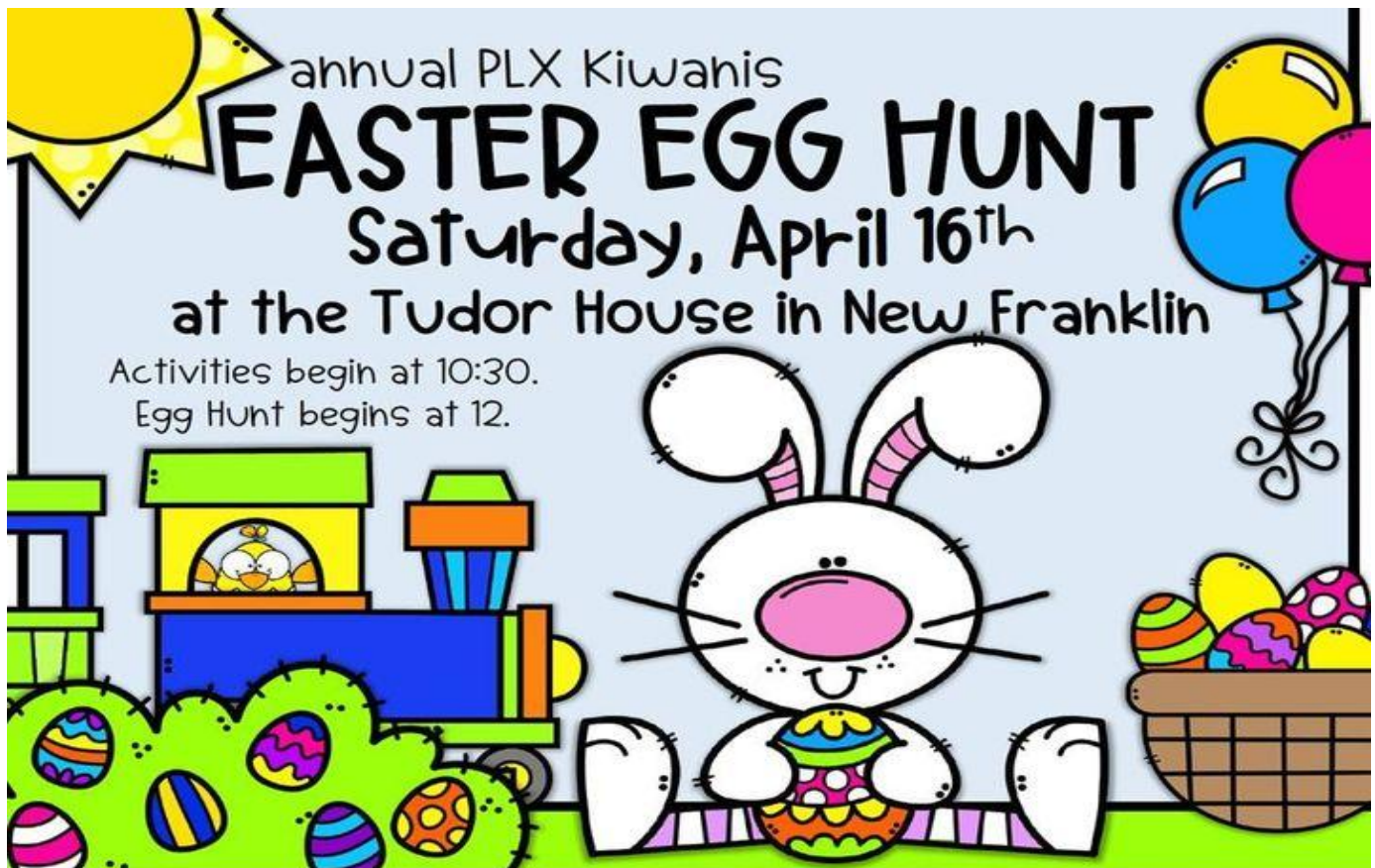




## PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for March 20, 2022



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 year we have an added attraction, the Little Roaming Railroad, both children and adults will be able to ride the train at no cost. 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.



**We have a new member joining our club! At our February 23rd Board Meeting we voted to accept the membership of Devin Allman. Devin is a student at the University of Akron, holds a part time job, and is active in the Portage Lakes Community. Devin recently graduated from Manchester High School. Steve Hess will be Devin's sponsor. His induction date is Wednesday March 30th. We welcome Devin into our Kiwanis Family.**



**Our shoe drive fund-raiser is now underway. We are collecting all kinds of gently used footwear. Shoes, boots, slippers, sandals, sneakers...any kind of shoe. Please remember us as you are doing your spring cleaning. You can drop your shoe donation off at the Kiwanis Civic Center any Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, or at one of these locations:**

- 4700 S. Arlington - porch drop off at any time**
- Barberton Moose - lobby**
- Town Park Cleaners - Green**
- Boggs Chiropractic - Green**
- Waikem Ford - Massillon**
- Waikem Honda - Massillon**
- Bling It On - Coventry**
- Kiwanis Towers - Coventry**

Thank you!



**Saturday, March 19th the Family Fun Day was held at the Civic Center. Everyone that came had a great time. We had a hot dog bar, themed games and crafts and costumed characters. Many thanks to the committee that put the event together; Lisa Fouser, Dana Roderick, Al Grzeschik, and Bob Kansa. Thanks also to all the Kiwanians that came to help out. We had over 15 Kiwanis members present to make the day a success, along with many friends and family. Thank you to all that donated raffle baskets as well. A fun time was had by all.**

**Important Notice**

**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.**



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](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com) with your news.



This year our annual Kiwanis Night Rubber Ducks game will be held on Friday May 27th at Canal Park. The Rubber Ducks will be playing the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, the game begins at 7:05 pm and there will be fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$10.00 and your reservation must be turned in to Al Grzeschik no later than March 30th. We always have great seats and this will be a fun way to kick off Memorial Day weekend.



Our March 23, 2022 meeting will take place at The Portage Lakes Deli, located at 5187 Manchester Road in New Franklin. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm with a meeting to follow. They have a fantastic menu for us to choose from. Everyone is welcome and this will be a fun night out supporting a local PLX establishment. Please plan on attending. Many thanks to Lisa Fouser for setting up this dinner out.  
**THERE IS NO MEETING AT THE CIVIC CENTER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd.**

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](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com).

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

03/01 Larry Hunter  
03/03 Glen Sheets  
03/07 John Schermesser  
03/11 Jon Freeman  
03/27 Cathy Dietz  
03/27 Kay Lukac  
03/30 Lisa Fauser

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

Lisa Geiger-Houck - 9 years

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

03/23 Jim & Marge Welton

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

- >March 23, Dinner & Meeting at PLX Deli, 6:00 pm
- >March 30, Regular Meeting followed by Board Meeting
- >April 6th & April 13th, Easter Egg stuffing
- >April 16, Easter Egg Hunt at the Tudor House

### **FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:**

- >May 27, Rubber Ducks game
- >June 26, Martifest/Purple Martins
- >July 23, Dragon Boat Festival
- >July 30, Pirate Pancake Breakfast
- >July 30, Pirate Day at State Park

## **KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:**

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

**Charlie Kepnes**

**Kay Lukac**

**Judy Pinnow - home recuperating**

**Tierny Goodwin - Jeff Goodwin's daughter, she is hospitalized and on complete bed rest until her baby is born. Prayers for mom and baby.**

**Our Christian sympathies go out to the family of Jack Sarver. Jack was a member of Portage Lakes Kiwanis for many years.**

**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.**



**Our club elections are coming up in May. If you would like to run for an officer position or nominate someone, please contact Al Grzeschik. All club members are eligible to vote on election Wednesday. The date will be announced soon.**

## **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](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.**

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