



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for November 7, 2021

SANTA DELIVERY 2021

Portage Lakes Kiwanis will continue the tradition that started in 1951 delivering gifts on Christmas Eve to children in the Portage Lakes area. Santa Delivery started with one sleigh and a small group of volunteers. It has now grown to 15 sleighs and over 150 volunteers covering most of the City of New Franklin and Coventry Township.

Please note this year the package drop off locations will be the Coventry Fire Department and the New Franklin Fire Department opening on Monday, December 6, 2021 from 8am to 8pm and closing at 5pm on Sunday December 19, 2021. The Kiwanis Civic Center will be open beginning Monday, December 12, 2021 from 10am to 8pm and closing at 5pm on Monday, December 20, 2021.

Gift packages are limited to **NO LARGER THAN THE SIZE OF A SHOEBOX**. There will be maps and delivery labels at the drop off locations. **PLEASE NOTE SOME ROUTE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED.**

Sleighs will start out at 5pm from the Kiwanis Civic Center on Friday, December 24, 2021. Loud speakers will announce Santa's arrival to streets along the routes. Please have the children dressed and ready to greet Santa and have outside lights on to make stops easier to find.

Participating parents with physically challenged children who are not able to meet Santa on his sleigh are asked to call 330-644-8967 to make arrangements so these kids won't be missed.

Families outside the delivery area can see Santa at 5:45pm at Chase Bank, 5638 Manchester Road in New Franklin.

*This long-standing Santa Delivery tradition is made possible
through the continued support of Kiwanis Rose Remembrance Day.*

Please note, we still need volunteers to fill spots on a few delivery routes and to help out Christmas Eve at the Civic Center. Please contact Connie or Al if you can help



SHOE DRIVE SHOE DRIVE SHOE DRIVE SHOE DRIVE

Stan and Connie Vaughan's granddaughter is a member of the Green High School Air Force ROTC. As a service project and fund-raiser they are collecting outdated, outgrown, and gently worn shoes to clean and repair, then those shoes will be sent to impoverished countries. They will take any shoe...flip flops, tennis shoes, baby shoes, boots, and even sports cleats. The monies earned will be used for drill competitions and training. You can drop your donation off at Green High School any school day, or you can bring them to the Civic Center any Wednesday from 6 to 8pm. You can also contact Connie Vaughan at dreamcricket@aol.com to arrange a pick up. Thank you.

The Kiwanis Tower Dinner was held at the Civic Center on Wednesday October 27th. It was a wonderful evening having the company of many of the Tower's residents join together with us for dinner. We also had the pleasure of guest speaker, Melanie Hart from the Summit County Prosecutors office along with her canine friend Avery. Melanie spoke about what Avery does for the Prosecutors Office which was of utmost interest to all of us. She also spoke about scams that target senior adults. Below are some photos from the event:





There were twelve Kiwanians that received Perfect Attendance awards for the month of October. Each recipient received a flashlight that was tagged 'We are **de-lighted** that you attended every meeting this month'. Congratulations!

Cathy Dietz
Dale Dietz
Rosanne Edwardson
Bob Fowler
Al Grzeschik
John Hercules
Kay Lukac
Dana Roderick
Chuck Seeley
Connie Vaughan
Stanley Vaughan
Jonathan Zito



On Wednesday, November 10th, we will be meeting at The Dragonfly Winery, located at 215 Market Street W, Canal Fulton 44614. Please arrive by 6:30 pm. They have a good food menu and wine can be ordered by the glass or the bottle. It's always a fun time meeting at a different location. Come join us!

WOMEN'S NIGHT IN - ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

On Friday evening, November 19th, we will again have our Women's-Night-In which is a before the holidays gathering that will include an Ornament Exchange. It will be held at the Civic Center and will include; food, fun, and fellowship for all Kiwanis ladies that are members as well as the spouses of our men. Invitations have been send out, please let us know if you will be able to attend. Cathy, Dana, and Melissa will be hosting this event.

BIRTHDAYS:

**11/01 Jeff Goodwin
11/11 Betty Freiss
11/14 Becky Shookman
11/15 John Hercules
11/20 Ben Pearson**

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

**Betty Freiss - 9 years
Denise Goodwin - 7 years
Rosemarie Ripple - 2 years**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

**Charlie Kepnes
Joyce Longworth
Betty Seeley**

If you know of any Kiwanis 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:

- >November 10 - Outing at the Dragonfly Winery 6:30 pm**
- >November 19 - Women's Night In at Civic Center**
- >November 24 - No meeting! Happy Thanksgiving**

FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >December 5 - Picks/PLX Christmas Event 4-6pm**
- >December 24 - Christmas Eve Santa Delivery**
- >December 31 - New Year's Eve Party at Civic Center**

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 \$12.00, 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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