



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for November 11, 2019



Come join us at the meeting on November 20th for some family fun! We are having a Chili cook off and we'll put up the Christmas tree and decorate the Civic Center. We still need volunteers to sign up to bring in Chili and/or fixins such as cornbread or a dessert. Bring your family members along to eat and join in the fun.

Our club will be doing a "Angel Giving Tree" this year. On our Christmas tree there will be names and ages of children and family members that are in need. You will be able to choose a child or as many children as you would like to help, and purchase what they have requested. If you don't want to shop, you can donate money instead, and we'll take care of the shopping for you. Many in our community are in need this holiday season, and we have a club of very big hearted people, so let's make sure these kids have a nice Christmas.

THIS WEDNESDAY, 11/13 we will be inducting two new members into our club. Dr. Benjamin Pearson who is sponsored by Larry Hunter and Rosemarie Ripple whose sponsor is Larry Hunter as well. Please come and show your support as we welcome these two amazing folks into our Kiwanis family.

Also, this Wednesday 11/13, we will have a speaker, Valerie Slayman will be bringing her service dog Stewart in to talk to us and meet us. Please come and hear what Valerie has to say about this very important role the dogs have in the lives of those who are sick and disabled.



Congratulations goes out to two of our members who are receiving their

LEGION OF HONOR AWARDS

Dr. James Robinson – 30 years

Susan Fassoles – 25 years

This is a wonderful achievement, please be sure to congratulate them for this much deserved award; an honor to be proud of.

Congratulations also to our own Jill Flagg Lanzinger. Jill won the Barberton Municipal Court seat defeating incumbent Judge Fish in the November 5th election. All the best to you in your new role.

BIRTHDAYS:

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

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

- Dr. James Robinson - 30 years
- Betty Friess - 7 years
- Denise Goodwin - 5 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

- Charlie Kepnes
- Betty Seeley
- Glen Sheets

ELLET KEY CLUB

At our meeting a few weeks ago, we took up a collection to help the Ellet Key Club; one of the three clubs we support, as they are trying to really get back on their feet after some internal problems and staff changes. The High School had their annual craft show last weekend and Dale and I stopped by the Key Club's booth. They had several members there with their advisor Tammy, and it was great to see the students excited about their club. They had used some of the money we donated to make cookies, candy, and dog treats to sell; and by early afternoon they had almost sold out, making some money for their club and getting the word out into the community that they are back and active! Hopefully we will get the opportunity to work with them on some of our projects in the coming year.



UPCOMING MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS:

- >Nov 13 - Speaker Valerie Slayman with her service dog Stewart and new member induction
- >Nov 19 - Division 16 Meeting/Norton
- >Nov 20 - Chili Cook off / Deck the Halls
- >Nov 27 - No meeting / Happy Thanksgiving
- >Dec 4 - Board Meeting
- >Dec 24 - Santa Delivery

Your dues are due! If you have paid your 2019-2020 annual dues, thank you. If not, please pay them as soon as possible. Please make your check payable to Portage Lakes Kiwanis, and remit in the envelope provided with your invoice. Thank you.

ACME RECEIPTS

Save your receipts...Time to save those Acme receipts again. The Cash Back programs runs from August 8th to December 29th, so please save your Acme Fresh Market Receipts and bring them in so we can cash in on this program!! Thank you.



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Who will feed the kids this weekend?

There will be a box just inside the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Civic Center - 725 Portage Lakes Drive, where any and all donations can be dropped off for the "Blessings in a Backpack Program" for the 2019-2020 school year. For food donations: Please bring easy serve foods such as: ramen noodles, single serve mac & cheese, spaghetti o's (and similar items) with pop top lids, raisins, fruit snacks, peanut butter, crackers, fruit cups, applesauce, etc.

We all know school supplies can also be expensive so we would like to take it one step further this year and ask for donations of notebook paper, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, glue sticks, markers, boxes of kleenex, hand sanitizer, clorox wipes, gloves, and hats. We thank each one of you in advance for your help with this years project.



Santa Delivery is not too far away.

Connie is in need of two Route Captains. If you are able to help with that job please let her know as soon as possible. There are many other things to do as well...so if you are available Christmas Eve, let our wonderful Connie find the perfect volunteer position for you.

Perfect Attendance!

September Perfect Attendance:

Tom Burge
Dale Dietz
Cathy Dietz
Al Grzeschik
Dana Roderick
Chuck Seeley
Stanley Vaughan

October Perfect Attendance:

Tom Burge
Gene Cole
Bob Fowler
Al Grzeschik
John Hercules
Vicki Kepnes
Rosanne Edwardson
Stanley Vaughan

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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