



THE COMMUNICATOR

Annual Presidents Showcase Dinner

This past Wednesday – February 18th, 2015 we had the honor once again of providing dinner to some of the local non-profit organizations in our area.

This dinner was started several years ago by our own Larry Hunter. As a way to show the Kiwanis appreciation of what these local organizations do in and for our community.

To date we have counted 25 organizations, some of which are listed below:

Portage Lakes Historical Society:
They strive to collect, preserve & maintain the history and early records of the Portage Lakes.

Contact: 330-644-3748

Warm Up Portage Lakes:
A group that knits & crochets afghans, hats, scarves for people in need in the community. All materials and time to make these products are donated.

Contact: bsherrill@earthlink.net

Portage Lakes Advisory Council:
Made up of appointees of their home governments – Coventry Township, New Franklin and City of Green

Contact: www.portagelakesadvisorycouncil.org

Purple Martin Association:
Organization dedicated to helping the Purple Martins feed, breed and interact with the environment.

Contact: 330-644-1540

Tudor House Advisory Commission:
Commission is an advisory board to the officials of the City of New Franklin in regards to events, maintenance and other matters concerning the Tudor House.

Contact: 330-882-4324

Secret Sisters:
Originally formed as a group of women to support each others needs in anyway the can. These sisters have branched out with fundraisers for individuals and the community.

Contact Geiger@gmail.com

Memorial of Angels:
Organization that provides headstones to children when the family cannot

afford to do so.

Contact: EpitapherBarbara@aol.com

Maps Air Museum:
Dedicated to preserving and educating people about the history of aviation and its impact on society.

Contact: kovesci.kim@mapsairmuseum.org

Dragon Dream Team:
Launched in 2007 Ohio's 1st all breast cancer survivor dragon boat team.

Based at Craftsman Park
Contact: dragondreamteam.org

Akron Summit Co. Library New Franklin Branch:

Opened in 1990 and is a combination of Coventry and Manchester libraries. Open 6 days a week and offer a variety of programs for all ages.

Contact Cheryl Luck 330-644-7050

Friends of the Library:
Hold fund raisers to help support the library and closer relations with the library and the public.

Contact 330-644-7050

Tammy's Totes
Community Members and Friends working together to help fill emergency totes for families in need
Contact: Visit Tammy's Totes on Facebook

Coventry Schools Foundation
Raises money for academic classroom grants and scholarships for the Coventry School District

Contact 330-777-0087 ext # 1

Akron Rotary Camp
Founded in 1924 weekday and overnite camp for children with polio. Year round respite and educational opportunities for over 1,700 children with disabilities and their families

Contact www.rotarycamp.org

YMCA Camp Y-Noah
Has been magical, exciting & fun for the past 80 years. Campers under the watchful eye of trained counselors get to experience & explore the outdoors.

Contact: www.gotcamp.org

Coventry AARP Chapter 3820
Established in 1984, has approximately 160 members. Holds 2 fund raisers per year to donate to local organizations.

Contact rashleysr@msn.com

Scottish American Society
Celtic Beltane Festival held each year with proceeds being donated to Pegasus Farm a premier therapeutic riding center.

Contact mfrost@nls.net

Goodyear Boat & Yacht Assoc.
Established in 1955 on Cottage Grove Lake promotes and intrest in safety, functional and social aspects of boating.

Contact 330-882-0233

Portage Lakes Polar Bear Club
Help charitable organizations raise funds through the annual " Polar Bear Jump. This year was the 12th year for the jump in Portage Lakes.

Contact portagelakespolarbearclub.com

Friends of Portage Lakes State Park
Organization to foster partnership between outdoor enthusiasts and the State Park to ensure a better place for nature and wildlife education

Contact www.friendsofportagelakes.org

Portage Lakes Disc Golf Assoc
Fun Family event outdoors for children and adults. Just like regular golf but with a disc. There is a course constructed at the State Park.

Contact www.pldga.com

Portage Lakes Rowing Assoc
Founded in 2005. Offers recreational and competitive rowing opportunities for adults in the Akron / Canton area.

Contact 330-333-2ROW
Portage Lakes Advisory Council
Collaboration of club leaders that facilitate dialogue and resources between service organizations and the Portage Lakes Area.

Contact www.portagelakescouncil.com

There are so many wonderful organizations in our area that just want to help the community and the people in it and ask for nothing in return. Portage Lakes Kiwanis just would like to **Thank** each of you for your dedication and service to this community and the people who live in it.

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Special points of interest:

- Car Show
- Dates to Remember
- Thoughts & Prayers
- Guest Speakers

Memorial for Scott Shookman

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.

By now I am sure that you are aware of the passing of our Dear Friend and fellow Kiwanian: *Mr. Scott Shookman*

Several weeks ago Scott was awarded the " Zeller Award " at a Kiwanis meeting. Charlie Kepnes who presented the award definitely did his research on Mr. Shookman prior to presenting the award.

In speaking with family, friends, people in the community and fellow Kiwanians the same words were repeated by all:

" Scott loved family, friends and Community. He went out of his way to help people and joined with a smile each task he took on. He secured awards for people with in the Manchester School District that didn't even know they were receiving the award. And why because he believed in what they were doing.

When Scott took on a project within the Kiwanis or anywhere he put everything he had into that project and more. His projects within Kiwanis became Family traditions such as Santa Delivery and Rose Day.

You will be greatly missed by all. And our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. May peace be with all of you as you go through life with this wonderful guardian angel watching over you.

Please note the memorial service information for Scott listed below:

Celebration of Life

Saturday March 7, 2015, 1:00 p.m. at Lakeview Christian Church

Open House

Saturday March 7, 2015, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Prime at Anthe's

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 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 27th Celebration of Life for Scott Shookman
(see above for details)
- March 4th Regular Meeting
- March 7th Ohio District Kiwanis Mid-Year Education in Columbus
- March 10th Pirates on the Lake Treasure Hunt Committee Meeting
@ Civic Center - 7 pm
- March 11th Regular Meeting – Guest Speaker
John Shulan – Akron Astronomy Club
- March 14th Euchre Tournament – Civic Center - Proceeds to be
Donated to Project Eliminate
- March 18th Regular Meeting – Committee Meetings
- March 24th Division 20 Meeting @ on Tap Grille in Stow
Jon Freeman on Speakers Panel
- March 25th Regular Meeting / Board Meeting

SAVE THE DATES:

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

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

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

Bacher Funeral Home

Joe

