



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for February 20, 2022



On Saturday, March 19th, we will be hosting a Kiwanis Family Fun Day. This will be a fundraiser for Pirate Day to be held in later this summer. Please join us at the Civic Center, 725 Portage Lakes Drive from noon to 4:00 pm. There will be fun and games, a basket raffle, and FOOD! Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 for 1 ticket, \$5.00 for 6 tickets, or \$20.00 for an arms-length. There will be hot-dogs, kraut-dogs, chili-dogs, cheese-dogs and chips for sale. Come join us and bring your family, friends, grand-kids, or neighbors. This will be a fun time for all.

If you would like to donate a basket or volunteer to assist at the event, please let Dana know. Her email is d1687@hotmail.com. Thank you.

We have two other fund-raisers planned. This spring we will be hosting a shoe drive. We will need to collect 100 bags of used shoes which equates to 2,500 pair. We will collect the shoes and bag them up. They will then go to a company that refurbishes them a bit and sends them off to third world countries for those less fortunate.

This summer we will again sell Ohio State Football game raffle tickets. The winner will receive two seats to all OSU home games next season. We will receive \$3.00 for every raffle ticket we sell.

Details will be provided soon.



Our annual community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16th. We are planning to return to our traditional Saturday festivities with games, balloon pop, the fire truck, the Easter bunny, the egg hunt, and much more. This free event is for families in our community. Our meetings on April 6th and April 13th will be dedicated to stuffing the thousands of eggs to be scattered on the lawn at the Tudor House. Please come and help. We will also need volunteers to assist on Egg hunt day.

REMINDER

There is a board meeting this Wednesday, February 23 immediately following the regular meeting. If you are on the board please plan to attend this meeting.

We need your input...all Kiwanis members are welcome to contribute to our Newsletter. We are in need of family news, Kiwanis news, community news, or any information you would like our club members to know. You can email me at cathy.dietz61@gmail.com with your news.



At our December 1, 2021 Board Meeting, there was a unanimous vote to change the date of our monthly Board Meeting to the last Wednesday of the month instead of the first Wednesday of the month. If you are a member you are welcome to attend any Board Meeting so we wanted to make everyone aware of the change. Thank you.

IWANIS OHIO DISTRICT MID-YEAR EDUCATION DAY

The annual Kiwanis Mid-Year Education day will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at the Crown Plaza Columbus in Worthington Ohio. The Keynote speaker will be Shawn 'Spike' Smith who will be speaking about diversity, equity, and inclusion in the opening ceremony with an additional afternoon session about special interest clubs. Other topics that will be covered are parliamentary procedures, how to conduct effective meetings, open houses, grant writing, benefits of using social media, and how to find officers for your club. It would be wonderful to have someone from our club to represent at mid-year. We do offer a scholarship for two members if you would like to attend. Please see Cathy or Al to assist with registration, the deadline is fast approaching.

BIRTHDAYS:

02/11 Jonathan Zito
02/28 Bob Goff

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Jay Feldman - 39 years
Tom Burge - 36 years
Vicki Kepnes - 21 years
Becky Shookman - 6 years
Bob Kansa - 4 years
Melissa Millmier - 3 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

02/05 Jay & Connie Feldman

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- >February 23, Board Meeting & Regular Meeting
- >March 15, District 16 meeting at R. Shea Brewery
- >March 19, Kiwanis Family Fun Day at Civic Center
- >March 19, Kiwanis Mid-Year Education day
- >April 6th & April 13th, Easter Egg stuffing
- >April 16, Easter Egg Hunt at the Tudor House

FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >June 26, Martifest
- >July 23, Dragon Boat Festival

COMMITTEES

Over the last couple of years, our club has gotten out of the habit of utilizing the committees that were formed for specific Kiwanis functions. We need to get back into the routine of using this important club tool. Members that regularly come to meetings have signed up for the committees they wish to serve on, but I wanted to offer this opportunity to all members to continue to serve on a committee you have been on or to sign up for different committees. These are the current club committees:

**Youth Services
Young Children Priority 1
Manchester Key Club
Coventry Key Club
Santa Delivery
House & Reception
Social Programs
Interclubs/Reception
Membership
Laws & Regulations
Scholarship
Finance Committee
Historical Committee
Fundraising Committee
Rose Day
Pirate Day/Pancake Breakfast
Public Relations/Human Spiritual Values
Nominating/Elections**

Please let Cathy at cathy.dietz61@gmail.com know what committees you would like to serve on. Once we have a listing of who wants to serve on what committee, we will publish that information and decide when to have committee meetings.

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

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

Charlie Kepnes

Al Grzeschik

Kay Lukac

Judy Pinnow

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.

The new **MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS** are available. You can obtain one at the Civic Center any Wednesday or if you would like to receive one in the mail just shoot me a message. My email address is cathy.dietz61@gmail.com.

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.

