



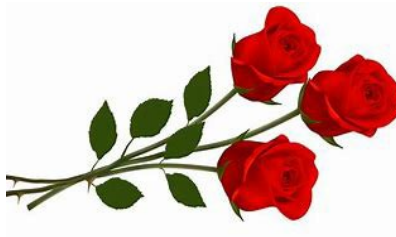
## PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

September 23, 2022

### ROSE DAY OCTOBER 1, 2022

There are only a few days left to purchase roses for our 66<sup>th</sup> annual Portage Lakes Kiwanis Rose Remembrance Day. Roses are \$20.00 per dozen, delivered, to most zip codes in Summit County. Please ask your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to send someone they love a dozen roses. We are still in need of organizations to deliver roses on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Our club will pay \$2.00 for each dozen delivered that day. If you know of a club or organization that may be interested in making some money, please let Al know. If you are a club member and can help with delivery please contact Al as soon as possible. Time is running out, Al's email is [al@plkiwanis.org](mailto:al@plkiwanis.org).

The link to order roses is: <https://www.plkiwanis.org/rose-order-form/>. Please place your orders today.



### KIWANIS TOWER DINNER

The annual Kiwanis Tower Dinner was held at the Civic Center on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. This dinner is held every year to continue to grow the bond between the Portage Lakes Kiwanis and the Kiwanis Tower residents. Rose Villa did a terrific job catering the dinner and the food was delicious. We had a good turnout, 54 people were present. It was an enjoyable evening visiting with the residents. Thank you to all those that attended.



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.

## CHARTER PARTY

The Party will be held at the Canal Grille Restaurant in their private party room on Wednesday, October 5th. We will welcome our new Officers and Directors while celebrating another successful year! Guests are welcome to attend. Governor of the Ohio District, Mr. David Kuhn will be our guest speaker and Inductor. 6:00 pm will be social time, 6:30 pm will be the Pledge, Invocation, & Dinner, and the Passing of the Gavel program will begin at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$31.50 per person to attend and there will be a cash bar available. You will have a choice of four dinner entrees:

- \*10 oz New York strip steak with baked or mashed potatoes and green beans
- \*Seared salmon with baked or mashed potatoes and green beans
- \*Teriyaki chicken with baked or mashed potatoes and green beans
- \*Stuffed shells with home-made meat ball

All dinners are served with a garden salad, soft drinks, coffee, and tea.

The gratuity and tax are included in the price.

**ALL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.**

Please RSVP with your reservation and payment by this coming Wednesday, September 28th, checks payable to Portage Lakes Kiwanis.

Al Grzeschik, text or call (330) 524-2979 or email [al@plkiwanis.org](mailto:al@plkiwanis.org) or

Cathy Dietz, text or call (330) 592-6471 or email at [cathy.dietz61@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com)



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 money.

## **GIRL'S NIGHT IN/ORNAMENT EXCHANGE** **-SAVE THE DATE-**

Our annual Girl's Night In/Ornament Exchange will be held on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center. We will have dinner, craft time, game time, the ornament exchange, and lots of girl gab. This is a really fun night in and you don't have to bring anything! There is no cost to attend this event. Invitations will be sent out soon. We hope to see you there.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** *Annual Dues*

If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so. Dues are due no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please send your check made payable to Portage Lakes Kiwanis to: Portage Lakes Kiwanis, P.O. Box 19186, Akron, OH 44319. If for some reason you will not be renewing your membership, please let me know as soon as possible at [cathy.dietz61@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com)

**At our meeting on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, we had a wonderful guest speaker Mr. Kelly Pariso, a financial advisor from Pariso & Associates, of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC. Kelly spoke about the products and services his company offers. He also spoke briefly about the Polar Bear jump which he and his wife organize every winter. Thank you for coming Kelly, we enjoyed having you.**



**We had a pretty good turnout for the Steak & Chicken Dinner that was held at the Civic Center on September 7th, including several guests. The food was excellent and we thank Al and his team for grilling up the vittles. Thank you also to everyone that brought a dish to share. A good time was had by all. Al's advisors, Barry and Joe are telling him he is doing a fine job!**



**We had an awesome turnout at the Barberton Kiwanis annual Pancake Breakfast on Labor Day. Fourteen members and three guests sat down for breakfast AND we scored an interclub! We got to say hi to our own local Judge McKenney and his wife Bethany and got to rub elbows with Governor Dewine and his wife. The day was a bit soggy but that didn't stop our fun. Thank you to all that came out.**



**We express our Christian sympathies to the family of club member Rosemarie Ripple who passed away August 30th. Rosemarie has resided in the Portage Lakes area for several years.**

Rosemarie Bianco Ripple passed away on August 30, 2022.

Born on December 20, 1959, Rose grew up in Silver Lake, OH and was a resident of Portage Lakes. She attended Holy Family Parish School, Archbishop Hoban High, and Kent State University. Rose most recently worked for the Rubber Ducks and was a member of the Portage Lakes Kiwanis. She was a seasoned traveler and loved the Akron Symphony Orchestra.

Rosemarie was predeceased by her parents, Michael and Annamae; her beloved husband, James; brother, Joseph; sister, Barbara; and brother, Peter. She is survived by her sister, Marianne; her best buddy, Enzo; and a host of cousins and friends who will miss her forever.

Per Rose's wishes there will be no services.

Let's honor Rosemarie's memory by enjoying a hike in your favorite park.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**>Sept 28, Regular Meeting and Board Meeting**

### **FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD**

**>October 1 - Rose Day**

**>October 5, Charter Party at Canal Grille**

**>November 18, Girls Night In/Ornament Exchange**

## **BIRTHDAYS:**

09/05 Devin Allman  
09/09 Bob Fowler  
09/15 Debbie Rubino  
09/25 Dana Roderick

## **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

Gene Cole - 46 years  
Larry Hunter - 20 years

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

09/02 Larry & Judy Hunter  
09/15 Dan & Lisa Fouser

## **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.

**Perfect Attendance!** 

Nine Kiwanians had perfect attendance in August! Each recipient got a little box of wine and the tag read 'no whining here, you got perfect attendance'. Congratulations to our August winners.

Cathy Dietz, Dale Dietz, Rosanne Edwardson, John Hercules, Juanita Gehm, Al Grzeschik, Larry Hunter, Tim Peterson, Dana Roderick



**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](http://www.plkiwanis.org) and please check out our Facebook page too under Portage Lakes Kiwanis.**

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