



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for May 20, 2020

PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS SCOTT SHOOKMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee would like to present the 2020 recipients of the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Scott Shookman Memorial Scholarship. Four seniors were chosen, two from Manchester High School and two from Coventry High School.

Coventry High School:

Madelyn Harpster

Madelyn is a member of the Coventry Key Club, Academic Challenge, Cross Country, Yearbook, National Honor Society, and helped run morning announcements each day. She also volunteers within her church. She plans to attend The Ohio State University and major in Nursing to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Wade Fallon

Wade was President of the Coventry Key Club this year. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, the Marching Band, JV Boys Bowling team, and the Jazz/Funk band. He is an Eagle Scout and volunteers at his church. Wade is planning on attending the University of Toledo and majoring in Civil Engineering.

Manchester High School:

Alexis Mobley

Alexis was Secretary of the Manchester Key Club. She was also active in the Science Club, National Honor Society, French Club, Book Club, and was President of the Student Council. She also volunteers at her church. She plans on attending The Ohio State University, and although she has not decided on a major, she has a passion for health professions.

Dominic Hite

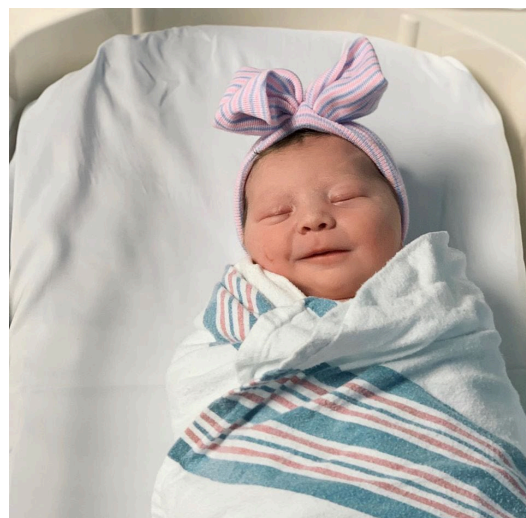
Dominic was President of the Manchester Key Club this year. He was also a member of the Science Club, Golf team, and senior representative for MMS Leadership camp. He also volunteers as a helper for the boys basketball team attending almost every practice. Dominic plans on attending Mount Union College and majoring in Education with a minor in coaching or Sports Management.

CONGRATULATIONS to all recipients for their hard work and dedication to both their studies and community achievements. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors. The Senior Class of 2020 has had an especially disappointing end to their senior year with the Covid-19 invading their spring sports, banquets, prom, and graduation festivities. The PLK salutes the Class of 2020.

Many thanks to the Scholarship Committee consisting of Becky Shookman, Sam Reynolds, Gene Cole, and Cathy Dietz for their time and dedication to this wonderful PLK annual award program. We are still hoping to host a dinner for the recipients before they venture off to college at the end of summer.



Congratulations to the Shookman Family! Becky and Scott's daughter Sara welcomed a baby girl, Isla Elizabeth Scott DiFranco, born Friday, May 15th at 5:31 am. She weighed in at 8 lbs 7 oz and was 21 ¼ inches.



BIRTHDAYS:

05/01 Sam Reynolds
05/17 Chuck Seeley
05/22 Esther Cole
05/27 Dr. James Robinson
05/31 Tom Burge

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Russ Freiss - 45 years
Jim Davis - 29 years
Al Grzeschik - 24 years
Paul Schuckert - 17 years
Dale Dietz - 9 years
Dana Roderick - 9 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

05/23 Melissa & Tim Millmier

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

Charlie Kepnes

If you know of any Kiwanis members that are in need of prayer, please let me know. We have not met in quite a while and I may be missing information.

I am taking the calendar of events down for the time being as all of our events are on hold for now. When we get back to meeting, we will resolve what we will still have time to do, what we will have re-schedule, and what we will have to postpone all-together.

We are hoping to get together and have a meeting VERY soon, details to follow as soon as that information becomes available.

PRAYER FOR CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy,
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from
your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.



PORTAGE LAKES PURPLE MARTIN ASSOCIATION

The Martins started arriving back on the Lakes towards the end of March and because of the cold, rain, and sometimes snow the birds have had quite a tough time this year. Many were lost because of the unseasonable temperatures and lack of food for them to eat. PMA President (and also PLK member) Kay Lukac has done a wonderful job of scheduling feeders multiple times a day and getting straw for the houses and whatever else the birds need. Many thanks to her and her team of volunteers for taking care of the Martins. Several PLK members are also PMA members too. If you are interested in joining, please send Kay an email at kaylukac@yahoo.com.

KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

For the remainder of the year, both Kiwanis International and the Ohio District of Kiwanis has suspended fees for all new members, so now would be an excellent time for us to recruit new members! With the deep discount for a new person to join it is a win-win for everyone...the new members and our club. If you know of anyone that might be interested please contact Larry Hunter or myself.

ALL ABOUT PLK...

Our club meets every Wednesday. You can join us at 6:30 pm for dinner, which is catered by Lukity's Restaurant, a full meal for just \$10.00, 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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