



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for September 12, 2021

ROSE DAY

October 2, 2021

SEND ROSES TO SOMEONE SPECIAL!

Portage Lakes Kiwanis is now taking orders for our 65th Annual Kiwanis Rose Remembrance Day Sale.

ONE DOZEN BOXED, LONG-STEMMED ROSES DELIVERED TO SELECT ZIP CODES (complete zip code list is at www.plkiwanis.org) IN SUMMIT COUNTY ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 2, 2021 FOR ONLY \$20!

Order on-line now at WWW.PLKIWANIS.ORG (safe and secure).

WE SOLD OUT LAST YEAR, SO ORDER EARLY! Proceeds are returned to the community through Kiwanis non-profit programs and services. Your donation of ONLY \$20.00 will result in one dozen fresh, long-stemmed roses being delivered on Saturday, October 2, 2021 right to the front door of someone special with **NO ADDITIONAL COST FOR DELIVERY!** All connections to our website are completely secure for your ordering protection. Thank you for your orders in previous years and we hope to serve you again this year.

URGENT URGENT URGENT, WE NEED YOUR HELP ...

We are looking for volunteers to help run the Rose Office. Connie Vaughan will be managing the office which opens on September 15th, but we still need help for our one and only major fundraiser. If you have some spare time during the day, we need you.

We also need volunteers to help with delivery. Due to Covid we have lost some of our delivery help and we are looking to our members to deliver roses. This is crucial to the success of our sale. Please help.

PLEASE contact Al Grzeschik at (330) 524-2979 or email at al@plkiwanis.org if you can assist with either of the above duties. Thank you.



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. The cost to attend is \$25.00 which includes the gratuity, and you will have the choice of a roast beef dinner, a breaded chicken dinner, or a blackened salmon dinner. A CASH bar will be available. Please RSVP to Tim Peterson at (330) 819-2757 or email to tim@plkiwanis.org. Your check can be made payable to Portage Lakes Kiwanis (memo-Charter Party).

2021-2022 Officers

President - Stanley Vaughan

Past President - Steve Hess

Vice President - vacant

Treasurer - Dana Roderick

Secretary - Cathy Dietz

Board of Directors

Al Grzeschik 2022

John Hercules 2022

Frank Smith 2022

Bob Fowler 2023

Debbie Rubino 2023

Tim Peterson 2023

Juanita Gehm 2024

Phil Pinnow 2024

Rosanne Edwardson 2024

We cannot thank our 2020-2021 outgoing officers enough for their service, President-Steve Hess, Vice President-Stanley Vaughan, Secretary-Al Grzeschik, and Treasurer-Dana Roderick. These folks have led through a difficult year battling the Covid pandemic and their commitment and dedication has been outstanding. All of you are very much appreciated.



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 o'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.



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.

REMINDER - The Kiwanis Tower dinner that was planned for Wednesday, September 15th has been cancelled due to the Covid pandemic. We will be having a normal meeting at the Civic Center with dinner catered by Lukity's at 6:30 pm and the meeting following at 7:00 pm.

BIRTHDAYS:

09/06 Steve Barry
09/09 Bob Fowler
09/15 Debbie Rubino
09/25 Dana Roderick

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

09/01 Gene Cole - 45 years
09/30 Larry Hunter - 19 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

09/02 Larry Hunter
09/27 Steve Barry

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

Charlie Kepnes

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.



Your 2021-2022 membership dues are now due! If you have not yet paid your dues please send in your check by October 1, 2021 in the self addressed envelope you received. If for some reason you do not plan on renewing your membership, please submit your written resignation by October 1, 2021 or let Dana or Al know. Thank you.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Charlie and Vicki Kepnes for the mulch and clean-up in front of the Civic Center. It looks **AWESOME** and is very much appreciated. Next time you pull in take a gander and check out this much needed project. You two are the best, thank you.

INFORMATION NEEDED:

Please contact Al or Dana for your committee budget requests for 2021-2022, they have forms available. We are still using the committees based on the 2019 year, as they have not changed. Thank you.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- >September 15 - Rose Office opens
- >September 21 - Division 16 meeting/picnic, hosted by Wooster Club
- >October 2 - Rose Day delivery
- >October 6 - Regular and Board Meeting
- >October 13 - Charter Party at Tudor House



FISH FRY 09/08/2021

The annual Portage Lakes Fish Fry was held at the Civic Center last Wednesday. We had a terrific dinner with lots of tasty side dishes. Thank you to all volunteers that cooked, helped with set up and tear down, and assisted in any way. Larry Hunter has been the organizer for many years and we thank him for keeping this wonderful tradition going. Many thanks to all that attended! In addition, Mr. Gary Kindig from the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park was our guest speaker and filled us in on past, present, and future events happening down at the Park in Clinton.

LEGION OF HONOR AWARD

Congratulations to member Mr. Gene Cole for earning this prestigious award. As of September 1, 2021 Gene has been a member of the Portage Lakes Kiwanis for 45 years! He joined the club back in 1976. Gene has held many posts within the club including Presidency. Congratulations Gene, your service and everything you have done for PLK is deeply appreciated.

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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