



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for September 26, 2021

A message from our President...

Good day my fellow Kiwanians. As our year comes to an end, I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President.

This past year has been a challenging one. The first six months we did nothing; very few meetings and no actual events. The last six months we've had to throw together our events, with very little notice or planning. Despite the challenges, we successfully pulled it off, and we could not have done this without your help.

As I leave my position as President, I am humbled by the generosity of our members. This was completely out of my comfort zone. I do not like being up front, I like being behind the scenes. Having said that, as the year progressed I felt more at ease, and have really enjoyed my time. I urge each and every one of you, if you have not served in leadership, please consider it. You won't regret it.

In closing, I would like to wish incoming President Stan Vaughan the best of luck. Thank you to all the officers, board members, and committee members. I look forward to another fantastic year.

**Yours truly,
Steve Hess**

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.

Have you placed your order for roses yet. This coming Wednesday, 09/29 is the cutoff date to order (unless we sell out first). Get your orders in before it's too late.

URGENT URGENT URGENT, WE NEED YOUR HELP ...

Thank you to Connie Vaughan for manning the Rose Office.

We still 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, we need you.

PLEASE contact Al Grzeschik as soon as possible at (330) 524-2979 or email at al@plkiwanis.org if you can assist. 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). RESERVATIONS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH.



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.



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.

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 & Judy Hunter
09/15 Dan & Lisa Fauser
09/27 Steve & Kathy 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.

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.

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.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

We are in the process of preparing an updated Membership Roster. If any of your information has changed...address, phone number, or email address, please let Secretary Cathy know as soon as possible. You can email me at cathy.dietz61@gmail.com. Copies of the tri-fold will be sent to all members upon completion. Thank you.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS

In 2019 we had a lot of fun with the Perfect Attendance Awards. They are coming back! We would LOVE to see your smiling face at every meeting. The rules are simple...you must be present at the meeting which begins at 7:00 pm and you must attend each meeting in the calendar month. Do that and you will receive one of our witty awards on the first Wednesday of the following month. Example, if you attend all meetings in October the awards will be handed out at the first meeting in November, which will be November 3rd. Come join us!

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

>ROSE OFFICE IS OPEN M - F, 9:00 TO 5:00

>October 2 - Rose Day delivery

>October 6 - Regular and Board Meeting

>October 13 - Charter Party at Tudor House

FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

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

>December 24 - Christmas Eve Santa Delivery

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.

