



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

January 30, 2023



On Wednesday, February 8th, we will have a special Valentine Dinner and meeting at Danos Lakeside Pub (the old Howies). The 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. Al has turned in our reservation but if you did not sign up and want to attend please contact Al and he may be able add you in. Al's email is al@plkiwanis.org. 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.





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.

SAVE THE DATES...

The Calendar Kickoff Event will be held at the Civic Center on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. This is a family event hosted by co-chairs Marcia Ponikvar and Shelley Betz. More details to come.

Our annual Easter Egg hunt will be held at the Tudor House on Saturday April 8, 2023. This is a free community event and is chaired by Connie Nagy. We will be stuffing the eggs at our meeting on March 22, 2023. Details to follow.

The Pirate Day Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Civic Center on Saturday, July 29, 2023. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Melissa Millmier is the chair of this event. More details to come.

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.



Our club is growing! On January 25, 2023 our Board of Directors voted to accept the membership of four applicants.

Kelley Nagy, daughter of member Connie Nagy has actually been helping with key events for several years, and has finally joined the club. Kelley is a teacher at Nolley School in Manchester, and her sponsor is mom, Connie.

Shelley Betz was invited into the club by member Marcia Ponikvar who is also Shelley's sponsor. She has jumped right in by participating in Santa Delivery and is also co-chairing the Calendar Kick Off event with Marcia.

Craig Betz, spouse of Shelley was also invited into the club by the Ponikvar's. Craig runs an automotive service in Canal Fulton and is interested in community service with our club.

Ryan Vaughan, son of members Stan and Connie Vaughan, is another familiar face within our club. Ryan has been around for several months participating in events and helping out around the Civic Center. Ryan's sponsor is Stanley Vaughan.

We welcome these new members into our Kiwanis Family. They each have a different skill set and each will be a tremendous asset to our club. Induction date is set for Wednesday February 15, 2023, and will be led by Rosanne Edwardson.

OFFICER CHANGE

On January 5, 2023 Lisa Fouser resigned from her position of Vice President. The Board of Directors has elected Steve Hess to take her place as Vice President moving into the President position on October 1, 2023. Steve served as President in the 20-21 year, but because of Covid 19 he did not get a 'normal Presidency' as many of our events and meetings were cancelled. We are grateful that Steve has stepped up to the plate and agreed to take on these roles once again.

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Every year Kiwanis International publishes their guidelines on Youth Protection. At our meeting on Wednesday, February 1st, we will go over those guidelines and make sure our club is compliant. This is very important as almost everything our club does involves minor children. Please try to attend this meeting. For the members that cannot attend, you will receive the guidelines in the mail.



If you have been receiving this newsletter via regular Postal Service mail please provide me with your email address. Email is how the newsletters and any other urgent information is sent out like meeting changes or cancellations, or any other important messages. It has become too cumbersome and costly to print and mail newsletters, and by the time you receive them they are already outdated. You can read them on our website at plkiwanis.org as well. Please provide me with your email address at cathy.dietz61@gmail.com. Thank you.

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:

- >February 8, Valentine Dinner at Danos 6:30 pm
- >February 15, New member induction ceremony
- >February 22, Presidents Day Showcase
- >March 1, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting
- >March 18, Mid Year Education Day
- >March 22, Easter Egg stuffing
- >March 25, Calendar Kick Off event 12:00 to 4:00pm

A LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >April 8, Easter Egg Hunt
- >May 29, New Franklin Memorial Day Parade
- >July 29, Pirate Day on the Lake
- >July 29, Pancake Breakfast 8:00 to 11:00 am

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 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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