



# **PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR**

Newsletter for October 26, 2019

**The Rose Day Wrap Up Dinner was held at the Civic Center on 10/23. With the upgrades to our computer system, the ordering, sales, and routing this year was better than in the past. We had a record year, completely selling out the Wednesday before delivery. We were a little short on delivery help, but the groups we had stepped up to the plate and got the job done. Many thanks to our Kiwanian volunteers along with our outside groups that helped sell and deliver. Thank you to our Rose office crew and of course our Rose Day Chair, Tom Burge who put in many many hours coordinating everything from beginning to end. Hats off to another very successful year.**

## **Charter Party**

**Our annual Charter Party was held on October 16th at the Main and Caston Brew Yard. We had a great turn out to thank President Jon Freeman for his service and leadership during the 2018-2019 year. Jon handed out award certificates to members and turned the reins over to incoming President Rosanne Edwardson, who inducted the new and returning Officers and Board Members. A wonderful evening of food, fun, fellowship, and reward was enjoyed by all.**

### **2019-2020 Officers**

**Rosanne Edwardson - President**

**Steve Hess - Vice President**

**Vicki Kepnes - Treasurer**

**Cathy Dietz - Secretary**

### **2019-2020 Board of Directors**

**Bob Fowler - 2020**

**Debbie Rubino - 2020**

**Dale Dietz - 2020**

**Juanita Gehm - 2021**

**Phil Pinnow - 2021**

**Esther Cole - 2021**

**John Hercules - 2022**

**Al Grzeschik -2022**

**Frank Smith - 2022**

### **KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:**

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

**Charlie Kepnes  
Betty Seeley  
Glen Sheets**

### **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 - 68 years  
Don Reilly - 43 years  
Sue Fassoles - 25 years  
Sam Reynolds - 23 years  
Phil Pinnow - 13 years  
Jeff Goodwin - 9 years  
Debbie Rubino - 9 years  
Chuck Seeley - 9 years  
Jill Flagg Lanzinger - 5 years  
Steve Barry - 4 years  
Barry Terjesen - 3 years**

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

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

# Congratulations!



**Mr. Thomas Longworth**

**On October 23, 2019, Tom Longworth, a 68 year member of the Portage Lakes Kiwanis was awarded a Walter Zeller Presidential award, one of the highest awards bestowed upon a Kiwanian. Gene Cole and Tom Burge were happy to present the award to Tom. In addition, Tom was given a very nice framed certificate for 40 years of service to the Kiwanis Towers. A very special night for a very special gentleman.**

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- >Nov 6 - Board Meeting**
- >Nov 8 - Girls Night In - Ornament Exchange**
- >Nov 19 - Division 16 Meeting/Norton**
- >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.**



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**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.**



**Do you or someone you know need help with fall leaf clean up? The Coventry Key Club is looking to help Senior Citizens in the Coventry area with this service. Please contact Vicki Kepnes at [vickikep@aol.com](mailto:vickikep@aol.com) and she will get in touch with them to get you on the list for help. Thank you.**



**Santa Delivery is not too far away. If you are a route captain please check to make sure you have a complete team in place; you will need a Santa, elves, a sleigh puller, and a lead driver. If you do not plan to return this year, please let Connie know as soon as possible. We will have over 3000 packages to deliver Christmas Eve so let's get busy.**

#### **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](http://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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