



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for March 6, 2022



On Saturday, March 19th, we will be hosting a Kiwanis Family Fun Day. This will be a fundraiser for all of our major events that will be held this year. Please join us at the Civic Center, 725 Portage Lakes Drive from noon to 4:00 pm. There will be fun and games, a basket raffle, and FOOD! Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 for 1 ticket, \$5.00 for 6 tickets, or \$20.00 for an arms-length. We will have hot-dogs, kraut-dogs, chili-dogs, cheese-dogs and chips for sale. Come join us and bring your family, friends, grand-kids, or neighbors. This will be a fun time for all.

If you would like to donate a basket or volunteer to assist at the event, please let Dana know. Her email is d1687@hotmail.com. Thank you.



We have a new member joining our club! At our February 23rd Board Meeting we voted to accept the membership of Devin Allman. Devin is a student at the University of Akron, holds a part time job, and is active in the Portage Lakes Community. Devin recently graduated from Manchester High School. Steve Hess will be Devin's sponsor. His induction date has not been set yet, but will be soon. We welcome Devin into our Kiwanis Family.



Our annual community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16th. We are planning to return to our traditional Saturday festivities with games, balloon pop, the fire truck, the Easter bunny, the egg hunt, and much more. This year we have an added attraction, the Little Roaming Railroad, both children and adults will be able to ride the train at no cost. This free event is for families in our community. Our meetings on April 6th and April 13th will be dedicated to stuffing the thousands of eggs to be scattered on the lawn at the Tudor House. Please come and help. We will also need volunteers to assist on Egg hunt day.



At our December 1, 2021 Board Meeting, there was a unanimous vote to change the date of our monthly Board Meeting to the last Wednesday of the month instead of the first Wednesday of the month. If you are a member you are welcome to attend any Board Meeting so we wanted to make everyone aware of the change. Thank you.

We need your input...all Kiwanis members are welcome to contribute to our Newsletter. We are in need of family news, Kiwanis news, community news, or any information you would like our club members to know. You can email me at cathy.dietz61@gmail.com with your news.

KIWANIS OHIO DISTRICT MID-YEAR EDUCATION DAY

The annual Kiwanis Mid-Year Education day will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at the Crown Plaza Columbus in Worthington Ohio. The Keynote speaker will be Shawn 'Spike' Smith who will be speaking about diversity, equity, and inclusion in the opening ceremony with an additional afternoon session about special interest clubs. Other topics that will be covered are parliamentary procedures, how to conduct effective meetings, open houses, grant writing, benefits of using social media, and how to find officers for your club. It would be wonderful to have someone from our club to represent at mid-year. We do offer a scholarship for two members if you would like to attend. Please see Cathy or Al to assist with registration, the deadline is fast approaching.



Our shoe drive fund-raiser is now underway. We are collecting all kinds of gently used footwear. Shoes, boots, slippers, sandals, sneakers...any kind of shoe. Please remember us as you are doing your spring cleaning. You can drop your shoe donation off at the Kiwanis Civic Center any Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, or at one of these locations:

- 4700 S. Arlington - porch drop off at any time
- Barberton Moose - lobby
- Town Park Cleaners - Green
- Boggs Chiropractic - Green
- Waiken Ford - Massillon
- Waiken Honda - Massillon
- Bling It On - Coventry
- Kiwanis Towers - Coventry



This year our annual Kiwanis Night Rubber Ducks game will be held on Friday May 27th at Canal Park. The Rubber Ducks will be playing the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, the game begins at 7:05 pm and there will be fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$10.00 and your reservation must be turned in to Al Grzeschik no later than March 30th. We always have great seats and this will be a fun way to kick off Memorial Day weekend.



Our March 23, 2022 meeting will take place at The Portage Lakes Deli, located at 5187 Manchester Road in New Franklin. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm with a meeting to follow. They have a fantastic menu for us to choose from. Everyone is welcome and this will be a fun night out supporting a local PLX establishment. Please plan on attending. Many thanks to Lisa Fouser for setting up this dinner out.

The new MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS are available. You can obtain one at the Civic Center any Wednesday or if you would like to receive one in the mail just shoot me a message. My email address is cathy.dietz61@gmail.com.



The following members had perfect attendance for the month of February. Their token of appreciation was a bottle of hand soap that read, "Hands Down, you are Scent-sational", congratulations, you got perfect attendance!

Gene Cole
Cathy Dietz
Dale Dietz
Rosanne Edwardson
Al Grzeschik
Lisa Fouser
Bob Fowler
John Hercules
Dana Roderick
Connie Vaughan
Stan Vaughan

BIRTHDAYS:

03/01 Larry Hunter
03/03 Glen Sheets
03/07 John Schermesser
03/11 Jon Freeman
03/27 Cathy Dietz
03/27 Kay Lukac
03/30 Lisa Fauser

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Lisa Geiger-Houck - 9 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

03/23 Jim & Marge Welton

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- >March 15, District 16 meeting at Blue Heron in Medina
- >March 19, Kiwanis Family Fun Day at Civic Center
- >March 19, Kiwanis Mid-Year Education day
- >March 30, Regular Meeting followed by Board Meeting
- >April 6th & April 13th, Easter Egg stuffing
- >April 16, Easter Egg Hunt at the Tudor House

FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >May 27, Rubber Ducks game
- >June 26, Martifest/Purple Martins
- >July 23, Dragon Boat Festival
- >July 30, Pancake Breakfast
- >July 30, Pirate Day at State Park

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer for health issues:

Charlie Kepnes

Al Grzeschik

Kay Lukac

Judy Pinnow - home recuperating

Jack Sarver - former member

If you know of any Kiwanis 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 \$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 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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