



THE COMMUNICATOR

The Walter Zeller Foundation

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Within the Kiwanis Organization the "Walter Zeller Foundation" recognizes commitment to service by an individual or club to their community and projects the have helped with.

Our club through a donation to the "Eliminate Project" which was formed in order to help protect a women and their unborn children in 3rd world countries from Neo-Natal Tetnas.

This year we are proud to name:

Mr. Scott Shookman as a:

"Walter Zeller Fellow"

The Foundation was established in 1940 through a donation of 25 Canadian Silver Dollars which launched the worldwide foundation which is a Multi-Million Dollar Organization.

Now let me tell you a little about the recipient of this award.

Mr. Scott Shookman a man who is not only dedicated to family and friends but his community as well joined Portage Lakes Kiwanis in April of 1984 and he joined the Lakes Senior Housing Kiwanis Towers in 1999. Followed one year later by being elected as President.

In 15 years Scott only missed one meeting. His project to reduce the interest rate the Towers paid was a great success. The rate was 9 ¼% in 1981 and was reduced to 5.4% in 2007. This project took several years in addition to the filing of hundreds of government forms.

Scott worked with Herb Newman and Rick Nixon of Summit Management on the day to day operations of the Kiwanis Senior Towers which resulted Grades of 100% from HUD in the annual Government Inspections. This is a task that is rare and unheard of in today's time.

Scott's effort is to be celebrated for providing 45 Seniors with a 1st Class living area at a rate of approximately \$ 290.00 per month. Kiwanis Senior Towers is just one

example of what Mr. Shookman has done with his dedication and commitment to this community.

Several members of PLK were unable to attend tonight's dedication but that did not stop them from sending their comments from the South – North to the Civic Center:

Mr. Tom Longworth – one of the founding members of PLK had this to say: *If you want something done and done right give the job to the busiest person around..... Scott is that person he gets things done right and on time. Scott's dedication along with a friendly smile will "Persuade" anyone to pitch in and help.*

Mr. Tom Burge – Past PLK President had this to say: *Scott was already a member when I joined PLK some 29 years ago. Scott has always been involved in many community and Kiwanis projects over the years – from obtaining new blinds for the towers, refinancing the towers loan, resurfacing the civic center parking lot to Santa Delviery, Rose Day and more. He even checked my hot tub one winter while Polly and I were snowbirding. "Scott we salute you for your dedication in making Portage Lakes Kiwanis and the entire Portage Lakes Community a better place to live. I am honored to call you MY Friend – Tom Burge."*

Mr. Jay Feldman - *I first met Scott after joining PLK. We worked on many projects together, including Camp Y Noah Stream, Picnic Table Construcion, Bunkbed Building, painting. When I was first diagnosed with a Brain Aneurysm, complicated by a stroke – Scott would visit me in the Cleveland Clinic and was a tremendous help to my wife Ellen and my family during my long-term recovery. I don't know anyone who that needed help from Scott that wasn't Helped! "I love you Man! I wish I could be there to honor YOU and your accomplishments!!"*

Vicki Kepnes - *Scott has always had PLK and the Kiwanis Civic Center & Towers in his heart. He worked to insure we had the best "Options" available on projects such as Upgrading the Civic Center Facilities, Resurfacing the parking lot,*

Lighting with more cost effective technology. Scott would always come up with that "Special Contact" to make things happen. We loved watching the Fireworks with friends and family at Scott's house. Scott and Becky opened their home to all their friends for this event.

Mr. Sam Reynolds –Retired Manchester Schools Superintendent – *Scott's undying dedication to not only PLK & The community but the schools as well. Through Scott's efforts he had a concession stand put at the track and then the roof had to be put on. Scott taught Mr. James France, Myself and several others to roof that day as we all worked on it together. Scott's dedication to community goes into the schools also. Several Manchester employees received Awards due to the letters of recommendation that Mr. Shookman wrote for them. Sometimes those letters went out without the knowledge that Scott was writing it. He just did it because that is who he is. Scott worked with the Manchester Key Club when PLK sold Roses and he also helped deliver them for many years. Scott's dedication to the school system is amazing – He serves as chairman of several committees and his wife Becky also serves as chairman.*

I personally want to Thank you Scott for the dedication to community, schools, family and friends.
Charlie Kepnes - *Scott you never ending support, dedication and helping hands as well as involvement in these various (to many to mention) projects have helped to insure the Financial Stability of both Portage Lakes Kiwanis and the Civic Center. You are a true community oriented person. It is with great pleasure and your commitment to Service that we are Proud to present you with the – "Walter Zeller" special medallion, lapel pin and Certificate of Recognition and Accomplishment. We look forward to your continued commitment to service.*

Special points of interest:

- Zeller Award
- Car Show
- Dates to Remember
- Thoughts & Prayers

Car Show

This project is a fundraiser and all money will be donated to:

Project Eliminate

There is a \$ 10.00 donation fee to show your car.

In addition to the car show there will be a Concession stand, Live Music, 50/50 raffle, and much more.

Enjoy a Sunny Saturday and show your car or walk around see the cars, enjoy the music and take a chance on the 50/50 raffle.

If you would like more information on this Fundraising Event please contact:
Jeff Goodwin for details.

We will also be updating our website and Facebook page with more information as the date gets closer.

President's Showcase Dinner

Do you know how many Non-Profit Organizations there are in the Portage Lakes Area? Or what they do for our community?

We have discovered that there really are too many to count. Some we hear about and some do things behind the scene's with no recognition at all. Their sole purpose is to make Portage Lakes a place where people are proud to live. Where we help each other in times of need.

One of our members Mr. Larry Hunter didn't know about all of them either, so he started the " Presidents Community Showcase Dinner Celebration " with another member Mr. Chuck Seeley.

This is a dinner to Honor the President's of the local organizations as well as the organization. And to learn what they do and why they do it.

Many of the Kiwanians have volunteered their time to help with different functions or Fundraisers these groups have going on throughout the year.

This year's dinner is being held on February 18th, 2015. The dinner will start at approximately 6:30pm at the Civic Center on Portage Lakes Dr.

At this point we have approximately 14 different organizations attending. If you would like to attend this event please contact the Civic Center no later than Wednesday – February 11th, 2015 to secure your seat.

The cost of dinner will be \$ 8.00 per person.

We hope to see everyone there to help us celebrate these wonderful community oriented people.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ Tudor House

With the ground covered in snow, and flakes falling on a daily basis it is kind of hard to believe but yes:

SPRING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

And we all know what that means. Crisp mornings, birds singing and green grass. In addition to that there is the Annual Portage Lakes Kiwanis " Eater Egg Hunt " this long standing tradition each year has brought many smiles to the faces of the children in our area.

This event complete with concession stand, balloon pop, fire trucks, games, tatoo's, face painting and more will once again take place at the " Tudor House " located in New Franklin, Ohio.

Mark your calendars now so you and the kids do not miss this out hunting for eggs with other kids in their specific age group. Please watch our Facebook page and website @ www.plkiwanis.org for more information as the date gets closer.

Save the date: Saturday - April 4th, 2015

Birthday's, Anniversaries, Club Anniversaries

February

BIRTHDAY'S

Tom Varley February 4th
 Kerri Gleisinger February 8th
 Bob Goff February 28th

ANNIVERSARIES

Jay & Connie Feldman February 4th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Russ Friess - 40 years
 Jay Feldman - 32 years
 Vicki Kepnes - 14 years
 Jacob Grimm - 14 years

KIWANIS FAMILY

Please keep the following members and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they go through some trying times over the next several months:

Scott Shookman - Please continue your prayers and healing thoughts for Scott and his family
 Tom Varley - for his son in law who is at home now.
 Juanita Gehm - Who is currently at home recovering from hip surgery.
 And prayers for everyone who has to travel the slick roads to and from work and school each day that they may return safely to their families.

RUBBER DUCKS BASEBALL

It is almost baseball season and we all know what that means. That's right family fun night at the ball park.

This years day for Kiwanis night at Canal Park is:

Friday - June 19th, 2015
 7 pm – followed by Fireworks

Tickets are currently on sale for \$ 7.00 per person. We have reserved 50 seats at this time. So Please contact:

Al Grzeschik @ 330-524-2979

DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 11th, 2015 - Regular Meeting, Committee Meetings
Reverse Raffle Mtg.
- February 18th, 2015 - Presidents Showcase Dinner
- February 25th, 2015 - Regular Meeting, Board Meeting
- February 27th, 2015 - Astronomy Club Meeting with Larry Liou from NASA Glenn Research Center 7-10 pm

2nd ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN

This year the Motorcycle Poker Run will be held on:
 Saturday - June 6th, 2015

All money earned at the special event will be donated again this year.

There will be some changes for last years event like a longer run different prizes and other things we will keep the same. We will provide updates as the time gets closer. We Thank everyone in advance for your participation and support with this event

SAVE THE DATES:

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| March 14 th | Euchre Tournament |
| April 4 th | Easter Egg Hunt |
| June 6 th | Motorcycle Poker Run |
| June 13 th | CAR SHOW |
| July 17-19 th | Pirates on the Lakes |
| August 8 th | Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction |

GUEST SPEAKERS

We are trying to schedule having a Guest Speaker once a month . And we would like to have it be someone you are interested in hearing from.

SO.....
 If there is someone in particular you would like to hear speak at one of our regular Wednesday Night Meetings please contact Jeff Goodwin or Kat Rebovich with your suggestions

REMINDER TO ALL BOARD MEETINGS:

All Board Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted.
 Please try to be in attendance as much as possible as the board needs your **VOTE**.

Bacher Funeral Home

Joe

