and crackers. You can also order meals from Lala's to be delivered to you. Come and enjoy a glass of wine and take in the beautiful scenery. Their website is primevinewinery.com



REMINDER, there will be no meeting at the Civic Center on Wednesday, July 5th. We are taking a summer break over the holiday week.

BIRTHDAYS:

07/24 Tim Peterson
07/25 Bob Kansa

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Connie Nagy - 25 years
Joe Reinmann - 24 years
John Hercules - 9 years
Steve Hess - 5 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

07/11 Sam & Cynthia Reynolds
07/22 Stan & Connie Vaughan
07/24 Jon & Cassandra Freeman

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:
The Friess Family

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

>July 5, No meeting at the Civic Center - summer break
>July 6, Division 16 Rubber Ducks game
>July 8, Portage Lakes Fireworks
>July 19, Outing at Prime Vine Winery
>July 29, Pirate Day on the Lake

A LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

>August 12, Dragons on the Lake Festival
>August 12, Betty Friess' Celebration of Life
>September 6, Annual Fish Fry at Civic Center
>September 13, Kiwanis Tower Dinner at Civic Center, **6:00 pm**
>October 7, Rose Day 2023
>October 11, Charter Party at Canal Grille
>November 4, Quarter Auction fundraiser at Barberton Moose



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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