



## **PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR**

May 7, 2023



### **SCOTT SHOOKMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**This year we had 32 applicants apply for the four \$1500 scholarships; two for Manchester students and two for Coventry students. All of these applicants are highly qualified, so it was a tough decision to pick just four winners. On May 4th President Larry Hunter presented the scholarships at the Senior Awards Night at Manchester High School, and on May 16th Larry will present the scholarships at the Coventry High School awards night. The recipients will be revealed as soon as all winners have been notified. The scholarship committee consists of: Sam Reynolds, chair, Becky Shookman, Gene Cole, and Cathy Dietz. As you can see on the walls of the Civic Center, the scholarship program has been around for a very long time, and PLK has financially helped many students in their undergraduate studies. Wednesday, May 31st our annual Scholarship Banquet will be held at the Civic Center for the recipients and their families. Please make plans to attend to support the winners and learn more about this amazing program that is supported by the Shookman family.**

### **OHIO STATE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**

**One of the Kiwanis clubs in Columbus has offered all clubs in the Ohio District the opportunity to sell raffle tickets to make some easy money. 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 every home game the Ohio State Football team plays and the drawing is held in August. Steve Hess, Vice President has received the raffle tickets. Please see him to get a batch to sell. He will have them at all Wednesday meetings as well. You can email him at [hess0910@aol.com](mailto:hess0910@aol.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 will be put out soon for drop off any time. Connie Vaughan is the chair of the shoe drive. Please contact her at [dreamcricket@aol.com](mailto:dreamcricket@aol.com) if you need any additional information or need a pick up. Many thanks to all those that have donated so far.



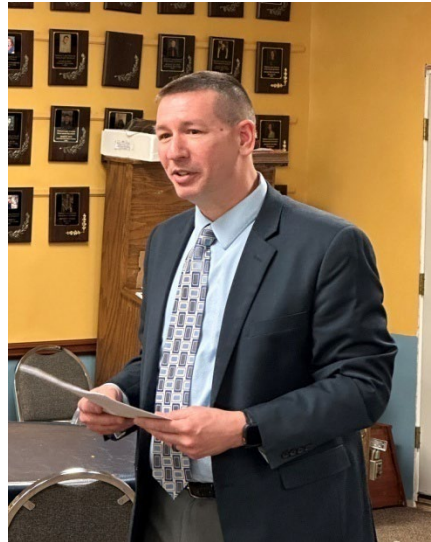
On Wednesday, April 26th our Board of Directors voted to accept the membership application of Carol Derry. Carol has been involved in club activities for many years. Connie Nagy will be her sponsor and Dale Dietz will be leading the Induction Ceremony this coming Wednesday May 10th. We welcome Carol into our Kiwanis family and are excited that she has returned.



On Wednesday, May 17th club elections will be held at the Civic Center. We will be voting for a slate of Officers and Board of Directors for the 2023 - 2024 year. If you would like to run or nominate someone to run, please contact Al Grzeschik as soon as possible. Please attend this meeting to have your voice heard.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR SPEAKERS**

**On Wednesday April 26th, Mr. George Fisk, Superintendent of Coventry Schools came in to speak with us about all the latest happenings in the district...and there are a LOT! He spoke about buildings, security, student activities, sports, and much more. Thanks Mr. Fisk for catching us up.**



**On Wednesday, May 3rd, Mr. Shaun Morgan, Superintendent of the Manchester School District came in to speak with us. We received a very informative update on the new schools that are in the process of being built. We got to see photos of the progress along with what the finished project(s) will look like. What a wonderful slide show. Thank you Mr. Morgan for the presentation, we very much enjoyed it.**



**This coming Wednesday, May 10th, Mr. Tim Canter from the Tudor House in New Franklin will be visiting us to speak about upcoming events and future planning. Please attend the meeting to show support for our community leaders. Many thanks to Chuck Seeley for arranging such wonderful speakers.**



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**The last few years our club has had a float in the New Franklin Memorial Day Parade. Vice President Steve Hess is the chair of this event. A meeting was held last Wednesday and the committee has planned an awesome float. Steve still needs a few volunteers to make this happen. This is a great way to show our presence in the community. You can contact Steve at [hess0910@aol.com](mailto:hess0910@aol.com)**

## **UP-COMING KIWANIS EVENTS**

**Thursday, May 18th will be the monthly Division 16 meeting. This will be hosted by the Bath-Richfield Club and the meeting will be at 7:00 pm following their regular club meeting. This will be at Fellowship Hall, 3909 Broadview Road, Richfield, OH 44286. Dinner will be available for \$11.00 at 6:00 pm, RSVP is required.**

**The Kiwanis International Convention will be held June 21-24, 2023 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Registration is now open to sign up for this event. It is always a good thing to have our Club represented at any of the conventions; local, Ohio, or International. Our Club will sponsor two members to attend this event. If you are interested please let Cathy know so we can get you registered. [cathy.dietz61@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com)**

**The Ohio District Convention will be held August 11-13, 2023 in Springfield, Ohio. Registration will be opening up soon. Our club will sponsor two members to attend this event. If you are interested please let Cathy know. [cathy.dietz61@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com)**

**If you have any questions, or need any additional information on any of these events, please ask!**

## IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

**On April 27th we lost a fellow Kiwanian and friend. Dr. Phillip Pinnow was a long time member who served on the Board of Directors and several committees. Phil always volunteered at our Pancake Breakfast and was a fantastic pirate. He was such a blessing to our club and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Judy and their children.**

### Obituary

Phil Pinnow, 86, made his journey straight to Heaven's doors from complications of Parkinson's disease on April 27, 2023, in the comfort of his own home. He was born in Cleveland on August 5, 1936, to the late Bruno and Louise Pinnow.

Phil was a 1954 graduate of Rhodes High School, attended Ohio University, and later The Ohio State University where he graduated in 1962, with a Doctor of Optometry. Phil served in the U.S. Army as a Captain for 6 years as an eye doctor. After the Army, he practiced for over 30 years at Sears Optical, Chapel Hill Mall. Phil was a member of the Portage Lakes Kiwanis, Portage Lakes Purple Martin Association, and worshiped for many years at The Chapel in Green.

In 1968 Phil met Judith Battles, the love of his life, they soon married and started a wonderful family. They raised 4 children together. Don, Laura, Tim, and Jill. Later the family grew as they welcomed 10 grandchildren. An Amazing Husband, Father, and Grandfather, Phil loved his family the most. He was selfless – always putting them first. Phil's dedication as an eye doctor helped provide a wonderful life on Portage Lakes for his entire family. Boating, fireworks, water skiing, tubing, as well as many picnics and beautiful sunsets are just some of the ways that everyone enjoyed time with Grandpa Phil.

Phil was so much fun and had a fantastic sense of humor. He had many interesting stories about his time spent in Korea and told many funny jokes. Most of the time, he would be laughing so hard telling a joke you couldn't even hear the punch line (although he usually messed that up anyhow). His laugh was contagious. Phil marched to the beat of his own drummer. Whether he was wearing a crazy hat, oversized sunglasses, or a florescent orange t-shirt and matching Crocs, you would always see him standing out from the crowd. For us that were lucky enough to witness it, Phil was a fashion icon on Portage Lakes, the wilder the better.

It would be impossible to count the number of memories Grandpa Phil has created for everyone around him. He was so much fun, a truly good man.

Phil is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Judith; sons, Donald (Melanie) and Tim (Michelle) Pinnow; daughters, Laura (Rick) Wike and Jill (Joe) Goshe; grandchildren, Brooke, Kaitlyn, Malori, Lexi, Krista, Calvin, Kelsi, Ginger, Chase, and Lilly; brother, Douglas (Joan) Pinnow; as well as many other loving family and friends.

Per Phil's wishes a private family interment has taken place at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Phil would want you to enjoy a lake sunset, plant a tiger lily, or take a peaceful walk to get an ice cream cone in his honor.

**Mr. Wayne Breitenstine passed away on April 28, 2023. Wayne was a Past President of our Kiwanis Club in 1996. He served on the Board of Directors and assisted on many committees. Our thoughts and prayers are with Wayne's family during this sad time. You can read his entire obituary at [www.schermesserfh.com](http://www.schermesserfh.com)**



**In honor of Kentucky Derby week, we had our own Portage Lakes Kiwanis Derby. We had six horses, complete with jockey's that raced around our track.**

**Horse #1, Some Bunny Loves You, jockey Kelley Nagy, Supporting the Easter Egg Hunt  
Horse #2, Need the Dough, jockey Gene Cole, Supporting our Scholarship Program  
Horse #3, Maple Stirrip, jockey Bob Fowler, Supporting our Pancake Breakfast  
Horse #4, Sotally Tober, jockey Steve Hess, Supporting Pirate Day  
Horse #5, Run for the Roses, jockey Al Grzeschik, Supporting Rose Day  
Horse #6, Frost Bite, jockey Connie Nagy, Supporting Santa Delivery**

**Everyone present got to 'bet' on the horse they thought would win. We had six winners that chose correctly. It was Horse #6 Frost Bite for the win! Jockey Connie Nagy. This may become an annual event as it was a LOT of fun.**



**On Wednesday, May 24th we will have dinner out at The Blue Iguana over on 619 where Dietz's landing used to be. Please arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 pm. There will be no meeting at the Civic Center that night. Please plan on attending as we ALWAYS have a fun time out.**



We had 14 members that had Perfect Attendance for April. Each recipient received a hanging car scent that said "Glad you had enough scents to attend every meeting in April", congratulations you got perfect attendance. Recipients:

**Cathy Dietz**  
**Dale Dietz**  
**Rosanne Edwardson**  
**Bob Fowler**  
**Al Grzeschik**  
**John Hercules**  
**Larry Hunter**  
**Kay Lukac**  
**Kelly Nagy**  
**Connie Nagy**  
**Tim Peterson**  
**Dana Roderick**  
**Shelley Somerville**  
**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 Fowl 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://fevogn.com/event/Division16>. Hope to see you there.



The Cadets from the Green High School JROTC will be selling raffle tickets for \$10 each. The drawing will be held on 05/19/2023 with the grand prize being \$2,500, winner need not be present. Connie Vaughan will have tickets at the meeting Wednesday May 10th. They are also sponsoring a 3K race on Sunday June 4th. Please contact Connie Vaughan at [dreamcricket@aol.com](mailto:dreamcricket@aol.com) if you are interested in attending. Thank you for your support.

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

05/01 Sam Reynolds  
05/17 Chuck Seeley  
05/31 Tom Burge

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

Jim Davis - 32 years  
Al Grzeschik - 27 years  
Paul Schuckert - 20 years  
Dale Dietz - 12 years  
Dana Roderick - 12 years  
Kevin Powell - 1 year

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

05/08 Craig & Shelley Betz  
05/23 Melissa & Tim Millmier



## **KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:**

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:

Betty Friess

The Pinnow Family

The Brietenstine 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 10, Speaker Tim Canton/Tudor House and Carol Derry Induction
- >May 17, PLK Elections night
- >May 18, Division 16 meeting, 7:00 pm at the Fellowship Hall
- >May 24, Dinner at Blue Iguana, arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 pm
- >May 29, New Franklin Memorial Day Parade
- >May 31, PLK Scholarship Dinner at the Civic Center

## **A LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:**

- >June 7, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting
- >June 25, Buckeye Martin Fest
- >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

**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](http://www.plkiwanis.org) and please check out and like 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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