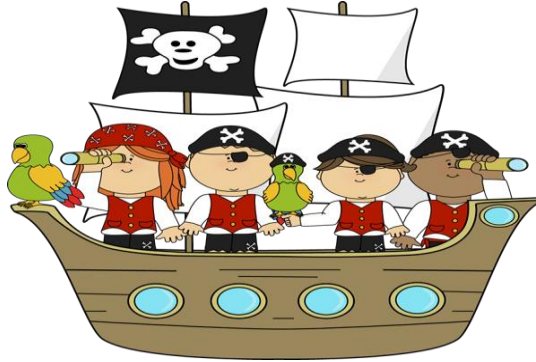




PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter for July 3, 2022



The Pirates are coming to Portage Lakes! The Portage Lakes Kiwanis FREE Pirate Days Treasure Hunt will be held Saturday July 30th at the Portage Lakes State Park. It will run from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The events for children will include boat rides to Pirate Island, digging for pirate treasure, a costume contest, making a craft, and so much more. This year we have invited the Little Roaming Railroad to provide train rides for both children and adults. There will be community vendors set up to sell their goods and some to give things away.

We are in search of additional vendors to participate. If you can help us out please contact Dana Roderick, Pirate Day Chair at d1687@hotmail.com. The committee is busy planning this fun filled family event.

PIRATE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On the same day, July 30th, the annual Pirate Day pancake breakfast will be held at the Civic Center from 8:00 to 11:00am. On the menu is pancakes, your choice of plain, chocolate chip, or blueberry. Your breakfast will also include sausage, fruit, and your choice of beverage; orange juice, milk, or coffee. Melissa Millmier is chairing the Breakfast, so if you would like to volunteer, donate food or paper products please contact Melissa at melissamillmier@kw.com. Stop in and have breakfast before you head over to the State Park for an afternoon of fun.

Thanks to everyone that came to our dinner out at Tito's Mexican Grill on June 15th. A fun time was had by all with many laughs and Kiwanian fellowship. Melissa, Barry, Jim, and Dana are all smiles here because they wore their matching shirts.



We will again this year be participating in the Kiwanis Ohio State Football Ticket raffle. This is a fundraiser for our club. The cost for each ticket is \$5.00 and for every ticket sold our club gets to keep \$3.00. The winning ticket pulled in August will receive two great seats to every Ohio State home football game. Please see any Kiwanis member to purchase your tickets, and Kiwanis members please see Steve Hess to obtain tickets to sell.

PORTAGE LAKES DRAGON BOAT TEAM

The weekend of June 18-19th the Portage Lakes Dragon Boat Dream team participated in a competition in Buffalo, NY. The Dream and Hope boats finished 1st and 2nd place. Judi Cole who is a breast cancer survivor participates on this team. Judi is Kiwanis member Gene Coles wife. The Portage Lakes community is so proud of these ladies, they are awesome.



July 23rd will be the Dragon Boat Festival at the Portage Lakes State Park. Our Kiwanis club will be helping out that day with several different volunteer opportunities. If you are available that day you can sign up for the 8:00 to 12:00 timeslot or 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm timeslot; or if you'd like you can help all day. Please let Al know as soon as possible so your tee shirt and lunch can be ordered. Plan to come out that day and support these amazing women and watch them in action.



Unfortunately, due to the fact that food prices have dramatically increased, the restaurant that caters our weekly meeting dinner, Lukity's, has had no choice but to raise their prices. Effectively immediately our new dinner cost will be \$14.00. This includes a main entree, potato, vegetable, salad, dessert, and a drink. Thank you for your understanding.

KIWANIS TOWER DINNER

SAVE - THE - DATE

Our annual Kiwanis Tower dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 14th and will take place at our Civic Center. Save the date and plan to attend. More information will be available soon.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



On Wednesday, June 29th, our club inducted a new member. Mr. Kevin Powell has been active in the Portage Lakes community for several years and we are excited to have him join us. Al Grzeschik is Kevin's sponsor and Dale Dietz had the honor of presiding over the induction ceremony. Welcome to our Kiwanis family Kevin!

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- >July 9, Portage Lakes Fireworks
- >July 23, Dragon Boat Festival
- >July 23, Christmas in July on the Lakes
- >July 27, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting
- >July 30, Pirate Pancake Breakfast
- >July 30, Pirate Day at State Park

FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD

- >Aug 1 thru Sept 4, Purple Martin Twilight Boat rides
- >August 16, PLK to host Division 16 meeting
- >September 14, Kiwanis Tower Dinner
- >October 1 - Rose Day

BIRTHDAYS:

- 07/24 Tim Peterson
- 07/25 Bob Kansa

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

- Connie Nagy - 24 years
- Joe Reinmann - 23 years
- John Hercules - 8 years
- Steve Hess - 4 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- 07/11 Sam & Cynthia Reynolds
- 07/22 Stanley & Connie Vaughan
- 07/24 Jon & Cassie Freeman

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:
Tom Longworth
Betty Seeley
Glen Sheets
Vicki Kepnes & family

If you know of any 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 \$14.00, 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.

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