



## **PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR**

Newsletter for June 12, 2022



Since Lukity's is closed for vacation all week, we made a snap decision to venture out and support one of our local Portage Lakes restaurants. We will meet at the Tito's Mexican Grill in Coventry Plaza on Manchester Road THIS Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there; we will have a short business meeting after dinner.

### **GUEST SPEAKER - JUNE 8, 2022**

During our regular meeting on June 8, 2022 at the Civic Center Attorney Robert C. Meeker and several of his associates came in to visit us. He spoke about his firms history in the Portage Lakes and his family's legal legacy. Robert is with the law firm Blakemore, Meeker, & Bowler Co. L.P.A. located on Portage Lakes Drive. Many thanks to Barry Terjesen for making the arrangements for Robert to come in and speak to us.





**The Pirates are coming to Portage Lakes! The Portage Lakes Kiwanis FREE Pirate Days Treasure Hunt will be held Saturday July 30th at the Portage Lakes State Park. It will run from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The events for children will include boat rides to Pirate Island, digging for pirate treasure, a costume contest, making a craft, and so much more. This year we have invited the Little Roaming Railroad to provide train rides for both children and adults. There will be community vendors set up to sell their goods and some to give things away.**

**We are in search of additional vendors to participate. If you can help us out please contact Dana Roderick, Pirate Day Chair at [d1687@hotmail.com](mailto:d1687@hotmail.com). The committee is busy planning this fun filled family event.**

**On the same day, July 30th the annual Pirate Day pancake breakfast will be held at the Civic Center from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Melissa Millmier is chairing the Pancake Breakfast, so if you would like to volunteer, donate food or paper products, or if you need additional information, please contact Melissa at [melissamillmier@kw.com](mailto:melissamillmier@kw.com).**



### **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

**Many thanks to Steve Hess and his crew for decorating a float and participating in the New Franklin Memorial Day Parade. It is nice to let the community know what we do! Thanks also to Jim Welton for driving and pulling the float. Good job everyone. Here is a photo of the crew from the parade.**

## SCHOLARSHIP DINNER RECAP



We had a fantastic Scholarship Banquet at the Civic Center on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. The awards were presented, dinner was outstanding, and it was so nice to meet the recipients and their families. We have received 'thank you' notes from all of the students and they were full of kind words for everything. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee members Sam Reynolds, Chairman, Becky Shookman, Gene Cole, and Cathy Dietz for their continued commitment to this amazing community program.

Let's meet the recipients!!

Brady Watson from Coventry High School will be attending Allegheny College and plans to major in Computer Engineering.

Matthew Naugle from Coventry High School will be attending West Virginia University and plans to major in Business, Sports Management, or Exercise Science.

Megan Montgomery from Manchester High School will be attending The University of Akron and plans to major in Biomedical Science or Biology.

Meghan Teeters from Manchester High School will be attending Akron University, Kent State University, or Ohio University and plans on majoring in Pre-Med with a focus on Bio-Medicine and after that would like to pursue medical school to become a surgical dermatologist.

ALL four of these students had outstanding applications. Their grades were excellent, all at the top of their class with top notch community service, and dedication and commitment to their respective High Schools. Also, all four are participating members of their school Key Club. We wish them much success in their professional endeavors.



**Our scholarship recipients along with the Scholarship Committee.**



**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.**

**The Kepnes Family will be hosting a Celebration of Life Memorial for Charlie. This will be held at their home in Manchester on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. All Kiwanis members are invited to attend. Charlie was a long time member of our club, Past President, Board Member and friend to all. He is much loved and terribly missed.**



**Congratulations to the Shookman Family on the arrival of Baby Boy Luca Angelo James DiFranco. Member Becky Shookman's daughter Sara gave birth to a sweet baby boy on Wednesday June 8, 2022 at 3:27 am. He weighed in at 8 lbs 4 ozs and was 20.75 inches long. At home Luca will join big sister Isla. Grandma Becky has two sweet little ones to love on. Best wishes to all.**



We had thirteen Kiwanis members that had perfect attendance for the month of May. Each recipient received a gift certificate for ice cream at Stricklands. Here's the scoop...you got perfect attendance, congratulations.

**Gene Cole**  
**Cathy Dietz**  
**Dale Dietz**  
**Al Grzeschik**  
**John Hercules**  
**Larry Hunter**  
**Kay Lukac**  
**Anthony Ponikvar**  
**Dana Roderick**  
**Barry Terjesen**  
**Connie Vaughan**  
**Stanley Vaughan**  
**Jim Welton**

The shoe drive is finished! 108 bags of shoes were picked up on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>. We made our goal and raised over \$1000 dollars in the process. Thank you so much to everyone that donated shoes, we couldn't have done this without you. Also MANY thanks to Connie Vaughan who chaired this fundraiser. Connie and her daughter Shelley sorted and packed shoes every Wednesday night, and their efforts are very much appreciated.



# **KIWANIS TOWER DINNER**

## **SAVE - THE - DATE**

**Our annual Kiwanis Tower dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and will take place at our Civic Center. Save the date and plan to attend.**

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

**06/08 Ryan Bayonnet  
06/14 Joe Reinmann  
06/17 Lisa Geiger Houck  
06/25 Jay Feldman  
06/26 Tom Longworth**

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Bricey Bayonnet - 5 years  
Ryan Bayonnet - 5 years  
Connie Vaughan - 2 years  
Lisa Fouser - 1 year  
Dan Fouser - 1 year  
Jonathan Zito - 1 year**

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

**06/01 Bob& Mary Kansa  
06/06 Jim& Wendy Davis  
06/15 Ryan& Bricey Bayonnet**

### **KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:**

**Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:**

**Tom Longworth  
Betty Seeley  
Glen Sheets  
Vicki Kepnes & family**

**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.**

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- >June 15 - Dinner & Meeting at Tito's Mexican Grill  
in Coventry Plaza, arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 pm
- >June 25 - Charlie Kepnes Celebration of Life
- >June 26 - Martifest
- >June 29 - Regular Meeting & Board Meeting  
Kevin Powell Induction ceremony

## **FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD**

- >July 9, Portage Lakes Fireworks
- >July 23, Dragon Boat Festival
- >July 23, Christmas in July on the Lakes
- >July 30, Pirate Pancake Breakfast
- >July 30, Pirate Day at State Park
- >Aug 1 thru Sept 4, Purple Martin Twilight Boat rides
- >August 16, PLK to host Division 16 meeting
- >September 14, Kiwanis Tower Dinner
- >October 1 - Rose Day

## **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](http://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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