



## **PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR**

Newsletter for May 29, 2022



The results from the May 18th Club elections are as follows:

### **Officers**

President - Larry Hunter  
Vice President - Lisa Fouser  
Secretary - Cathy Dietz  
Treasurer - Dana Roderick  
Past President - Stanley Vaughan

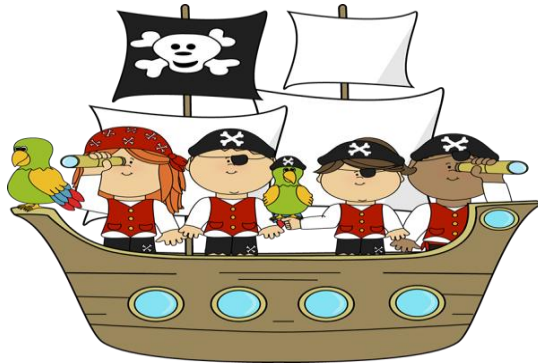
### **Board of Directors**

Bob Fowler 2023  
Debbie Rubino 2023  
Timothy Peterson 2023  
Juanita Gehm 2024  
Rosanne Edwardson 2024  
Bob Kansa 2024  
**Al Grzeschik 2025**  
**Frank Smith 2025**  
**John Hercules 2025**

Al Grzeschik, Frank Smith, and John Hercules were all re-elected to retain their Board seats for an additional three years. The above slate of officers and directors term will begin on October 1, 2022. Congratulations to these folks that will lead the Portage Lakes Kiwanis during the 2022 - 2023 year.

## **GUEST SPEAKER - JUNE 8, 2022**

During our regular meeting on June 8, 2022 at the Civic Center we will have a special guest speaker. Attorney Robert C. Meeker will speak about his firm's history in the Portage Lakes and his family's legal legacy. The public is invited to attend. Robert is with the law firm Blakemore, Meeker, & Bowler Co. L.P.A. located on Portage Lakes Drive. If you would like to join us for dinner that evening, please make a reservation with Al Grzeschik on or before Thursday June 2nd. Many thanks to Barry Terjesen for making the arrangements for Robert to come in and speak to us.



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](mailto:d1687@hotmail.com). The committee is busy planning this fun filled family event.

On the same day, July 30th the annual Pirate Day pancake breakfast will be held at the Civic Center from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Details to follow.

## SCHOLARSHIP DINNER



The Scott Shookman Memorial Scholars for 2022 have been chosen. President Stanley Vaughan presented the scholarship awards at Manchester on May 4th and at Coventry on May 17th during their senior awards night. Our club will host the annual banquet in honor of the recipients on Wednesday June 1st at 6:30 pm at the Civic Center. It is too late to make a dinner reservation, but you can still attend the awards ceremony at 7:00 pm. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee members Sam Reynolds, Chairman, Becky Shookman, Gene Cole, and Cathy Dietz for their continued commitment to this amazing community program.

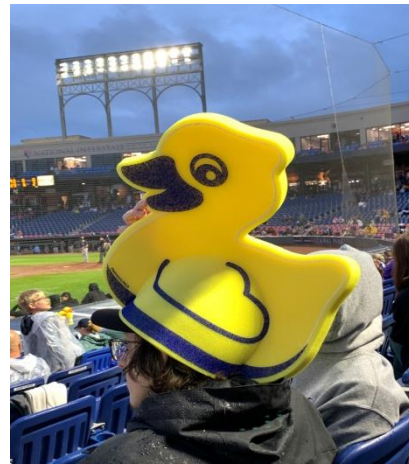
## WELCOME ANTHONY

The Induction Ceremony was held for new member Anthony Ponikvar on May 25th. Anthony recently moved to the Portage Lakes area and wanted to get involved in the community. Anthony and his wife Marcia have five children. Thanks to Gene Cole who led the Induction Ceremony and Larry Hunter who is Anthony's sponsor. In the short time he has been with us he has already been a big help! Welcome Anthony.





**Friday, May 27th was our annual night out at the Rubber Ducks game. It was an extremely rainy wet evening and the Ducks lost but everyone still had a good time. Many thanks to Al Grzeschik for arranging this fun night out at the ball park.**



**We need your input...all Kiwanis members are welcome to contribute to this 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 e-mail me at [cathy.dietz61@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com) with your news.**





**At our Board Meeting on May 25th, Mr. Kevin Powell's membership application was accepted to join the Portage Lakes Kiwanis. Kevin has participated in many Kiwanis events in the past so he is a familiar face to many of our members. Al Grzeschik is Kevin's sponsor. We know that Kevin will be a wonderful addition to our Kiwanis family. An induction date will be set soon. Welcome aboard Kevin!**



**We will again this year be participating in the Kiwanis Ohio State Football Ticket raffle. This is a fundraiser for our club. Each ticket costs \$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.**

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

**06/08 Ryan Bayonnet  
06/14 Joe Reinmann  
06/17 Lisa Geiger Houck  
06/25 Jay Feldman  
06/26 Tom Longworth**

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

Bricey Bayonnet - 5 years  
Ryan Bayonnet - 5 years  
Connie Vaughan - 2 years  
Lisa Fouser - 1 year  
Dan Fouser - 1 year  
Jonathan Zito - 1 year

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

06/01 Bob & Mary Kansa  
06/06 Jim & Wendy Davis  
06/15 Ryan & Bricey Bayonnet

### **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.

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

- >May 30 - Memorial Day Parade/New Franklin
- >June 1 - Scholarship Dinner at Civic Center
- >June 4 - Clean-up at Camp Manitoc
- >June 8 - Guest speaker - Robert Meeker
- >June 26 - Martinfest
- >June 29 - Regular Meeting & Board Meeting

### **FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD**

- >July 9, Portage Lakes Fireworks
- >July 23, Dragon Boat Festival
- >July 23, Christmas in July on the Lakes
- >July 30, Pirate Pancake Breakfast
- >July 30, Pirate Day at State Park
- >Aug 1 thru Sept 4, Purple Martin Twilight Boat rides
- >August 16, PLK to host Division 16 meeting
- >October 1 - Rose Day



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Used and New Shoes To  
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*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)**

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**[www.plkiwanis.org](http://www.plkiwanis.org)**



### **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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