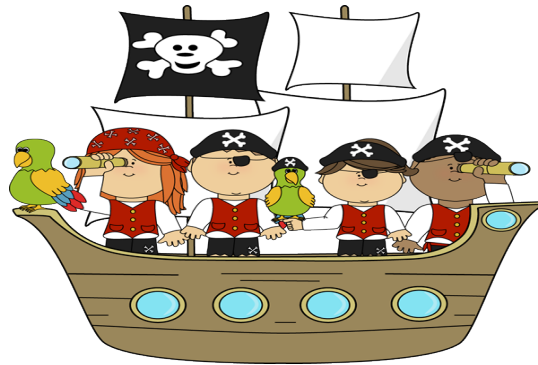




PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for May 15, 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. 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. 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.

PLEASE NOTE...DATE CHANGE



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 June 1st 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. If you can attend, please let Al know so we have an accurate count for dinner. The original date of the banquet was May 25th, but has now been changed to June 1st.



Our club elections will be held this Wednesday, May 18th. We do have a full slate of officers to consider, which is great news. Come and cast your vote.



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.

NAME THE COMMITTEE CONTEST WINNER

We recently combined three of our committees into one. Those three committees were: House & Reception, Social Programs, and Public Relations/Community Services/and Human Spiritual Values. **John Hercules' entry was chosen. The new committee name will be SOCIAL INTERACTION. John will receive a free meal at a Kiwanis meeting and a gift card to Biggins. Congrats John!**

We have whittled our 22 committees down to 12. Here are the committees we will be utilizing:

- 1) Youth Services Priority One / Chair - Cathy Dietz**
- 2) Key Club Committee / Chair - Rosanne Edwardson**
- 3) Easter Egg Hunt / Chair - Connie Nagy**
- 4) Finance, Insurance, & Compliance / Chair - Al Grzeschik**
- 5) Membership, Elections / Chair - Larry Hunter**
- 6) Social Interaction / Chair - Cathy Dietz**
- 7) Historical Committee / Chair - Gene Cole**
- 8) Fundraising Committee / Chair - Connie Vaughan**
This includes Rose Day and Fish Fry
- 9) Pirate Days on the Lake / Chair - Dana Roderick**
This includes Pirate Day Breakfast
- 10) Santa Delivery / Chair - Connie Nagy**
- 11) Scholarship Committee / Chair - Sam Reynolds**
- 12) Civic Center / President - Al Grzeschik**

Committee Meetings will be held during the regular meeting the week before the Board Meeting, which will usually be the third Wednesday of the month. If you have not signed up to be on a committee and would like to, please let me know at cathy.dietz61@gmail.com. Thank you.



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 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

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:

Tom Longworth

Betty Seeley

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:

- >May 17 - Division 16 meeting, Creston Village
- >May 18 - Elections
- >May 25 - Regular Meeting & Board Meeting
- >May 27 - Rubber Ducks game
- >May 30 - Memorial Day Parade/New Franklin
- >June 1 - Scholarship Dinner at Civic Center
- >June 4 - Clean-up at Camp Manitoc
- >June 26 - Martifest

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
- >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





Fourteen members had perfect attendance for the month of April. These folks got a mini Bundt cake that said "You are nothing BUNDT the best", congratulations, you got perfect attendance!

Gene Cole
Cathy Dietz
Dale Dietz
Rosanne Edwardson
Bob Fowler
Al Grzeschik
John Hercules
Larry Hunter
Kay Lukac
Connie Nagy
Phil Pinnow
Dana Roderick
Connie Vaughan
Stanley Vaughan

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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