

# PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS *Communicator*

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## **WE MISS YOU ! COME TO ONE OF OUR MEETINGS.**

If you are a member and have not been here for a while, we miss you. Come and join us any Wednesday, and bring a friend !

We meet every week here at the Civic Center at 6:30 pm for dinner, usually catered by Lukity's.

We have a lot of good speakers coming up, check the calendar for updates.

## **COATS FOR KIDS ...**

One of our members, Chris Hofmann is a realtor with Howard Hanna, and they have partnered with Coats for Kids to collect new or like new coats for all ages, infants to adults. There is a donation box in the lobby of the Civic Center and you can drop your coats off any Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Your help is appreciated.



**If you have not paid your annual dues, please do so as soon as possible. Please make your check payable to Portage Lakes Kiwanis, and send it in. If finances are a problem, please let Vicki Kepnes or myself know, we will be happy to work with you.**

## **Birthdays**

11/01 Jeff Goodwin  
11/11 Betty Friess  
11/14 Becky Shookman  
11/15 John Hercules

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

11/13 Jacob & Bobbi Grimm

## **Club Anniversaries**

Dr. James Robinson - 29 years  
Betty Friess - 6 years  
Denise Goodwin - 4 years

## **Kiwanis Family News**

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

Charlie Kepnes  
Betty Seeley  
Debbie Rubino  
Frank Smith  
Phil Pinnow

Please continue to keep the Longworth family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time of sadness.



## KIWANIS MISSION STATEMENT

KIWANIS IS A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE WORLD ONE CHILD AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- >November 14 - Speaker Joy Compton RN  
Speaker Carson Karakis - Scout
- >November 17 - Quarter Auction at Civic Center
- >November 20 - Division 16 Meeting at Guys  
Party Center
- >November 21 - No Meeting
- >November 28 - Speaker about Dragon Boats  
and Board Meeting
- >December 24 - Santa Delivery

### **ACME RECEIPTS**

Please save your Acme Fresh Market receipts. The Cash Back Program runs from August 9th to December 29th.

There is a box back by the coffee maker, or you can give the receipts to Vicki or Cathy. Thank you, your efforts are appreciated.

**Guest Speakers - if there is a topic you would like to hear about please contact Jon Freeman.**

## QUARTER AUCTION

The annual Quarter Auction will be held here at the Civic Center on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Doors will open at 5:00 pm, with the auction beginning at 6:00 pm. The proceeds from this event will be used to purchase food, toys, and clothing for families in need for Christmas here in the Portage Lakes area. There will be vendors present selling goods as well as the actual auction itself. \$5.00 entry fee includes one bidding paddle.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA !



**Come and enjoy a pancake breakfast with Santa, proceeds to benefit the Coventry Wrestling Program.**

**When: December 1, 2018, 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Where: 999 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, OH  
Hope Lutheran Church**

**Cost: \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 4-12, and kids 3 and under are free.**

## **Kiwanis Annual**

### **Blessings in a Backpack**

Every year nation wide many children rely on the "FREE" breakfast and lunches at school as their main supply of food, so when school lets out for the weekend, Thanksgiving Holiday, or even winter break, 3 out of every 5 children wonder where their next meal is coming from. Yes, those numbers are hard to believe, but is happening right here in our own Portage Lakes Community.

With the help of many of our local Non-Profit Organizations, local residents and local business' through our "Blessings in a Backpack Program" we have helped many of these children have weekends and holidays where their bellies are full.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

We are reaching out again asking that the next time you are out shopping; grab a few extra things and drop them off at any of the locations listed below:

\*A-1 Mower, Turkeyfoot Lake Drive, weekdays 9am - 4pm

\*Kiwanis Civic Center, 725 Portage Lakes Drive, Wednesday nights, 5:30-8:00 pm

\*Front Porch Drop Off: 551 Kruger Ave

All donations will be delivered to the local schools where the counselors are prepared to hand out the food to children in need without the rest of the school being aware.

In an effort to eliminate the children using a stove or stove top we are asking for easy to prepare, pop top food items. Below are some examples:

Single serve pop top soups, single serve microwavable mac & cheese, applesauce, fruit snacks, raisins, snack bars, single serve puddings, microwavable oatmeal, ramen noodles, single serve vegetables, peanut butter (jars or single serve) crackers, juice boxes, pop tarts, cereals.

## **HO ! HO ! HO !**

**Christmas Eve and Santa delivery is six weeks away! Route Captains, do you have your team lined up; with a Santa, a sleigh puller, elves, and all the helpers you need? If not, please let Connie know as soon as possible.**

**We have received many "thank you" notes and letters in the mail from folks that received roses on October 6th, our rose day delivery. Many have said they were especially pretty and lasting this year, and it's nice to know that so many people love and look forward to getting our roses every year.**