



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

November 13, 2022

SANTA DELIVERY news

Portage Lakes Kiwanis will continue the holiday tradition that started in 1951, delivering gifts on Christmas Eve to children in the Portage Lakes area. Santa Delivery started with one sleigh and a small group of volunteers. It has now grown to 15 sleighs and over 150 volunteers covering most of Coventry Township and the City of New Franklin.

Please note this year the **package drop off** locations will be the *Coventry Fire Department* and the *New Franklin Fire Department*. These drop off locations open on Friday, December 9, 2022 from 8am to 8pm and will close at 5pm Wednesday, December 21, 2022. The *Kiwanis Civic Center* will be open beginning Thursday, December 15, 2022 from 10am to 8pm and will **close at 5pm** on Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

Gift packages are limited to NO LARGER THAN THE SIZE OF A SHOEBOX. There will be route books and delivery labels at the drop off locations. PLEASE NOTE SOME ROUTE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED.

Sleighs will leave at 5pm from the Kiwanis Civic Center on Saturday, December 24, 2022. Loudspeakers will announce Santa's arrival to streets along the routes. Please have the children dressed and ready to greet Santa and have outside lights on to make stops easier to find.

Participating parents with physically challenged children who are not able to meet Santa on his sleigh are asked to call 330-644-8967 to make arrangements so these kids won't be missed.

Families outside the delivery area can see Santa at 5:45pm at Chase Bank, 5638 Manchester Road in New Franklin.

This long-standing Santa Delivery tradition is made possible through the continued support of Kiwanis Rose Remembrance Day.

COVENTRY TREE LIGHTING

Picks at PLX will again host the Coventry Tree Lighting event. Our club participated last year and this was a really fun event for the community. The festivities will be held at the Clock tower on Sunday, December 4th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. We'll set up our canopies for a Kiwanis booth. Last year we handed out gloves and hats to anyone that needed them at no cost. If you are able, please bring in a donation of gloves and/or hats to hand out. We served mostly children, but we did have some adults too, so either is fine. You can bring them in to any November meeting. We will finalize plans at the next meeting. Think about volunteering at this free event.

COOKIES WITH KIWANIS

On Sunday, December 11th, we will sponsor Cookies with Kiwanis. This event will be held at the Kiwanis Towers on Portage Lakes Drive from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We'll visit with the residents and have cookies, treats, and a small gift for each of them. Santa will be there too! We will need volunteers to bring cookies and to attend the event to help out. Please let Rosanne or Cathy know if you can bring cookies and/or volunteer to help that afternoon.

KIWANIS FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please save the date for our Kiwanis Club Christmas party. The event will be held at the Civic Center on Wednesday, December 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We will have dinner, singing, a game or two, and a visit from Santa. This is a family event so spouses are welcome to attend. Details and price to follow.



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 additional monies.



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 are already over half way there, so please keep the receipts coming, and thank you to all of our Acme shoppers for helping out. Thank you.



On Wednesday, November 9, 2022 we had Mr. Jack Daniels from the City of New Franklin come in and speak with us about the importance of the survey that will be going out to all New Franklin residents how the results will be analyzed for future plans for the City. It was interesting and informative and we thank member Kevin Powell and Jack for enlightening us.



President Larry Hunter and Chuck Seeley visited with Dr. Phil to award him with the honorary membership that was bestowed on him. They all look great, don't they? Congratulations Dr. Phil, we love you and we miss you.



Fifteen members had perfect attendance in October. Each recipient received a bag of chips, because as the saying goes, "you are all that and a bag of chips". Congratulations you got perfect attendance:

- Cathy Dietz**
- Dale Dietz**
- Rosanne Edwardson**
- Bob Fowler**
- John Hercules**
- Al Grzeschik**
- Larry Hunter**
- Kay Lukac**
- Anthony Ponikvar**
- Marcia Ponikvar**
- Dana Roderick**
- Debbie Rubino**
- Chuck Seeley**
- Stanley Vaughan**
- Connie Vaughan**

BIRTHDAYS:

11/01 - Jeff Goodwin
11/11 - Betty Friess
11/14 - Becky Shookman
11/15 - John Hercules
11/20 - Ben Pearson

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Betty Friess - 10 years
Denise Goodwin - 8 years

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:

Dr. Phil Pinnow
Frank Smith

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:

>November 18, Girl's Night In/Ornament Exchange, 6:00pm
>November 23, No meeting, Happy Thanksgiving
>November 30, Regular Meeting and Board Meeting
Jon Vielhaber induction ceremony

FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD

>December 4, Coventry Tree Lighting at Clock tower 4:00 to 7:00pm
>December 11, Cookies with Kiwanis at Kiwanis Towers, 1:00 to 3:00pm
>December 14, Family Kiwanis Club Christmas Party at Civic Center 6:00 to 8:00pm
>December 24, Christmas Eve Santa Delivery



Wishing all of our Kiwanis Family a wonderfully blessed Happy Thanksgiving. On this special holiday take the time to reflect with gratefulness for the many blessings the Lord above gives us each and every day. Sending warm wishes from home to home and heart to heart, may Thanksgiving be a beautiful reminder of the wonderful things in life.

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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