



## **PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR**

Newsletter for May 1, 2022



**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). There will be a Pirate Day planning meeting on Sunday May 15th at 2:30 pm at the Civic Center, please plan to attend if you are on that committee or if you are volunteering at the festival. We can always use more volunteers for this fun day.**

**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. Details to follow.**

### **KIWANIS CONVENTIONS**

**The Kiwanis International Convention will be held June 8 - 11 in Indianapolis, Indiana.**

**The Kiwanis District Convention will be held August 12 - 14 in Wooster, Ohio.**

**If you would like to attend either of these, please let Cathy know and she will get you registered. We do have money in the budget for registration fees for two people to attend. It would be wonderful to have representation from our Club at either Convention.**



**The Scott Shookman Memorial Scholars for 2022 have been chosen. The scholarships will be presented by Kiwanis President Stanley Vaughan at Manchester on May 4th and at Coventry on May 17th at their senior awards night. Our club will host the annual banquet in honor of the recipients on Wednesday May 25th at 6:30 pm at the Civic Center. Please plan to attend the banquet as this is one of our signature projects that has been ongoing for many decades. 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.**



**While we are on the subject of the Class of 2022, congratulations to club member Bricey Bayonnet who has graduated from The Wright State Boonshoft School of Medicine. The commencement ceremony was held on Sunday May 1, 2022. The next chapter for Dr. Bayonnet is Residency at The Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. Bricey has worked so hard and we are very proud of her. Bricey is the granddaughter of club members Charlie and Vicki Kepnes.**



**Our club elections will be held on Wednesday, May 18th. If you would like to run for an officer position or nominate someone, please contact Al Grzeschik. All club members are eligible to vote on election Wednesday.**



**On Wednesday April 27th, the PLK Board of Directors voted to accept the membership of Mr. Anthony Ponikvar. Anthony is new to the Portage Lakes area and wanted to get involved in the community. He is a hard worker and will be a tremendous asset to our club. Larry Hunter is Anthony's sponsor. Welcome to the club Anthony! An induction ceremony date will chosen soon.**



**Our club has chosen to participate in the New Franklin Memorial Day Parade again this year. We had a float in the parade last year and it was a wonderful success. If you would like to participate or can help, please contact Steve Hess via email at [hess0910@aol.com](mailto:hess0910@aol.com).**

## NAME THE COMMITTEE CONTEST

We have been working hard on getting our Committees back up and running. We let this program go by the wayside mostly due to Covid-19 and irregular attendance. Now that things are getting back to normal we realize how very important Committees are to the club. We have down-sized a bit, eliminating a few and combining others. We took three committees which were: House and Reception, Social Programs, and Public Relations/Community Services/ and Human Spiritual Values and combined that into one committee. We would like the club to choose a new name for this committee. Please write your suggestions down along with your name and bring it to the meeting Wednesday May 3rd. The person that submits the best name will win a Kiwanis dinner along with a small prize.



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. Reservations have been made and tickets will soon be available. We always have great seats and this will be a fun way to kick off Memorial Day weekend.

We need your input...all Kiwanis members are welcome to contribute to this 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 e-mail me at [cathy.dietz61@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com) with your news.

## **BIRTHDAYS:**

**05/01 Sam Reynolds**

**05/17 Chuck Seeley**

**05/31 Tom Burge**

## **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Jim Davis - 31 years**

**Al Grzeschik - 26 years**

**Paul Schuckert - 19 years**

**Dale Dietz - 11 years**

**Dana Roderick - 11 years**

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Melissa & Tim Millmier - May 23**

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

- >May 15 - Pirate Day Meeting 2:30 pm**
- >May 17 - Division 16 meeting, Creston Village**
- >May 25 - Scholarship Dinner at Civic Center**
- >May 27 - Rubber Ducks game**
- >May 30 - Memorial Day Parade/New Franklin**
- >June 1 - Regular meeting and Board meeting**
- >June 4 - Clean-up at Camp Manitoc**
- >June 26 - Martinfest**

## **FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD**

- >July 9, Portage Lakes Fireworks**
- >July 23, Dragon Boat Festival**
- >July 30, Pirate Pancake Breakfast**
- >July 30, Pirate Day at State Park**
- >October 1 - Rose Day**



## Donate Your Gently Worn, Used and New Shoes To

Help us raise funds for our organization by  
donating your gently worn,  
used and new shoes!

And don't forget to ask friends, family,  
neighbors and co-workers to donate too!



Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors.  
Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations.  
They are typically operated by one person or family and  
friends, depending on size.

## WHERE & WHEN

### **LOCATIONS:**

The Barberton Moose

Town Park Cleaners

Boggs Chiropractic

Waikem Ford & Honda

Bling It On Apparel

Portage Lakes Deli & Dogs

Kiwanis Civic Center

### **DRIVE-THRU DATES:**

Contact

[al@plkiwanis.org](mailto:al@plkiwanis.org)



## **KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:**

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer for health issues:  
Judy Pinnow - home recuperating

Tierny Goodwin and baby Kieran Riley - Jeff Goodwin's daughter and grand-child.  
Baby is still hospitalized and can use our prayers.

Please pray for comfort and peace for the Kepnes Family.

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](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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