



## PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

December 3, 2022

# SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN...



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

If you are pulling a sleigh you will need a 4 way flat wire harness and a 2 inch ball. If you need help with wiring, please stop in at Friess Welding and see Rick **BEFORE** Christmas Eve and he will help you. Gene Cole and his team will be at the Civic Center Friday, December 23rd from 5:00 to 7:00 pm to install the lighting and microphone systems on to vehicles. Please stop in to get 'hooked up' and to make sure everything works okay.

If you have volunteered to work at the Civic Center any time between Dec 15th and Dec 21st, please be on time for your two hour shift. There will be instructions on what you need to do to take in gifts. There are still a few open time slots if you have a few hours to assist. Please contact cathy.dietz61@gmail.com to sign up. I will send messages to remind folks of the day and time slots they have volunteered for.

Many thanks to Rick Bell at Friess Welding/Summit Trailer for re-wiring and painting four of our sleighs. His efforts are very much appreciated, and the sleighs look great.

Route Captains please make sure you have a complete team; consisting of a Santa, elves, a sleigh puller, and helpers. If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact Connie Nagy, Santa Delivery chair, at liberty644@aol.com.

## **COVENTRY TREE LIGHTING**

**THIS EVENT IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 PM AT THE CLOCK-TOWER. Picks at PLX will host the Coventry Tree Lighting event. Our club is participating and we'll set up our canopy for a Kiwanis booth. We will hand out gloves and hats to anyone that needs them, along with cookies and candy canes. Some members will be dressed up to greet children and we'll put out Kiwanis brochures. Come on down and help out!**

## **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 assist that afternoon.**



**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.**



**December is the last month for the Acme Cash Back Community Program, it will run until 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 Cathy or Dana.**

**During the month of December, for every Acme receipt you turn in you will get one ticket entered into a gift basket drawing to be held at our first meeting in January. The prize is a Bourbon Basket containing Kentucky Bourbon, a set of four 8 oz tumblers etched with the Kiwanis logo, and some chocolates. Bring in your receipts to be entered!**

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**



**At the Ohio Governors banquet held on Wednesday, November 30th, our own Al Grzeschik was given the Ohio Kiwanis First Team All-pro Governors Award. A very prestigious award and much deserved. Al does so much for our club, much of which is behind the scenes and we never see. Congratulations for this achievement, we are so proud of you and appreciate everything you do for the Portage Lakes Kiwanis and our community. Photo is Al with Governor Kuhn.**





THANKS

**Many thanks to Rosanne Edwardson and John Hercules for delivering Thanksgiving plaques to the residents of the Kiwanis Towers. We appreciate your effort and time and for remembering the residents over the Thanksgiving holiday.**

**Congratulations to Bob & Jenny Fowler as they welcome grandson Samuel Robert Koehl, born November 30, 2022. Mom Sara and baby are doing well. Best wishes to all.**



# WOMEN'S NIGHT IN

Twenty six women got together on Friday, November 18th at the Civic Center for a holiday gathering. We ate (a lot), made some Christmas crafts, played games, and had a Christmas ornament exchange. A good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone that participated and helped. Here are some photos of the fun...







Save the date for a Kiwanis New Years Eve Party. Larry Hunter and Chuck Seeley are putting together this event, which will be held at the Civic Center on Saturday December 31st. Details and invitations to follow...

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

12/02 Dan Fouser  
12/16 Jim Davis  
12/24 Barry Terjesen

#### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

Frank Smith - 17 years  
Cassandra Freeman - 17 years  
Tim Peterson - 16 years  
Bob Fowler - 7 years

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

12/10 - Bob & Jenny Fowler

#### **KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:**

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:

Dr. Phil Pinnow  
Frank Smith  
Kay Lukac

Christian sympathy to Vicki Kepnes and her family; Vicki's sister passed away on Wednesday, November 30th

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:**

- >December 4, Coventry Tree Lighting at Clock tower 4:00 to 7:00pm
- >December 7, Regular Meeting and November Board meeting
- >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  
**THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED**
- >December 24, Christmas Eve Santa Delivery
- >December 28, no meeting, Happy Holidays
- >December 31, New Years Eve Party at Civic Center

**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.

**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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