



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

October 30, 2022

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It's hard to believe, but the holidays are fast approaching. Following is a run-down of what we have planned for our club. It is a busy time of the year, so please save the dates to participate in what you can. Just a brief write up about each event, with details to follow:

GIRL'S NIGHT IN/ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Our annual Girl's Night In/Ornament exchange will be held on Friday, November 18th at the Civic Center. We will have dinner, craft time, game time, the ornament exchange, and lots of girl gab. You don't have to bring anything but an ornament for the exchange and your smiley self. There is no cost to attend this event. Please RSVP to cathy.dietz61@yahoo.com so we have a head count for food and crafts.

COVENTRY TREE LIGHTING

Picks at PLX will again host the Coventry Tree Lighting event. Our club participated last year and this was a really fun event for the community. The festivities will be held at the Clocktower on Sunday, December 4th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. We'll set up our canopies for a Kiwanis booth. Last year we handed out gloves and hats to anyone that needed them at no cost. If you are able, please bring in a donation of gloves and/or hats to hand out. We served mostly children, but we did have some adults too, so either is fine. You can bring them in to any November meeting. We will finalize plans at the next meeting. Think about volunteering at this free event.

COOKIES WITH KIWANIS

On Sunday, December 11th, we will sponsor Cookies with Kiwanis. This event will be held at the Kiwanis Towers on Portage Lakes Drive from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We'll visit with the residents and have cookies, treats, and a small gift for each of them. Santa will be there too! We will need volunteers to bring cookies and to attend the event to help out. More details to follow, but please save the date.

KIWANIS FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please save the date for our Kiwanis Club Christmas party. The event will be held at the Civic Center on Wednesday, December 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We will have dinner, singing, a game or two, and a visit from Santa. This is a family event so spouses are welcome to attend. Details and price to follow.

CHRISTMAS EVE - SANTA DELIVERY

What would the holidays be without our annual Christmas Eve Santa delivery. Connie Nagy will chair this annual event. The festivities begin at the Civic Center around 3:30 pm, with the first team leaving the Civic Center just before 5:00 pm. We do need volunteers, so if you would like to be on one of our 15 teams, please let Connie know. Drop off of gifts will open on December 12th and close on Wednesday December 21st at 5:00 pm. Additional information will follow.



The Acme Cash Back Community Program has started again. It will run from August 4th to December 24th. Please save your receipts and bring them to any meeting. Our club will get 5% of the total of receipts we present. It is a very simple way to earn some extra money. Please give them to Dana or Cathy. We are already over half way there, so please keep the receipts coming, and thank you to all of our Acme shoppers for helping out. Thank you.



Please start saving shoes again! We will have another drive in the spring, but you can bring in shoes at any time and we can get a running start on this fundraiser. Our last drive brought in over \$1000 dollars and is a relatively easy way to raise additional monies.

Welcome to our New Members

We inducted two new members into our Club on Wednesday October 26th. We welcome Betty Seeley, wife of member Chuck Seeley. Betty's sponsor is Larry Hunter. Also inducted was Marcia Ponikvar, wife of member Anthony Ponikvar, who was also her sponsor. Both of these young ladies will be a tremendous asset to our club, and we welcome them to the Kiwanis family. Thanks to Stanley Vaughan for leading the ceremony.





Welcome to the Kiwanis Family



At our board meeting on October 26th, Mr. Jon Vielhaber's membership application was accepted, so we are growing again. Jon has been a Portage Lakes resident for many years and has been involved with the Kiwanis on occasion. Jon's dad was a Kiwanis member too, a few years back. Al Grzeschik will be Jon's sponsor. An induction date will be set soon. Welcome to the club Jon.



We will have a guest speaker on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at our meeting. One of the New Franklin Council members will stop in to talk with us. Please come out and support our speaker and our club. It promises to be interesting.



At the PLK Board of Directors meeting on October 26th, it was unanimously voted to award Dr. Phillip Pinnow an honorary Kiwanis membership. Dr. Phil has been a member for many years and was such a valuable member; leading committees, serving on the Board of Directors, super pancake flipper, and volunteering many many hours on our signature events. Dr. Phil is having some health difficulties and cannot attend meetings now, but we want him to know he will ALWAYS be a part of our Kiwanis family. Congratulations Dr. Phil and Judy, we love you.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- >November 9, Guest speaker from New Franklin Council
- >November 18, Girl's Night In/Ornament Exchange
- >November 23, No meeting, Happy Thanksgiving
- >November 30, Regular Meeting and Board Meeting

FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD

- >December 4, Coventry Tree Lighting at Clocktower 4:00 to 7:00pm
- >December 11, Cookies with Kiwanis at Kiwanis Towers, 1:00 to 3:00pm
- >December 14, Family Kiwanis Club Christmas Party at Civic Center 6:00 to 8:00pm
- >December 24, Christmas Eve Santa Delivery

BIRTHDAYS:

- 10/02 Denise Goodwin
- 10/05 Rosanne Edwardson
- 10/09 Connie Nagy
- 10/09 Don Reilly
- 10/14 Frank Smith
- 10/23 Al Grzeschik
- 10/27 Kevin Powell
- 10/29 Jill Flagg Lanzinger

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Tom Longworth - 71 years
Don Reilly - 46 years
Sue Fassoles - 28 years
Sam Reynolds - 26 years
Phil Pinnow - 16 years
Debbie Rubino - 12 years
Chuck Seeley - 12 years
Jeff Goodwin - 12 years
Jill Flagg Lanzinger - 8 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

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

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:

Tom Longworth
Dr. Phil Pinnow

If you know of any members that are in need of prayer, please let me know. I will be happy to add them to our prayer list.

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 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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