



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for October 10, 2021

ROSE DAY

Our annual Rose Remembrance Day was held on Saturday, October 2, 2021. We did it! We had a few glitches, but overall the sale went very well and was a success. Many thanks to everyone who pitched in to help. We had members, friends of members, other Kiwanis club members, and several local groups aid in the sale. A lot goes into this effort including advertising, sales, data entry, truck unloading, delivery, and much much more. Special thanks to Al Grzeschik who oversaw the entire operation, Connie Vaughan who worked the Rose Office for two weeks, and Tim Peterson who aided in the computer work. Wednesday, October 20, 2021 will be our Rose Wrap up dinner at the Civic Center at 6:30 pm.



CHARTER PARTY

The Charter Party will be held at the Tudor House on Wednesday, October 13th. The doors will open at 5:45 with dinner served at 6:30 pm, and the program will commence at 7:30 pm. This is to welcome aboard the new Officers and Directors for the 2021-2022 year and to say farewell to the outgoing crew. Did you know that our Club's charter was adopted in 1951; so this is our 70th Birthday! We'll have some photos and a listing of the awards given out in the next newsletter.



backpack blessings

We have started our "Blessings in a Backpack Program" for the 2021-2022 school year. Please bring your donations to the Kiwanis Civic Center at 725 Portage Lakes Drive any Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. For food donations: Please bring easy to serve foods such as: single serve mac & cheese, spaghetti's (and similar items) with pop top lids, raisins, fruit snacks, peanut butter, crackers, fruit cups, applesauce, etc. Anything that is easy for a child to open, fix, and eat.

We are also collecting school supplies of any kind, like notebook paper, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, glue sticks, and markers. Don't forget the backpacks! This year with the continuing pandemic we are also collecting sanitizer, wipes, kleenex, and child size masks. Cash donations are fine too and the shopping can be done for you.

We thank each one of you for your help with this special project.



On Saturday, October 23, 2021, we will be having a Food Drive at the Civic Center. Please bring your donations between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. You don't have to get out of your car, just drive through and we will unload you. The goods received will benefit our Blessings in a Backpack Program, the Coventry School District, the Manchester School District, Green Good Neighbors, Lockwood Church, BACM - Barberton Area Community Ministries, and Wednesday's Child. We are accepting donations of food, paper products, hygiene/personal care items, and cleaning products. Your donations are much needed and much appreciated.

Do you know someone?

The Coventry Key Club is working on a few projects and are looking to help some people. Once a month on a Friday they will be having a meet-n-greet with retired military veterans. If you know someone who would benefit from this activity please let Al know.

They are also looking for senior citizens or disabled local residents to help them with outside cleanup, leaves, and light yard work. If you know anyone that needs a little help, please provide Al with their name and phone number. Al can be reached at (330) 524-2979 or email al@plkiwanis.org. Thank you.



The Acme Fresh Market Community Cash Back Program has begun and will run from August 5th thru December 25th. Please save your receipts and bring them in. This is a really easy way for our club to earn money, so please help out! Please bring in your receipts any Wednesday and give them to Treasurer, Dana Roderick.

KIWANIS TOWER DINNER

The Kiwanis Tower dinner has been re-scheduled and will be held at the Civic Center on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. There is no charge to attend this dinner. We will have a guest speaker that night as well, Melanie from the Summit County Prosecutor's Office will talk to us about scams targeting senior citizens. She will be joined by her pooch Avery, a trained service dog.

BIRTHDAYS:

10/2 Denise Goodwin
10/5 Rosanne Edwardson
10/9 Connie Nagy
10/9 Don Reilly
10/14 Frank Smith
10/23 Al Grzeschik
10/29 Jill Flagg Lanzinger

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Tom Longworth - 70 years
Don Reilly - 45 years
Sue Fassoles - 27 years
Sam Reynolds - 25 years
Phil Pinnow - 15 years
Jeff Goodwin - 11 years
Debbie Rubino - 11 years
Chuck Seeley - 11 years
Jill Flagg Lanzinger - 7 years
Steve Barry - 6 years
Barry Terjesen - 5 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

10/11 Frank & Bonnie Smith
10/14 Tom Burge & Polly
10/15 Dale & Cathy Dietz
10/31 John & Michelle Schermesser

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

Charlie Kepnes
Joyce Longworth
Chuck 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.

SAVE THE DATE, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

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. Cathy, Dana, and Melissa will be hosting this event. Invitations with details to follow.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- >October 13 - Charter Party at Tudor House**
- >October 20 - Rose Wrap Up Dinner at Civic Center**
- >October 27 - Kiwanis Tower Dinner with guest speaker**
- >November 3 - Regular Meeting & Board Meeting**

FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >November 19 - Women's Night In - Ornament Exchange Party**
- >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.

