



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for March 8, 2020



Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 11th at the Tudor House next to State Park. We will have the usual fun and games, balloon pop, the New Franklin Fire truck, several vendor tables, a visit with the Easter Bunny, and the egg hunt with different age group divisions. The festivities begin at 10:30 am with the actual Easter Egg hunt at noon. On Wednesday, March 18th at 2:00 pm, we will be taking Easter eggs to Ellet High School to stuff with the Key Club students. Please let Al know if you will be able to attend as he will need to make arrangements with the advisors and get security passes. The following Wednesday, March 25th, we will stuff the remainder of the eggs here at the Civic Center. We will have hotdogs and hamburgers for dinner that night. Please plan to attend so we can get the rest of the eggs prepared for the hunt! Please contact Al or Connie with any questions.

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 in 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.

KIWANIS NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Kiwanis National Convention will be held Wednesday June 17 through Saturday June 20, 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana this year. There is a jam packed schedule filled with speakers, conferences, seminars, meals, and social gatherings. Same as Mid Year Education Day...if you are interested in attending, we do offer some financial assistance. Please inquire.

BIRTHDAYS:

03/01 Larry Hunter
03/03 Glen Sheet
03/07 John Schermesser
03/11 Jon Freeman
03/27 Cathy Dietz
03/27 Kay Lukac

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Lisa Geiger Houck - 7 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

03/23 Jim & Marge Welton

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

Charlie Kepnes
Frank Smith
Rosemarie Ripple
Betty Seeley



Many thanks to our Kiwanis members that volunteered their time to set up and run the booth at the Akron Boat show the weekend of February 28th, 29th, and March 1st. Kudos to Bob Kansa, Al Grzeschik, Kay Lukac, Larry Hunter, Steve Hess, Dana Roderick, Tim Peterson, and Stanley Vaughan. Your efforts are appreciated.



On February 26th, we welcomed Ellen Linz, from Altercare of Hartville who came to speak with us about Advanced Directives, POA and all those really important things that we need to know and always think we have plenty of time to find out. She gave us a lot of good information and answered all of the questions we had for her. Thank you for your time Ellen.

On Wednesday, March 11th, Lisa M. King, Executive Director of the Summit Metro Parks will be coming in to speak with us about voting and the levy on the ballot concerning the Metro Parks. Plan to come to this meeting to learn what this levy will mean to the residents of Summit County and to park users.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS:

- >March 11 - Speaker from Metro Parks
- >March 18 - Stuff Easter eggs at Ellet HS 2:00 pm, contact Al if you can attend
- >March 21 - Mid Year Education Day
- >March 25 - Stuff Easter eggs at Civic Center / hotdogs & hamburgers

SAVE THE DATE/FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >April 1 - Board Meeting
- >April 11 - Easter Egg Hunt
- >May 20 - Scholarship Dinner @ Civic Center
- >May 22 - Rubber Ducks Baseball Night Out
- >June 20 - Annual Car Show, Purple Martin Festival, Antique Boat Show
- >June 27 - Portage Lakes Fireworks
- >July 17 - Buccaneer Bash
- >July 18 - Pirate Day at Portage Lakes
- >July 25 - Dragons on the Lake Festival
- >August 1 to 30 - Purple Martin Boat Rides



The annual Rubber Ducks Baseball Night Out will be Friday May 22nd. They will be playing the Richmond Flying Squirrels at Canal Park, and this is a fireworks night. You can see Al to place your ticket order. Tickets are \$8.00 per person. Family members and friends are welcome.



We had a record number of folks that had perfect attendance last month! 14 members in total. Awards will be handed out at the meeting this week. Congratulations to all.

Esther Cole
Gene Cole
Cathy Dietz
Dale Dietz
Bob Fowler
Al Grzeschik
John Hercules
Steve Hess
Larry Hunter
Rosanne Edwardson
Kay Lukac
Phil Pinnow
Chuck Seeley
Stanley Vaughan



We have decided to enter a float in one (or both) of the parades this summer! We have to get the folks together that are willing to help and decide if we want to go with the Memorial Day parade in Manchester or the Boat Parade on the Lakes. If you are interested in helping or have ideas, please see Steve Hess or Dana Roderick. Thank you.

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 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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