



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

January 16, 2023



On Wednesday, February 8th, we will have a special Valentine Dinner and meeting at Dano's. Their Wednesday specials are a prime rib dinner or a meatball sub dinner. Please arrive no later than 6:30 pm. Spouses / significant others are welcome. A reservation is required, so please let Al or Cathy know if you will be attending and if you are having the prime rib special. We need to turn in a count. Al's email is al@plkiwanis.org and Cathy's email is cathy.dietz61@gmail.com. You can turn in your reservation at any Wednesday meeting as well. Hope to see you there.

PRESIDENTS DAY SHOWCASE

We have missed the last few years due to Covid, but we are getting this event back on the schedule. Our club invites the President of local Portage Lakes non-profits to come in and speak about their organization. We'll have a dozen or so speakers join us for dinner and the program which will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. This is a really fun and informative meeting, so please try to attend.





PIRATE DAY – SAVE THE DATE

Pirate Day at the Portage Lakes State Park will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2023. This is a free family event that includes pirates in costume, treasure hunting, boat rides to Pirate Island, and much, much more. Save the date whether you are an adventure seeker or a volunteer.



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 ended. Our club will get \$225.00 for the receipts that were turned in. THANK YOU to everyone that shopped at Acme and saved their receipts for this program, every little bit helps. Bob Fowler was the winner of the Bourbon Basket that was raffled off. Congrats Bob!!

The first Division 16 meeting of 2023 will be held on Tuesday, January 17th at the Norton Community Center. Lt. Governor Vyrone Finney will be hosting the meeting. It is always nice to have our own club members present, so if possible, please plan on attending this meeting. Doors open at 6:00 pm for light refreshments and socializing, with the meeting beginning at 7:00 pm.



We've broken our previous record for perfect attendance recipients! We had **TWENTY** members that had perfect attendance in December. Each one received a bottle of 'NORKA' soda that said, 'We are soda-lighted that you came to every meeting in December, congratulations you got perfect attendance'...

Cathy Dietz
Rosanne Edwardson
Bob Fowler
Juanita Gehm
Al Grzeschik
John Hercules
Steve Hess
Larry Hunter
Bob Kansa
Vicki Kepnes
Kay Lukac
Connie Nagy
Tim Peterson
Shelly Somerville
Anthony Ponikvar
Marcia Ponikvar
Dana Roderick
Betty Seeley
Chuck Seeley
Jon Viehlaber

BIRTHDAYS:

01/07 Jim Welton
01/11 Melissa Millmier
01/22 Betty Seeley
01/26 Gene Cole

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob Goff - 33 years
Juanita Gehm - 21 years
Jon Freeman - 19 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

01/19 Gene & Judi Cole

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:

Dr. Phil Pinnow

Frank Smith

Kay Lukac

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:

- >January 17, Division 16 meeting / Norton Community Center
- >January 18, Regular Meeting & Committee Meetings
- >January 25, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting
- >February 8, Valentine Dinner at Dano's 6:30 pm
- >February 22, Presidents Day Showcase
- >March 1, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting
- >March 18, Mid Year Education Day

A LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >April 8, Easter Egg Hunt
- >July 29, Pirate Day on the Lake

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 and like our Facebook page, 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.