



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

May 21, 2023



SCOTT SHOOKMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

The scholarship banquet for the four 2023 scholarship recipients will be held at the Civic Center on Wednesday May 31. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, prepared by Chef Al and will consist of chicken, rice pilaf, and a few other sides. Dinner is \$14 for members. Recipients and their families will be present, along with Coventry and Manchester superintendents, as well as the Shookman family. This is our most important dinner of the year, please try to attend to support these graduates and our scholarship program. Many thanks to the scholarship committee which consists of Sam Reynolds, chair, Becky Shookman, Gene Cole, and Cathy Dietz.

OHIO STATE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Have you picked up a batch of raffle tickets to sell to your family and friends? The Kiwanis Club of Columbus has offered all clubs in the Ohio District the opportunity to sell raffle tickets to make some money on a relatively easy fundraiser. The raffle tickets cost \$5.00 each and for every ticket our club members sell we retain \$3.00. So if we sell 500 tickets we will make \$1,500.00...see easy money. The grand prize is two tickets to the seven home games the Ohio State Football team will play. The seats are located in Section 22 , row 26 on the 45 yard line. The drawing will be held in August. Please see Steve Hess to get tickets to sell, he will have them at all Wednesday meetings. You can email him at hess0910@aol.com to arrange pick up of tickets as well. Please turn in sale money on or before August 9, 2023.



The shoe drive has begun! If you have shoes you no longer want, please donate to our cause of helping third world countries. You can drop off shoes any Wednesday evening from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. A container has been put out for drop off any time at the Civic Center. Connie Vaughan is the chair of the shoe drive. Please contact her at dreamcricket@aol.com if you need any additional information or need a pick up. Many thanks to all those that have donated so far.



On Wednesday, May 10th, an Induction Ceremony was held for new member Carol Derry. Connie Nagy is Carol's sponsor and the induction was led by Dale Dietz. Carol has been involved in club activities for many years, as her husband George and daughter LouAnn are past members. Carol will be performing with her puppets at this year's Pirate Day, come out and see her. We welcome Carol into our Kiwanis family and are excited that she has returned.



New member Carol pictured in the center, with inductor Dale and sponsor Connie.



Our club elections were held on Wednesday, May 17th for the 2023 - 2024 year. The elected Officers and Board of Directors will take office on October 1, 2023. We are excited to have two new board members, Kelley Nagy and Anthony Ponikvar, elected on to the board, which is a three year term.

OFFICERS

President - Steve Hess
Vice President - Dale Dietz
Secretary - Cathy Dietz
Treasurer - Dana Roderick
Past President - Larry Hunter

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bob Fowler 2026
Kelley Nagy 2026
Anthony Ponikvar 2026
Al Grzeschik 2025
John Hercules 2025
Frank Smith 2025
Rosanne Edwardson 2024
Juanita Gehm 2024
Bob Kansa 2024



A Celebration of Life for Kiwanis honorary member Dr. Philip Pinnow will be held on Sunday May 28th at 2:00 pm at the Pinnow's home in Portage Lakes. Phil was a long time member who served on the board, several committees, and volunteered at most every event that our club held. He was very loved and is very missed. Judy and her family has invited ALL Kiwanis members to attend. If you need the address please email cathy.dietz61@gmail.com

On Wednesday, May 10th, Mr. Tim Cantor from the Tudor House in New Franklin came in to visit and speak with us about current changes, upcoming events, and future planning at the Tudor House. After many years of uncertainty the Tudor House has become a jewel in the New Franklin community. They have a busy summer coming up with many weddings and community events to take place. Thank you to Chuck Seeley for arranging such wonderful speakers.



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Our club will have a float in the New Franklin Memorial Day Parade again this year. Steve Hess is chairing this event and still needs a few volunteers to complete his crew. The float will be decorated on Sunday, May 28th at 9:00 am at the Civic Center. There is a breakfast at Grace Church on Manchester Road for all volunteers, before the parade beginning at 8:00 am. The parade kicks-off from Grace at 10:00 am and leads down Manchester Road ending at the Manchester Cemetery for a short memorial service. This is a great way to show our presence in the community. You can contact Steve at hess0910@aol.com with any questions or if you need more information.

UP-COMING KIWANIS EVENTS

The Kiwanis International Convention will be held June 21-24, 2023 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Registration is now open to sign up for this event. It is always a good thing to have our Club represented at any of the conventions; local, Ohio, or International. Our Club will sponsor two members to attend this event. If you are interested please let Cathy know so we can get you registered. cathy.dietz61@gmail.com

The Ohio District Convention will be held August 11-13, 2023 in Springfield, Ohio. Registration will be opening up soon. Our club will sponsor two members to attend this event. If you are interested please let Cathy know. cathy.dietz61@gmail.com



THIS WEDNESDAY, May 24th we will have dinner out at The Blue Iguana over on 619 where Dietz's landing used to be. Please arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 pm. There will be **NO** meeting at the Civic Center that night. Please plan on attending as we **ALWAYS** have a fun time out. Margaritas and good friends, what could be better?

On Wednesday June 7th at our regular meeting we will have a special Memorial Service of remembrance to honor our club members that have passed on. If you have names of specific members or unique stories please let Larry Hunter know. Larry will be leading the service. Please attend to remind us all that these members were important, and while they are gone they certainly are not forgotten.





Division 16 will be hosting a Rubber Ducks ballgame on Thursday, July 6th. Tickets are \$30 each, which includes admission along with an all you can eat picnic buffet, and some non-alcoholic beverages. Buffet will start 1 hour before the first pitch and goes around 1 to 1.5 hours after the first pitch. This year's seats will be in left field, the foul territory, where there are picnic tables. This will allow members that are unable to do stairs, or have wheelchairs/walkers access to join in. **Oh...and our very own Governor David Kuhn will be tossing out the FIRST PITCH!!** Get your tickets here - directly from the Rubber Ducks at <https://fevogm.com/event/Division16>. Hope to see you there.



PIRATE DAY IS ON THE WAY...

Our annual Pirate Day will be held on Saturday July 29th at the Portage Lakes State Park swim beach area. The committee has great plans for a fun free community event day. There will be boat rides to Pirate Island, a treasure hunt, costume contest, pirate crafts, food and community vendors, knot tying demonstrations by the Sea Scouts, a Pirate Jeep invasion and **SO** much more. The Little Roaming Railroad will also be available for train rides. Mark your calendar for this very popular Kiwanis event. If you would like to volunteer, set up a booth, or need any additional information please contact Dana Roderick chair of this event at d1687@hotmail.com

BIRTHDAYS:

05/01 Sam Reynolds
05/17 Chuck Seeley
05/31 Tom Burge

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Davis - 32 years
Al Grzeschik - 27 years
Paul Schuckert - 20 years
Dale Dietz - 12 years
Dana Roderick - 12 years
Kevin Powell - 1 year

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

05/08 Craig & Shelley Betz
05/23 Melissa & Tim Millmier

KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:

Please keep the following Kiwanians in special thought and prayer:

Betty Friess
The Pinnow Family

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:

- >May 24, Dinner at Blue Iguana, arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 pm
- >May 28, Float decorating at Civic Center, 9:00 am
- >May 28, Celebration of Life for Phil Pinnow, 2:00 pm
- >May 29, New Franklin Memorial Day Parade, kick off 10:00 am
- >May 31, PLK Scholarship Dinner at the Civic Center, 6:30 pm

A LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >June 7, Memorial Service of Remembrance and Board Meeting
- >June 14, speaker Ilene Shapiro, Summit County Executive
- >June 25, Buckeye Martin Fest
- >July 6, Division 16 Rubber Ducks game
- >July 8, Portage Lakes Fireworks
- >July 29, Pirate Day on the Lake
- >August 12, Dragons on the Lake Festival

WHO JOINS KIWANIS

Kiwanis club members believe in service. They care about children. They're interested in the community around them because the community matters to them.

They're people like you. Friends. Neighbors. Volunteers who want to make a difference. And they love to see the difference they make when they work together.

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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