



## PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

October 9, 2022

### ROSE DAY WRAP-UP

Rose Day 2022 was a success! There were a few glitches along the way but all in all the operation ran smoothly. So much thanks to Al Grzeschik, Rose Day chair who put in many many hours ordering, running daily sales, fixing problems, lining up delivery people, and more. Thanks also to Connie Vaughan and her crew who manned the Rose Day office taking and entering orders, answering phone calls, and assisting drop-ins. Thanks to everyone who helped on Rose Saturday, those who unloaded the truck, sorted, loaded, and everything in between. Thank you to every one who delivered flowers as well. It takes a village to make Rose Day happen and we have the best volunteers. We'll have order and sales statistics as soon as all the paperwork is finalized. Again, **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped out this year.



# **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

## *Annual Dues*

Have you paid your dues? If not, they are now past due. Please remit payment as soon as possible as we have to pay Kiwanis International towards the end of October. If for some reason you do not plan on staying in the Club, please let me know as soon as possible at [cathy.dietz61@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com). Please remit to Portage Lakes Kiwanis, P.O. Box 19186, Akron, OH 44319. Thank you.

### **CHARTER PARTY**

The Charter Party was held on Wednesday, October 5th at the Canal Grill in Canal Fulton in their private party room. This was an awesome event! Thank you to everyone that helped plan the event and everyone that attended. We said goodbye to the outgoing Officers and welcomed in the 2022-2023 Officers and Board of Directors. Special guests included Ohio Governor David Kuhn, and Division 16 Lieutenant Governor Vyronne Finney who led the induction ceremony.

#### **2022-2023 Officers and Board of Directors**

**Larry Hunter - President**

**Lisa Fouser - Vice President**

**Cathy Dietz - Secretary**

**Dana Roderick - Treasurer**

**Stanley Vaughan - Past President**

**Al Grzeschik 2025**

**Frank Smith 2025**

**John Hercules 2025**

**Bob Fowler 2024**

**Debbie Rubino 2024**

**Tim Peterson 2024**

**Juanita Gehm 2023**

**Rosanne Edwardson 2023**

**Bob Kansa 2023**



**2021-2022 Officers**



**Board of Directors present**



**Passing of the gavel**



**Please start saving shoes again! We will have another drive in the spring, but you can bring in shoes at any time and we can get a running start on this fundraiser. Our last drive brought in over \$1000 dollars and is a relatively easy way to raise money.**



The Acme Cash Back Community Program has started again. It will run from August 4th to December 24th. Please save your receipts and bring them to any meeting. Our club will get 5% of the total of receipts we present. It is a very simple way to earn some extra money. Please give them to Dana or Cathy.



We had fifteen members that had Perfect Attendance for the month of September. The special prizes will be handed out at the meeting Wednesday October 12th.

- Gene Cole
- Cathy Dietz
- Dale Dietz
- Rosanne Edwardson
- Al Grzeschik
- John Hercules
- Larry Hunter
- Vicki Kepnes
- Kay Lukac
- Tim Peterson
- Anthony Ponikvar
- Dana Roderick
- Chuck Seeley
- Connie Vaughan
- Stanley Vaughan

## **GIRL'S NIGHT IN/ORNAMENT EXCHANGE**

### **-SAVE THE DATE-**

Our annual Girl's Night In/Ornament Exchange will be held on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center. We will have dinner, craft time, game time, the ornament exchange, and lots of girl gab. This is a really fun night in and you don't have to bring anything but an ornament for the exchange and your smiley self. There is no cost to attend this event. Invitations will be sent out soon. We hope to see you there.

*Welcome*  
to our  
**New Members**

At our Board meeting on September 28, 2022 we voted to accept two new members into the Portage Lakes Kiwanis. Betty Seeley, wife of member Chuck Seeley has attended many events and most of us know her pretty well. Betty is a wonderful person and a wonderful helper and we are glad to welcome her as a member. Larry Hunter is Betty's sponsor. The Board has also accepted the application of Marcia Ponikvar, wife of member Anthony Ponikvar. We look forward to getting to know Marcia better. Anthony is Marcia's sponsor. They have already joined a Santa delivery team! An induction date will be set for a Wednesday in October and we welcome them to the Kiwanis family with open arms. Both young ladies will be a tremendous asset to our club.

## **COVENTRY KEY CLUB**

The Coventry Key Club is looking to help elderly or disabled residents that live in the Coventry area with their fall yard clean-up and leaf raking. If you know of anyone that could use this help, please contact Al Grzeschik at [al@plkiwanis.org](mailto:al@plkiwanis.org) and he will pass the message along to the Key Club.

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

- >October 12 - Regular Meeting & Special Board Meeting
- >October 26 - Regular Meeting & Board Meeting

### **FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD**

- >November 18, Girls Night In/Ornament Exchange
- >November 23, No meeting, Happy Thanksgiving
- >December 24, Christmas Eve Santa Delivery

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

- 10/02 Denise Goodwin
- 10/05 Rosanne Edwardson
- 10/09 Connie Nagy
- 10/09 Don Reilly
- 10/14 Frank Smith
- 10/23 Al Grzeschik
- 10/27 Kevin Powell
- 10/29 Jill Flagg Lanzinger

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

- Tom Longworth - 71 years
- Don Reilly - 46 years
- Sue Fassoles - 28 years
- Sam Reynolds - 26 years
- Phil Pinnow - 16 years
- Debbie Rubino - 12 years
- Chuck Seeley - 12 years
- Jeff Goodwin - 12 years
- Jill Flagg Lanzinger - 8 years

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 10/11 - Frank & Bonnie Smith
- 10/14 - Tom Burge & Polly Price
- 10/15 - Dale & Cathy Dietz
- 10/31 - John & Michelle Schermesser

## **KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:**

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:

Tom Longworth

Dr. Phil Pinnow

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](http://www.plkiwanis.org) and please check out our Facebook page too under Portage Lakes Kiwanis.

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