



## **PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR**

February 12, 2023

### **FEBRUARY 15TH MEETING**

**Our next meeting at the Civic Center will be this coming Wednesday, February 15th, and it will be a busy one. We are inducting four new members into our club:**

**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 dad, Stanley Vaughan.**

**Rosanne Edwardson will be leading the Induction Ceremony.**

**In addition, we will have a speaker. Angela and Sharon from Camp Quality Ohio will be visiting us and talking about their amazing camp that accommodates children with cancer. Thank you to Chuck Seeley for making the arrangements for our speakers.**

**Please come to this meeting to support our new members and our guest speakers. We look forward to seeing you!**

## PRESIDENTS DAY SHOWCASE

Our club will be holding our annual President's Day Showcase on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. We invite the President of local Portage Lakes non-profits to come in and speak about their organization. We'll have a dozen or so speakers joining us for dinner and the program. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm with the program following at 7:00 pm. This is a really fun and informative meeting, so please try to attend to support our guests.



On Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, we had a Valentine Dinner and brief meeting at Dano's Lakeside Pub (the Old Howies). We had a really good turnout of 32 people. The food was excellent and the servers were awesome and took really good care of us. Thanks to Dano's for having us and thank you to all those that attended. Al Grzeschik made all the arrangements for the evening; thank you Al.



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.



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. Volunteers will be needed for many different activities, so please let Connie know if you can help.



Haley Somerville, daughter of Kiwanian Shelley and granddaughter of Kiwanians Stan and Connie Vaughan is a member of the Green High School Jr ROTC Drill Team. The team is busy with many competitions coming up, and have asked our club for financial support. If you would like to donate personally, please make a check payable to Green High School AFJROTC and give it to Connie Vaughan. At our next Board Meeting our club will consider a PLK club donation.

The team will be attending the Air Force National Drill competition in Dayton, Ohio on March 17 - 19. They have invited our members to attend their send off celebration on Thursday March 16th at Green High School. At noon they will perform an exhibition and 1:00pm will be the send off reception, with bus boarding to follow at 2:00pm.

The team is amazing to watch perform and have won many many awards. Good luck at the competition Cadet Somerville.



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](http://plkiwanis.org) as well. Please provide me with your email address at [cathy.dietz61@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.dietz61@gmail.com). Thank you.



Dinner is served every Wednesday at the Civic Center at 6:30 pm. Many times we have left-overs so we will be boxing them up in meal size portions and selling them for \$5.00 each. They will make a great lunch or dinner for the following day. The food will not go to waste and the club will make a few extra bucks. It's a win win situation. Give it a try!



The next Division 16 meeting will be held on Saturday, February 25th at the Norton Community Center, with the Norton Kiwanis Club hosting. There will be a chili cook off following the 3:00 pm meeting. Dinner is \$8.00 for adults and children 6 and under are free. All Kiwanians are welcome to attend.

Thank  
you!

A big 'thank you' goes out to Rosanne Edwardson and John Hercules who passed out Valentine candy boxes to the residents of the Kiwanis Towers. The residents enjoy their special holiday treats that we provide on most holidays.



### **BIRTHDAYS:**

02/03 Marcia Ponikvar  
02/03 Shelly Somerville  
02/11 Jonathan Zito  
02/28 Bob Goff

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

Jay Feldman - 40 years  
Tom Burge - 37 years  
Vicki Kepnes - 22 years  
Becky Shookman - 7 years  
Bob Kansa - 5 years  
Melissa Millmier - 4 years  
Kay Lukac - 3 years

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

02/05 Jay & Connie Feldman

**KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:**

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:

Dr. Phil Pinnow

Frank Smith

Kay Lukac

Betty Freiss

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.



We had seventeen Kiwanians that had perfect attendance in January. Each recipient got a bag of Snickers candy bars. Congratulations you got perfect attendance!

Gene Cole

Cathy Dietz

Dale Dietz

Rosanne Edwardson

Al Grzeschik

John Hercules

Bob Fowler

Larry Hunter

Kay Lukac

Connie Nagy

Marcia Ponikvar

Anthony Ponikvar

Dana Roderick

Betty Seeley

Chuck Seeley

Shelly Somerville

Stanley Vaughan

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

- >February 15, New member induction ceremony and guest speakers from Camp Quality Ohio
- >February 22, Presidents Day Showcase
- >February 25, Polar Bear Jump
- >February 25, Division 16 meeting & Chili cook-off
- >March 1, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting
- >March 18, Mid Year Education Day
- >March 21, PLK to host Division 16 meeting
- >March 22, Easter Egg stuffing
- >March 25, Calendar Kick Off event
- >March 29, Regular Meeting & Board meeting

### **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
- >August 12, Dragon Boat Festival

**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 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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