



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

November 12, 2023

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN...



Christmas Eve Santa delivery will be upon us before we know it. It is time for all Route Captains to get their team in order and make sure you have a Santa, plenty of elves, a lead car, and a sleigh puller. Please let our chair, Connie Nagy know as soon as possible if you need team members. If you are new to volunteering on Christmas Eve, please talk to Connie and she can get you placed on a route. Her email is liberty644@aol.com. It is the happiest time of the year!

QUARTER AUCTION FUNDRAISER - WRAP UP

Our Quarter Auction fundraiser was held on Saturday, November 4th at the Barberton Moose. We had an amazing turnout and exceeded our expectations clearing over \$7,000 in profit. We owe a mountain of gratitude to many. Thank you to all of our Kiwanis members that donated raffle baskets and/or attended the event. Many of our donations came from our very own Portage Lakes Community; they donated some really awesome raffle baskets and many donated gift cards. Thank you to our Emcee Bob Beck who did a great job. Thank you to our vendors that supported our Quarter Auction and donated baskets as well. Thank you to everyone that volunteered at the event. None of this would have been possible without these folks. Last but not least thank you to the committee that worked hard to put this event together: Cathy Dietz, Connie Nagy, Kelley Nagy, Rosanne Edwardson, Juanita Gehm, Marcia Ponikvar, and Vicki Kepnes.





Community Cash Back is an easy, local fundraiser for non-profit organizations like ours! Simply save your receipts and turn them in to Cathy at any meeting. We did very well with this program last year, so hopefully we can do even better this year. We'll have some contests, drawings, and incentives over the next six months. The program runs from August 1, 2023 to February 15, 2024. Save those receipts, we've gotten off to a great start, and have already received enough receipts for the minimum filing. Keep them coming, thank you.



Our Girl's Night In holiday event will be held at the Civic Center THIS Friday, November 17th at 6:00 pm. This event is open to all female members of our club as well as the spouses of our male members. We'll have dinner, crafts, games, an ornament exchange, and LOTS of girl gab. A fun night is promised! Your RSVP to cathy.dietz61@gmail.com or text/call (330) 592-6471, must be received by Tuesday, November 14th.

COVENTRY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING EVENT

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at the Clock Tower. Our club will have a table there! We'll hand out some club literature, some goodies, candy canes, as well as hats and gloves for those who need them. We need members to volunteer to man the tent. More information to come.



Friends in Tents (FIT) has asked us to please hold a sock collection for their clients that live in tents. With winter fast approaching many do not even have the basics for cold weather. They do have a need for some children but the majority of the socks needed are for adults. Next time you are out shopping pick up a few pair and bring them to the Civic Center. There is a bin available for the collection right inside the door, and will collect from now until the end of the year.



PLK has been given an amazing opportunity to raise funds for our club. Phantom Fireworks has donated two game tickets thru Lindsay Nagy, (there will be a choice of five dates) where you will sit in the scoring box and have access to the Lexus package; upscale five star restaurant food, beverages, and inside access to places not open to the public. This package cannot be purchased and will be a once in a lifetime evening for two lucky winners. Tickets are on sale now, the cost is \$10 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$25.00. Please see Connie or Kelley to obtain some tickets to sell. We have the potential to make this a wonderful fundraiser and get our treasury back to where it needs be. The drawing for the winning ticket will be held on December 13th at 7:00 pm. PLEASE HELP OUT AND SELL TICKETS!

BIRTHDAYS:

11/01 Jeff Goodwin
11/04 Shelly Betz
11/14 Becky Shookman
11/15 John Hercules
11/20 Ben Pearson
11/23 Al Bollas
11/30 Debbie Doan

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Denise Goodwin - 9 years
Jon Vielhaber - 1 year

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

>Frank Smith
>Barry Terjesen
>Jim Welton

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

>November 15, Committee Meetings
>November 17, Girls Night In, Holiday Event, 6:00 pm
>November 22, **NO MEETING, Happy Thanksgiving**
>November 29, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting

LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

>December 3, Coventry Tree Lighting Event at 5:00 pm
>December 10, Tudor House Holiday Event
>December 17, Cookies with Kiwanis / Portage Lakes Towers
>December 24, Christmas Eve Santa Delivery



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 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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