



## **PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR**

March 12, 2023



### **CALENDAR KICK-OFF EVENT**

The Portage Lakes Kiwanis will be hosting the Calendar Kick-off Family event on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Civic Center, 725 Portage Lakes Drive. The club will sell hot dog lunches including condiments, macaroni and cheese, beverage and dessert for \$8.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children. Costumed characters from Kiwanis events will be on hand for photo opportunities and new members will be assisting families with crafts and games. Larry Hunter, Club President said, "this is a chance to show all our activities at the same time, it's really a lot of fun to see the kids get excited for the Easter Egg Hunt and Pirate's Day, which are coming up fast!" The open house will feature Kiwanis sponsored events with information, props, and photographs for all to view. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. If you need any additional information, please contact [al@plkiwanis.org](mailto:al@plkiwanis.org). Hope to see you there.



At our meeting this Wednesday, March 15th, we will have a guest speaker, Mr. Dan Reynolds from the Rotary Camp come in and speak with us. The Rotary Camp provides a wonderful camp experience for children with disabilities and we are fortunate to have them right here in the Portage Lakes. Please come to support our guest speaker.

*Hippity Hoppity*  
**EASTER**  
*is on its way* 

Our annual community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at the Tudor House from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. The festivities will include games, balloon pop, fire truck visit, the Easter Bunny, the egg hunt, and much more. The Little Roaming Railroad will return to offer rides to both children and adults at no cost. The Egg Hunt will begin at noon. This free event is for families in our community. Our Kiwanis meeting on March 22nd will be dedicated to stuffing the thousands of eggs to be scattered on the lawn at the Tudor House. We need volunteers to assist on the big day, please let Egg Hunt chair Connie Nagy know if you will be able to help.

## SURPRISE GUEST VISIT

This past Wednesday, March 8, 2023 we had a special guest visit by the Green High School JROTC armed drill team. They came in and led our Pledge of Allegiance and provided us with a wonderful sample of their armed drill exhibition. The cadets are nearing the end of their drill season and have won awards at every one of their competitions. They are amazing to watch, and we wish them luck at the National Competition being held next week-end in Dayton.





We had 18 members that had perfect attendance for the month of February. Each recipient received a roll of toilet paper that said, "you are on a roll, congratulations you got perfect attendance". Recipients are:

Shelley Betz  
Gene Cole  
Cathy Dietz  
Dale Dietz  
Rosanne Edwardson  
Juanita Gehm  
Al Grzeschik  
John Hercules  
Connie Nagy  
Kelley Nagy  
Timothy Peterson  
Anthony Ponikvar  
Marcia Ponikvar  
Dana Roderick  
Betty Seeley  
Chuck Seeley  
Shelly Somerville  
Stan Vaughan



**Congratulations to Kiwanian Jay Feldman who has earned his 40 year Legion of Honor Award. For many years Jay was an active Kiwanian that led different committees, served on the Board, participated in signature events, and loved to take pictures. Jay is now retired and resides in Florida with his wife Connie. Congratulations Jay!**



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.



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!



At our Board Meeting on March 1, 2023, our club accepted the membership application of Crystal Cianciola. Crystal is a long time resident of the Portage Lakes area and is a friend to many of our members. Crystal's sponsor is Kay Lukac. Crystal's induction ceremony date will be set soon. We welcome Crystal into our Kiwanis family.

Speaking of membership, our club is ranked in first place for club membership growth for Division 16. We have gained nine new members since October 1, 2022 when our fiscal year began. We welcome each and every new member into our Kiwanis family and are glad you have joined us.

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

03/01 Larry Hunter  
03/03 Glen Sheets  
03/07 John Schermesser  
03/11 Jon Freeman  
03/27 Cathy Dietz  
03/27 Kay Lukac  
03/30 Lisa Fouser

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

Lisa Geiger-Houck - 10 years  
Devin Allman - 1 year

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

03/23 Jim & Marge Welton  
55 years, Congratulations

### **KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:**

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:

Dr. Phil Pinnow

Frank Smith

Betty Friess

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:**

- >March 15, Committee Meetings
- >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
- >April 12, guest speaker Cheryl Luck from Portage Lakes Library
- >May 29, New Franklin Memorial Day Parade
- >June 25, Buckeye Martin Fest
- >July 29, Pirate Day on the Lake
- >August 12, Dragons on the Lake 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.

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