



## PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for April 3, 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 for kids to hunt. Please come and help. We will also need volunteers to assist on Egg hunt day.



**Please welcome Devin Allman to our club. 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 is Devin's sponsor and had the honor of pinning him. Devin will be an asset to our club and we welcome him into our Kiwanis Family.**



**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.**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 04/01/22

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## Kiwanis Holding Spring Shoe Drive

*Club to raise funds by collecting gently worn, used and new shoes*

**PORTAGE LAKES, OH:** Portage Lakes Kiwanis is currently collecting gently worn, used and new shoes at several locations in and around the community. The club provides programming and financial support to the youth of Portage Lakes with activities like Easter Egg Hunts, Academic Scholarships and the infamous Santa Delivery. This fundraising program supports climate and sustainability efforts by repurposing donated shoes, helping micro-entrepreneurs in developing nations, and creating jobs in the U.S. for American workers.

Stanley Vaughan, club President, said, "We chose this fundraiser as a creative alternative to asking the community for money. In fact, this is the perfect time of year to clean out closets!"

In addition to the various drop-off locations, the club will host two (2) Drive-Thru dates at their Civic Center located at 725 Portage Lakes Drive. Drive-Thru dates are Saturday, April 9, 2022 and Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The club will accept shoe donations every Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Civic Center. The following organizations have volunteered to accept shoe donations during regular business hours: The Barberton Moose, Town Park Cleaners (Green), Boggs Chiropractic (Green), Waikem Ford & Waikem Honda (Massillon), Bling It On Apparel, and Portage Lakes Deli & Dogs.

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### ADDITIONAL CONTACTS:

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**Donate Your Gently Worn,  
Used and New Shoes To**

***Portage Lakes***

***Kiwanis***

Help us raise funds for our organization by  
donating your gently worn,  
used and new shoes!

And don't forget to ask friends, family,  
neighbors and co-workers to donate too!



Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors.  
Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations.  
They are typically operated by one person or family and  
friends, depending on size.

## WHERE & WHEN **DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:**

### The Barberton Moose

250 31st St NW, Barberton

### Town Park Cleaners

1840 Town Park Blvd-C, Uniontown

### Boggs Chiropractic

4212 Town Crossing Blvd, Uniontown

### Waikem Ford & Honda

Massillon Locations

### Bling It On Apparel

3515 Manchester Road

### Portage Lakes Deli & Dogs

5187 Manchester Road

**ALL ACCEPTING SHOES DURING  
RESPECTIVE BUSINESS HOURS**

### Kiwanis Civic Center

725 Portage Lakes Drive

(open Wednesday's 6-8 pm)

## **Kiwanis Civic Center DRIVE-THRU DATES:**

**April 9, 2022**

**April 23, 2022**

**(1 - 4 pm)**

Contact

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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 as soon as possible. We always have great seats and this will be a fun way to kick off Memorial Day weekend.



Congratulations to Jeff & Denise Goodwin on the birth of their first grand-child. Kieran Riley was born on March 21st, weighing in at 3 lbs 3 ounces. The little one arrived several weeks early, so please keep mom and baby in your prayers.

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

04/20 Vicki Kepnes  
04/30 Steve Hess

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

John Schermesser - 41 years  
Glen Sheets - 27 years

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

04/01 Don & Marie Reilly  
04/03 Paul & Betty Schuckert  
04/11 Bob & Rebecca Goff  
04/15 Debbie & Mike Rubino

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

- >April 6th & April 13th, Easter Egg stuffing
- >April 16, Easter Egg Hunt at the Tudor House
- >April 27 - Regular Meeting & Board Meeting

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

- >May 27, Rubber Ducks game
- >June 26, Martinfest/Purple Martins
- >July 9, Portage Lakes Fireworks
- >July 23, Dragon Boat Festival
- >July 30, Pirate Pancake Breakfast
- >July 30, Pirate Day at State Park



The Purple Martins are returning to the Portage Lakes! With the weather being very unpredictable the birds will need to be fed twice a day every day. Do you have any spare time that you could help out with their feedings. Please contact President Kay Lukac at (330) 283-5771 and she can give you feeding details. Thank you.

### **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 and baby Kieran Riley - Jeff Goodwin's daughter and grand-child. Prayers for mom and baby.

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.

### **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**

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