



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for November 25, 2019



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS SANTA DELIVERY

For the 68th year the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Club will man their sleighs on Christmas Eve for our Santa Delivery of gifts to children in the Portage Lakes area. It all started in 1951 with a small group of men and only one sleigh, and has grown to a fleet of 15 sleighs and Santa's with more than 150 volunteers, covering nearly all of Coventry Township and the City of New Franklin. To participate in the Santa Delivery, families can begin dropping off their wrapped gift packages on December 9th at the following locations:

- *Coventry Fire Department - 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
- *New Franklin Fire Department - 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
- *Huntington Bank (Coventry)
- *PNC Bank (Coventry)
- *Akron Coin & Jewelry (Coventry)
- *Chase Bank (Manchester)
- *Ayers Insurance
- *Elias Insurance
- *Innovative Autocare

All during regular business hours. All drop off locations will **CLOSE** on December 20th, 2019. The Kiwanis Civic Center will accept packages on December 21st from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. **No packages will be accepted after 5:00 pm Dec 21st, NO EXCEPTIONS.** Packages must be **NO BIGGER THAN A SHOE BOX.** Each drop off location will have maps, labels, rules, and other information concerning delivery. Please double check your route number, as some have changed. Sleighs will start out from the Kiwanis Civic Center at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th. Loud speakers on the sleighs will announce their arrival along the routes. Parents should have their children dressed and ready to greet Santa. Outside lights should be on to make each stop easy to find. Parents with physically challenged children who are not able to meet Santa on his sleigh outside their homes are asked to call (330) 644-8967 to make arrangements so these kids will not be missed. Families outside the delivery area can see Santa at 5:45 pm at Chase Bank, 5638 Manchester Road in New Franklin. The Santa Delivery tradition is made possible through the continued support of our annual Kiwanis Rose Day.

Some important information regarding sleigh pullers and lead cars:

***In order to pull a sleigh your vehicle must be outfitted with a 4" flat plug and a 2" ball.**

***Speakers and lights will be installed at the Civic Center on Monday, December 23rd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

The Civic Center will close to all outside groups on Monday December 9th so we can prepare for Santa Delivery, thank you for your understanding.



The Chili Cook-off was a wonderful success; we had a good turn out, a lot of fun, and a ton of tasty vittles. Many thanks to everyone who brought in food, everything was delicious, and no-one went home hungry.

First Place went to Steve Hess who made a spicy beef chili.

Second Place went to Vicki Kepnes who made a white chicken & sausage chili.

Third Place went to John Miller who made a deer meat chili.

Many thanks also to those who stayed and decorated the Christmas tree. It looks fabulous. All of the "angels" that we had put out to purchase Christmas gifts for were taken, so thank you to those gracious folks as well. Please remember to attach the angel to your wrapped gift and put it under the tree before December 9th.

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.



On Wednesday, 11/13 we inducted two new members into our club. Dr. Benjamin Pearson who is sponsored by Larry Hunter and Rosemarie Ripple who is also sponsored by Larry Hunter. Welcome to our Kiwanis family, we are happy to have you.

On Wednesday, November 13th, Valerie Slayman came in with her service dog Stewart. She was very informative and taught us about the very important role these dogs have in the lives of those who are sick and disabled. We learned a lot about the difference between service dogs and emotional support animals; and there is a big difference. Stewart was so sweet, and it was nice to have them visit us.



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

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

Charlie Kepnes
Betty Seeley
Glen Sheets

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS:

>Nov 27 – Nolley School Thanksgiving Feast
>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.





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.

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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