



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

June 18, 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. Mark your calendar for this very popular Kiwanis event. 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.

SAVE THE DATES!

We will be holding our annual Fish Fry at the Civic Center on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Tickets for this event will be \$20.00 and Larry Hunter will be selling them shortly. You are also asked to bring a covered dish to share. This event always sells out so be sure to mark the date on your calendar and let Larry know how many tickets you need. We will have a guest speaker that night as well.

The annual Kiwanis Tower dinner will be held at the Civic Center on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm. All Tower residents and all Kiwanis members are invited to this dinner. It is a very special time to bond with the residents which are a direct extension of our club. There is no cost to attend this event.

On Saturday November 4th our club will hold a Quarter Auction fundraiser at the Barberton Moose which is on 31st Street in Barberton. We are planning on 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 with quarters! More information to come, we are in the planning stage. Please plan on attending and write the date down on your calendar.

At our meeting on Wednesday, June 14th, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and two of her associates came in to visit with us. She had a great slide presentation to fill us in on activities, events, and future planning for Summit County. She provided a lot of information and I think everyone present learned something new. We had a great turn out with 36 people attending this meeting. She brought us goodie bags too! Thank you to Chuck Seeley and his committee for arranging this wonderful speaker to come in.



L-R Holly Miller, Ilene Shapiro, and Colleen Kelly

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

On Wednesday, June 7th we held a Remembrance Memorial Ceremony for fellow Kiwanians that have passed on. President Larry Hunter lead this very special program. We honored Past Lieutenant Governors, Past Club Presidents, and MANY past members. Members of our club shared memories, stories, and fond remembrances of these folks, and it really was quite a special evening. We are the beneficiaries of all the time and effort that these members put into the Portage Lakes Kiwanis, and without their initiative we would not be here today. While these members are gone they certainly are not forgotten.

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 7, 2023 we voted to accept the membership application of Shaun Morgan, Manchester Schools Superintendent. Larry Hunter is his sponsor. We are honored to have him join our club.

In addition, we voted to accept the membership application of William Krills. Billy is the manager out at Camp Y-Noah and came in to speak with us a few weeks back. Chuck Seeley is his sponsor.

Both of these gentlemen will be wonderful assets to our club. Please welcome them to our Kiwanis family. An Induction Ceremony will be held in the near future.

Have you checked out the new display in the showcase at the Civic Center? The Historical Committee gathered photos of most of our events and added pictures of our new members. It is very cool and they did an awesome job. The committee consists of Gene Cole - Chair, Dale Dietz, and John Hercules. If you would like to join this committee they would welcome you with open arms.



May 2023 Perfect Attendance

We had 13 members that had perfect attendance for the month of May 2023. Each recipient received a Stricklands Ice Cream gift card. Here's the scoop...you attended every meeting in May, congratulations, you got Perfect Attendance.

- Gene Cole**
- Carol Derry**
- Cathy Dietz**
- Dale Dietz**
- Bob Fowler**
- Juanita Gehm**
- Steve Hess**
- Larry Hunter**
- Connie Nagy**
- Kelley Nagy**
- Betty Seeley**
- Barry Terjesen**
- Stanley Vaughan**



Division 16 will be hosting a Rubber Ducks ballgame on Thursday, July 6th. Tickets are \$30 each, which includes admission along with an all you can eat picnic buffet, and some non-alcoholic beverages. Buffet will start 1 hour before the first pitch and goes around 1 to 1.5 hours after the first pitch. This year's seats will be in left field, the foul territory, where there are picnic tables. This will allow members that are unable to do stairs, or have wheelchairs/walkers access to join in. **Oh...and our very own Governor David Kuhn will be tossing out the FIRST PITCH!!** Get your tickets here - directly from the Rubber Ducks at <https://fevogm.com/event/Division16>. Hope to see you there.

BIRTHDAYS:

06/01 Carol Derry
06/04 Joe Reinmann
06/08 Ryan Bayonnet
06/17 Lisa Geiger-Houck
06/25 Jay Feldman
06/26 Tom Longworth

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Ryan Bayonnet - 6 years
Bricey Bayonnet - 6 years
Connie Vaughan - 3 years
Lisa Fouser - 2 years
Dan Fouser - 2 years
Jonathan Zito - 2 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

06/01 Bob & Mary Kansa
06/06 Jim & Wendy Davis
06/15 Ryan & Bricey Bayonnet
06/15 Kevin & Heather Powell

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- >June 21, Regular Meeting & Committee Meetings
- >June 25, Buckeye Martin Fest at State Mill Boat ramp
- >June 28, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting

A LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >July 6, Division 16 Rubber Ducks game
- >July 8, Portage Lakes Fireworks
- >July 29, Pirate Day on the Lake
- >August 12, Dragons on the Lake Festival
- >September 6, Annual Fish Fry at Civic Center
- >September 13, Kiwanis Tower Dinner at Civic Center, 6:00 pm
- >October 7, Rose Day 2023
- >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.

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