



## **PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR**

Newsletter for January 26, 2020



**This past Wednesday, January 22, 2020 we had the privilege of the Barberton Kiwanis Noon Club visiting us for an interclub. We received an additional treat in that our Division 16 Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Bob Leasure, is a member of that club and was also in attendance. He updated us on what is going on in the Division as well as their club. Did you know the Barberton Noon Club is 95 years old and they were the original sponsor of our club? How cool is that? They support the Barberton High Key Club as well as the Barberton Middle School Builders Club, with each having about 30 members. They have a ton of annual activities such as a Golf Outing every May, a pancake breakfast, and so much more. They sponsor a "Grab Bar" program that is awesome in helping the elderly and disabled to be safe in their homes. It was nice to have them and we appreciate their visit.**

***Congratulations***

**Congratulations to Robert Goff who has been a member of the Portage Lakes Kiwanis for 30 years! Bob will receive the prestigious 30 year Legion of Honor Award, certificate and pin. Way to go!**

## WELCOME KAY

At the board meeting held on January 8th, the Officers and Board of Directors voted to accept the membership of Kay Lukac. Kay is sponsored by member Larry Hunter. Kay has resided in the Portage Lakes area for several years and is involved in many activities. She is currently the President of the Purple Martin Society which our club supports. She was inducted this past Wednesday Jan 22nd. Welcome aboard Kay.



## KIWANIS MID YEAR EDUCATION DAY

The Kiwanis Mid Year Education Day will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020. The event will be held at the Nationwide Conference Center & Hotel at Lewis Center, Ohio and runs from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. There will be seminars, fellowship, fun, and food. If you would like to go, we do offer sponsorships. Please let Vicki or Cathy know and we can assist with your registration.



Our meeting on Wednesday, February 5th, will be a Soup Dinner! Please bring a soup or salad to share. Spouses are welcome. This will be a fun night of fellowship. Contact Al or Rosanne if you need additional information.

## **BIRTHDAYS:**

1/7 Jim Welton  
1/11 Melissa Millmier  
1/26 Gene Cole  
1/29 Charlie Kepnes

## **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

Bob Goff - 30 years  
Juanita Gehm - 18 years  
Jon Freeman - 16 years

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

1/1 Tom & Joyce Longworth  
1/19 Gene & Judi Cole

## **KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:**

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

**Charlie Kepnes**

On Wednesday, January 29th, we will have a guest speaker, Jeremiah, from Boy Scout Troop 3337 with some of their members. They meet at our Civic Center and would like to keep us updated on their activities.



At our last Board Meeting, it was decided that we would support the Ohio District Kiwanis First Family Project, which is the "Prevention of Kids Head Trauma". Our club will purchase bicycle helmets with the logo 'Ohio Kiwanis' to help make this drive a success. We have requested that the helmets be distributed to children in our area.

**If you are interested in volunteering to cover the Kiwanis booth at the Akron boat show, please e-mail Dana Roderick at [d1687@hotmail.com](mailto:d1687@hotmail.com). There are a few openings left, and by volunteering you get free access to visit all other booths at the boat show.**

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

- >Jan 29 - Speaker Jeremiah, Boy Scout Troop 3337
- >Feb 5 - Board Meeting and Soup Supper
- >Feb 28 thru March 1 - Boat Show at JS Knight Center

### **SAVE THE DATE/FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:**

- >March 21 - Mid Year Education Day - Lewis Center, Ohio
- >April 11 - Easter Egg Hunt
- >June 20 - Annual Car Show, Purple Martin Festival, Antique Boat Show
- >June 27 - Portage Lakes Fireworks
- >July 18 - Pirate Day at Portage Lakes
- >July 25 - Dragons on the Lake Festival
- >August 1 to 30 - Purple Martin Boat Rides

### **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.**

