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Division 20 Meeting June 12th, 2013

Last Wednesday—June 12th Portage Lakes Kiwanis hosted the “Division 20 Meeting “ at the Civic Center. There were representatives from several local area Kiwanis Clubs present. Bill Flinta from Stow Monroe Falls announced the upcoming projects that they are working on such as the Fourth of July Parade, Riverday Festival. Larry Griffin announced that the Downtown Akron Club has donated \$ 1,000 to Pregnancy Agency as well as 2 Zeller Awards. Judy from Ravenna shared that their new Project is Kids Packs—Ziploc Bags filled with crayons, coloring books, puzzles and other items and then donated to children , families and siblings that are in waiting rooms at hospitals.

It was also announced that Division 20 will be holding a Eucker Tournament in January of 2014. There will be more details on this as the time gets closer to the tournament.

The goal of Division 20 is to start up 3 New Clubs in this area. They will be located in Cuyahoga Falls, Tallmadge and Twinsburg.

Our next Division 20 meeting will be Tuesday—September 17th at Bellicino’s in Stow. With the new Lt. Governor Larry Griffin in attendance.

Dragon Dream Team

This Wednesday June 19th we had the pleasure of being joined by **Susan Balmart & Marilyn Purde** from the **Portage Lakes Dragon Dream Team**.

This team has travelled to several places like **Tennessee, Canada, Florida and New York** to participate in their Local Dragon Dream Team Festivals. With all the traveling they have done, the decision was made by this wonderful group to host their own Festival and what better place to hold it than right here in **Portage Lakes at the State Park Swim Beach!**

The members of this organization have worked very hard over the last several months to organize this huge event. What does it take you ask? Well to race one of these Dream Boats it takes—20 people who sit side by side and paddle the boat, one drummer and one steerer. They have secured 26 teams from local area’s to across the country to participate in the race. They provide the boat, oars and life vests and will even train those who want to participate. They are looking to have 30 boats participate. Each boat will participate in 2-3 races.

The event is being held on **Saturday July 13th, 2013**. Teams will start arriving around **7:30 am and the races will start at 8:30 am**. Not only will you get to enjoy the races but you can meet some of the people, There will be all sorts of vendors from Food vendors to T-Shirt sales and much more.

Starting at **Noon the will have a special ceremony** that we are sure you will not want to miss. This event will last pretty much all day and will be a lot of fun for the entire family.

We would like to give our cheers and praise to all the people who will be traveling to this event as well as to the local members and their families who will be joining in the fun for the day or participating in the races.

Local Kiwanis long time member Mr. Gene Cole will be racing in one of the boats. And many of our members will be volunteering time on this Saturday by helping unload and park cars or whatever they are needed for.

Again please bring the family and come an encourage the members of this wonderful organization.

PIRATE DAYS IN PORTAGE LAKES

The *Third Annual Pirate Days in Portage Lakes*

are just **29 days away.**

There have been pirates spotted near the swim beach area. Wonder what they could be up to?

At this point in time everything is running smoothly and right on schedule. The Treasure Hunt Committee has planned so really wonderful events for the 20th. As well as adding several new stations for the children to participate in. The Reverse Raffle/ Silent Auction is coming along very nicely.

To date there have been 25—30 donations made for the Silent Auction. We are looking to obtain 90 to 100 silent auction items for the evening. If you or anyone you know would like to donate something please contact either Charlie or Vicki Kepnes.

All donations are greatly appreciated. Or if you know someone who might be interested in donating please let us know.

All money generated at this fund raiser is put back into the community in one fashion or another. It could be used to help support the Scholarship awards that are presented to local area deserving, graduating seniors. Or put into one of the many community projects that Kiwanis participate in such as the Fireworks in July. And who doesn't enjoy watching the fireworks from the water.

On Sunday July 21st there will be a special event for all volunteers from the weekend. Pirate winddown time if you will.

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.

Kiwanis Project— Portagelakesopoly

This year as many of you are aware we took on a new one time fund raising project. This project is to create a Monopoly game based around the Portage Lakes. The game is played just like a regular Monopoly game other than the properties on the game are named after places that I am sure we all know and Love. For example Guiseppe's Pizza, Upper Deck, Akron Coin and Jewelry., Rotary Camp and many more. We are also including our local schools.

At this time we still have several properties available or have your business name put on the back of one of the denominations of money. Purchase a Patron spot in the center of the board. It is open to business in the area as well as individuals.

If you are interested in participating in this fund raiser by purchasing a spot on the game board. Please contact Dana Roderick @ 330-990-7818 or by e-mail @ d1687@hotmail.com.

Hurry time is running out. The cut off date is July 8th. The board will go to print on the 13th of July. We will have games for sale on or around the end of September.

Summer Fun Entire Summer—Portage Lakes Library—Summer Reading & Exercise Program

Please visit or contact the library for details and to hear about all the special programs that will be happening

June 29th Saturday - 12th Annual Buckeye Martifest_ - North Reservoir Boat Launch Ramp—

From 2 to 4pm.

June 29th Saturday Northcoast Antique Boat Show On Tap at the Harbor 9am - 3pm

July 13th Saturday Dragon Dream Team Festival State Park Swim Beach 8:30 till noon

July 19th—21st Portage Lakes Kiwanis Pirate Days weekend.

August 1st— August 30th “ The Purple Martin Twilight Boat Rides. “

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

BIRTHDAY'S

ANNIVERSARIES

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Reinmann	June 4th	Jim & Wendy Davis	June 6th	Tom Varley	27 years
Lisa Geiger	June 17th	Tom & Beverly Fry	June 23rd	Joanne Murgatroyd	18 years
Jay Feldman	June 25th	Joanne & Ron Murgatroyd	June 29th	Dr Tim Husser	9 years

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”

Have a beautiful Summer?

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 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 26th—Regular Meeting/ Board Meeting

June 27th Pirate on the Lakes Meeting 6:30 pm

July 3rd NO MEETING Happy 4th of July

July 6th PL Boat Parade & Fireworks

We are counting down there are only **29** days left until

“ **Pirate Weekend** “

Hopefully everyone has gotten their costumes in order and purchased their tickets.

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.