

**Portage
Lakes
Kiwanis**

The communicator

**What's Happening
with the Purple**

Summer Edition

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- Club & Family Summer Outings.
- Saying a Kind word to a Friend, Family member or Child.
- Upcoming events

MEMORIAL DAY & OUR VETERANS

This past weekend was Memorial Day. As you were celebrating with your families and friends—whether it was by having a picnic, enjoying a boat ride or just relaxing around your home. We hope that everyone took a brief moment out to remember what this day is all about. And what it has taken for our country to get this far.

Here at Kiwanis we would like to thank all the veterans who were at this Wednesday's meeting for all they have done for us.

And this is just mentioning a few of our members. Though you may not be mentioned we certainly have not forgotten you.



So a sincere and heart felt
Thank you is being said to:
Tom Longworth
Bob Longworth
Frank Smith
Glen Sheets
Tom Varley
Gene Cole
Larry Hunter
Gordon Rice
Jay Feldman

Aero's Game Night

This coming Friday—June 7th, 2013 is our Aero's night out. Tickets for the game are now available - please see Al Grzeschik to get your pre paid discount tickets.

Game time is at 7:05 Canal Park—Downtown Akron. Where the Akron Aero's will play the Portland Sea Dogs.

The game will be followed by a fireworks show.

If you did not obtain tickets in advance you can still purchase tickets at the gate

Enjoy the game everyone

PIRATE DAYS IN PORTAGE LAKES

The **Third Annual Pirate Days in Portage Lakes**

are just a few months away
There have been pirates spotted near the swim beach area. Wonder what they could be up to?

Rumor in the Portage Lakes is that they are planning many fun events for the weekend in July that you surely won't want to miss.

Really when is the last time you and the family were served Pancake Breakfast by Pirates?

Or battled other Pirates out on Treasure Island.

Question is can you out eat the pirates in a hotdog eating contest?

Or find the Buried Treasure that only the pirates know where it is hidden. Find the right item at the Treasure Hunt and you could walk away with the gold pirate coins, jewelry or win a prize.

There have been some pretty exciting things added to this years list of events.

Don't miss out, mark your calendars now.

We will continue to post here in the newsletter and on facebook and the website with updates on all of the events.

For now please continue to read the next two columns before you go any further planning your summer events.

This years events will start on

“ **Friday –July 19th**

with the kick off being the **Reverse Raffle/ Silent Auction.**

Tickets are currently available and the price of each ticket are the same as last year:

Grub Ticket Only \$ 35.00

Grub & Raffle Ticket \$ 100.00

Table of Eight: \$ 345.00
(includes eight meal tickets and one raffle .)

For tickets please contact our local pirate:

**Esther Cole @
330-414-7021**

Once you arrive at this event take a look at the items on the Silent Auction Table. And don't stop there Go to the section where the Chinese Auction is being held, buy a balloon from the Fairest Pirate selling them. When it is time pop your balloon along with everyone else and see if you are the winner.

And the grub is amazing.

Can you beat out your fellow pirates in the Pirate Costume Contest?

Saturday—July 20th
will start this day off at the:

Goodyear Boat and Yacht Club located on South main St. They will be holding a Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser. Complete with pancakes, ham, coffee and juice for a small donation of \$ 6.00. Come and have the family served by the Portage Lakes Goodyear Boat & Yacht Club Pirates from 8:00 am to 11:00am

Then join the rest of the Pirates at:

Swim Beach in Portage Lakes State Park from:

1:00pm to 3:00pm for the PNC Kids Treasure Hunt where the Secret Sister Pirates will judge your costume and prize are available for those chosen. Enter the beach area for the remainder of the Treasure Hunt & boat ride out to Treasure Island for the kids. In here you will find a balloon pop, concession stand, the Pirate boys will have created a rope bridge. What better a place to create your own pirate hat.

Beware of the pirates roaming the beach area for they may just make you “ **Walk the Plank** “ to earn your own pirate Eye Patch.

And the evening will end with the **UPPER DECK HotDog** eating contest. The fun doesn't end there enjoy the band for the evening visit with friends and try your hand at the Dunk Tank. You never know which pirate may be waiting to be dunked..

www.plkiwanis.org &

On Facebook

For more details on this fun and exciting weekend.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE PURPLE MARTINS IN PORTAGE LAKES

The Purple Martin Association in the Portage Lakes Area was formed in the year 2000. This association helped attract these beautiful birds to control insects in the Portage Lakes Area. With the birds here it helps to reduce the use of insecticides that pollute the air and water.

On **Saturday the 29th of June** they will be holding— The 12th Annual Buckeye Martinfest. It will be at the **North Reservoir Boat Launch Ramp**— From 2 to 4pm. Join them and view 125 Purple Martin nests up close and learn about these wonderful birds.

There will also be Games and Crafts.

Starting on **August 1st through August 30th** will be “ The Purple Martin Twilight Boat Rides. “ experience the amazing spectacle of 10,000 Purple Martins swirling together as they prepare for migration.

The cost per person is \$ 20.00 and Reservations are required. Please contact **Larry Hunter @ 330-644-1540** to secure your place on this twilight boat ride on Nimisila Reservoir.

Remember these trips Sell out early every year. And this is a boat ride you won't want to miss

DATES & THINGS TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAY'S

Tom Burge May 31st

ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Becky Shookman May 3rd

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

KEY CLUB NEWS

Thank you to **Jerry Schrop** Adviser Ellet Key Club and Advisors— **Jon & Cass Freeman of Coventry Key Club, Manchester**—PLK Advisors—**Scott Shookman & Sam Reynolds** for your hard work and dedication to these three schools. And to the members of each of the Key Clubs we appreciate all of the volunteer work that each of you did this year.

Have a safe and happy summer. We look forward to learning what projects the Key Clubs will be taking on this coming fall.

Kiwanis is a Global Organization that promotes “ Helping One Child, One Community at a time. “ So to keep in line with that let's make sure that at least once a day you share a kind word with a child. You will be amazed at how big of a smile this can put on their faces. And how it will warm your heart seeing them smile.

“ Congratulations I am so proud of all you have accomplished this year”

Did you make someone smile today?

Pirate Treasure Hunt Meetings

Be a part of putting a smile on a child's face in the Portage Lakes Community on July 20th, 2013 by helping with the:

THIRD ANNUAL PIRATES KIDS TREASURE HUNT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
June 6th	6:30 pm	Civic Center
June 20th	6:30 pm	Civic Center

July 11th 6:30 pm Civic Center

(final meeting prior to Treasure Hunt on July 20th, 2013)

These meetings are open to everyone who would like to volunteer on Saturday the 20th.

Should the meeting time and date change we will notify you in advance.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 5th	Pig Roast & Guest Speaker Cheryl Luck from P.L. Library
June 7th	Aero's Game—Canal Park followed by Fireworks
June 12th	Regular Meeting / Host for Division 20 Meeting.
June 13th	Pirates Planning Meeting Time: 6:30 Civic Center
June 19th	Regular Meeting / Guest Speaker Marilyn Purdy—Dragon Dream Team
June 26th	Regular Meeting/ Board Meeting

There are many things going on in the Portage Lakes area this summer from the Opening of the New On Tap at the Harbor, to Purple Martin Festival as well as the Pirate Days in July.

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.