



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for July 31, 2022

STUPENDOUS !!

We had an awesome Pirate Day this year. Starting with the Pancake Breakfast at the Civic Center where we served twice as many as last year. Many thanks to our chair, Melissa Millmier who led the way, along with all the other Kiwanians that pitched in and helped out. Thank you to the cooks, servers, kitchen help, hospitality desk, and clean up crew...you guys did an amazing job. Also many thanks to our sponsors, we are very grateful to you.

We had a picture perfect day for the Pirates to invade State Park. Thank you to chair Dana Roderick who arranged everything for an amazing turn-out at the park. Thank you to EVERYONE that volunteered. Thanks to the boat drivers, the Pirate Island crew, the craft helpers, and registration table. Thanks to the Pirates of the Rusty Cutlass, the Firespinners, The Little Roaming Railroad, the Jeep Invasion crew, and the Mermaids. Thanks to the many local merchants, food vendors, and non-profits that participated as well. There are a lot of behind the scene jobs that were done as too including; advertising, transportation, set up and tear down, and purchasing needed products. It takes a village to put this event on so there is no way to list individual names, but please know that each and every one that helped to make this day a success is very much appreciated. The children of Portage Lakes had smiles on their faces.





PORTAGE LAKES DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

The Portage Lakes Dragon Boat Festival was held on July 23rd at the State Park. It was a beautiful day (until about 3:00) and our very own Dragon ladies placed both first and second place in the event. These women are amazing and so fun to watch in action. We had over a dozen of our Kiwanians volunteer that day, helping out in the parking lot and at the hospitality table. This a photo of the parking lot crew. Not pictured is the team down on the beach which included Rosanne, Juanita, Kay, and Kevin. Thanks to Al, Steve, and Stan for donating the use of their personal equipment and vehicles.



Parking lot 'crew'. Stan, Connie, Al, Chuck, Tim, Dale, Cathy, Dana, and Steve. Kiwanis friends Shelly and Nancy helped out too.



We will again this year be participating in the Kiwanis Ohio State Football Ticket raffle. This is a fundraiser for our club. The cost for each ticket is \$5.00 and for every ticket sold our club gets to keep \$3.00. The winning ticket pulled in August will receive two great seats to every Ohio State home football game. Please see any Kiwanis member to purchase your tickets, and Kiwanis members please see Steve Hess to obtain tickets to sell. ALL MONIES AND ANY REMAINING TICKETS MUST BE TURNED IN TO STEVE HESS BY AUGUST 10TH.

KIWANIS TOWER DINNER SAVE - THE - DATE

Our annual Kiwanis Tower dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 14th and will take place at our Civic Center. Save the date and plan to attend. More information will be available soon.



The invoices for our Club membership will be mailed in mid-August and will be due by October 1st. Since Kiwanis International has increased their pricing, the Board voted on July 27th to increase our dues by \$10.00 per member. You will see this increase on your invoice. Our dues have not been raised in many years but unfortunately it is time to do so.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN...

Kiwanian Scott Shookman would have had his 66th birthday this past week. This is the 8th year his family has had to celebrate without him due to cancer. He never got to meet his granddaughter who has his eyes and his love for water. He never got to meet his grandson who also likes water. He never got to see his daughters become the successful women they are. That is why next weekend Becky, Sara, Kim and friends will ride 57 miles to raise money for cancer research. Please help their team "Spreading Scott's Smile" end cancer.

Scott was a wonderful friend to everyone in our Kiwanis club and he is very much missed. You can donate at: <https://www.pelotonia.org/profile/BS0183>

Happy Heavenly Birthday Scott!



PURPLE MARTIN TWILIGHT BOATRIDES

The entire month of August the Portage Lakes Purple Martin Club will run their twilight boat-rides. The birds have begun their migration back to South America where they winter. It is amazing to see the birds settle down into the bulrushes for their evening rest. There are literally thousands of them. The boat rides are \$35.00 per person and include a two hour tour of the birds and wildlife on the lake. You can schedule your boat ride at: www.portagelakespurplemartins.com



UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- >Aug 1 thru Sept 4, Purple Martin Twilight Boat rides
- >August 16, PLK to host Division 16 meeting
- >August 31, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting

FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD

- >September 14, Kiwanis Tower Dinner
- >October 1 - Rose Day

BIRTHDAYS:

08/02 Cassie Freeman
08/02 Juanita Gehm
08/05 Phillip Pinnow
08/06 Paul Schuckert
08/12 Dale Dietz
08/16 Stanley Vaughan
08/30 Bricey Bayonnet
08/30 Sue Fassoles
08/30 Anthony Ponikvar

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Rosanne Edwardson - 34 years
Barry Terjesen - 6 years
Benjamin Pearson - 3 years
Stanley Vaughan - 3 years
James Welton - 3 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

08/02 - Sue & John Fassoles
08/04 - Barry & Nancy Terjesen
08/07 - Jeff & Denise Goodwin
08/08 - Glen & Georgia Sheets
08/10 - Phil & Judy Pinnow
08/10 - Jill & William Lanzinger
08/16 - Chuck & Betty Seeley
08/23 - Rosanne & Terry Edwardson

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:

Tom Longworth

Glen Sheets

Sam Reynolds mother fell and broke her hip

If you know of any members that are in need of prayer, please let me know. I will be happy to add them to our prayer list.

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 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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