



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

April 2, 2023



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. Volunteers please arrive Saturday morning at 9:00 am to help set up. Many thanks to Connie Nagy for chairing this event.

Following are a few photos from the Easter Egg stuffing event held at the Civic Center on March 22nd. Many thanks to our Kiwanis members, the Green High School JROTC members, and the Coventry and Manchester Key Club members for helping to stuff the thousands of eggs needed to scatter across the lawn of the Tudor House. We had 56 people present to finish the job in one night!



CALENDAR KICK-OFF EVENT WRAP UP

The Portage Lakes Kiwanis held the second annual Calendar Kick-off Family event on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Civic Center. While it was a stormy and windy afternoon, a lot of fun was had inside! Hot dog lunches were served, costumed characters from Kiwanis events were on hand for photo opportunities and new members assisted families with crafts and games. There was also a basket raffle and a petting zoo. Many thanks to Marcia Ponikvar, Shelley Betz and their crew for chairing this event.



At our meeting on Wednesday, March 15th, we had 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.



Speaking of speakers...we will have a guest speaker from the Portage Lakes Library on Wednesday, April 12th. Cheryl Luck, a familiar face to many of us, will get us caught up on all the current programs and services the Library provides to residents. Please try to attend to support our local guest speakers.



At our meeting on March 29, 2023 we inducted Crystal Cianciola into our club. Crystal is a long time member of the Portage Lakes area, and is a friend to many members. Crystal's sponsor is Kay Lukac, and the induction ceremony was led by Timothy Peterson. Let's all welcome Crystal into our Kiwanis family.



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.



SCOTT SHOOKMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This year we have 13 scholarship applicants from Manchester and 19 scholarship applicants from Coventry. Our club will provide four \$1500 scholarships; two for Manchester students and two for Coventry students. The scholarship committee is in the process of choosing the recipients. A tentative date of May 31st has been set for the annual Scholarship Dinner to be held at the Civic Center. The scholarship committee consists of: Sam Reynolds, chair, Becky Shookman, Gene Cole, and Cathy Dietz. As you can see on the walls of the Civic Center, the scholarship program has been around for a very long time, and PLK has financially helped many many students in their undergraduate studies.



The Coventry Schools Foundation supports students and teachers by providing scholarships and teacher grants. Last year they gave \$5,000 in student scholarships and \$10,000 in teacher grants. The Foundation holds two fund-raising events to support their endeavors. The first one is 'Taste of Coventry' which will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 from 6 - 9pm at Gather at the Lakes Event Venue. Tickets are \$35 pre-sale or \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://TOC2023.eventbrite.com>. You can sample local cuisine, enjoy live music from the Past Time Band, enter a raffle, and bid in the silent auction to support the Foundation. Member Crystal Cianciola is one of the Foundation members. Please save the date for their second fundraiser which is a Corn Roast to be held on August 26th at the Prime Vine Winery.

BIRTHDAYS:

04/03 Connie Vaughan
04/20 Vicki Kepnes
04/30 Steve Hess

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

John Schermesser - 42 years
Glen Sheets - 28 years
Anthony Ponikvar - 1 year

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

04/01 Don & Marie Reilly
04/03 Paul & Betty Schuckert
04/03 Anthony & Marcia Ponikvar
04/11 Robert & Rebecca Goff
04/15 Debbie & Mike Rubino

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:
Dr. Phil Pinnow
Frank Smith
Betty Friess

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:

>April 8, Easter Egg Hunt
>April 12, guest speaker Cheryl Luck from Portage Lakes Library
>April 19, Committee Meetings/Regular Meeting
>April 26, Regular Meeting and Board Meeting

A LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

>May 29, New Franklin Memorial Day Parade
>May 31, Scholarship Dinner at Civic Center
>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 and please check out and like our Facebook page too, under Portage Lakes Kiwanis.

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