

**Portage  
Lakes  
Kiwanis**

# The communicator

**August  
celebrations**

**Summer**

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## Special points of interest:

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

## KIWANIS SENIOR TOWERS

**The Kiwanis Senior Towers** - located on Portage Lakes Drive in Coventry Township was built in 1983.

It was a decision made by several members of the Portage Lakes Kiwanis that there was a need for a Senior Citizens Building in the Portage Lakes Area.

Not only was the Senior citizens Building needed in the area but they felt it should be affordable living for each person who rented an apartment.

Portage Lakes Kiwanis supported this idea by contributing the start up money and helping to secure Federal Funding to make this vision a reality.

The Senior Towers is self sufficient and is run by a

management company.

The five story apartment building provides modest living apartments for many seniors and also some low income apartments.

And they also help residents with transportation to and from doctor's appointments and other errands they many need to run.

The Board of Directors for the Senior Towers has several Kiwanis members on it.

This September the Senior Towers will celebrate 30 years of providing homes for Seniors

Scott Shookman who is on

Board of Directors has graciously invited Portage Lakes Kiwanis Members to celebrate the past 30 years by attending a catered dinner at the Kiwanis Towers. All the residents who live in the Towers have been invited also.

If you wish to attend this celebration please:

Be at the Civic Center :

Date: September 18th

Time: 6:15 pm

As parking is limited - transportation will be provided from the Civic Center to the Kiwanis Towers and back.

## AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER

We are trying to have a guest speaker into the club on the first Wednesday of each month. The month of August our Guest Speaker will be Mr. Tom Quinn.

On August 14th @ our 6:30 meeting we will have dinner, fellowship and then Mr. Quinn will be providing us with information on CPR as some of the procedures have changed.

We hope to see everyone at the meeting. Bring a friend, neighbor or family member with you. The information you learn may just save a life.

# ROSE REMEMBERANCE DAY

Yes ,it is almost that time of year again. Time for Roses to be flooding the Summit County area.

The kick off dinner for this long time fundraising event will be held on :

**AUGUST 21st, 2013**

**TIME: 6:30pm**

**Civic center**

As in years past we will need volunteers to man the Civic Center during the week and answer phones as well as do some data entry. If you would be willing to take on this please contact Mr. Tom Burge.

As in the past Rose Delivery day will be the First Saturday in October 6th, 2013.

Remember these Roses are not only for your girlfriend, wife. Order Roses for you friend, sister, neighbor or grandmother.

**At \$ 15.00 a dozen you can't beat the price.**

## DISTRICT CONVENTION

This weekend is the Ohio District Convention which is being held in Lima Ohio on August 9,10 & 11th, 2013. The Portage Lakes Kiwanis will be represented at the Convention by the following delegates: Jeff Goodwin - President Elect., Sue Harding - Secretary, Jon Freeman - Delegate and Cass Freeman - Alternate Delegate.

Thank you to all four of you for representing our club and we look forward to hearing about the convention when you return.

## ANNUAL PORTAGE LAKES "KIWANIS FISH FRY"

This year Larry Hunter has worked really hard catching the fish for the Fish Fry. On occasion he has had fellow Kiwanian's Chuck Seeley and Al Grzeschik helping. As well as Jonathan Zito. They are almost to the point of having all the fish needed for this wonderful dinner which will be held on September 4th, 2013 @ the Civic Center. Dinner will start at approximately 6:30pm and will be followed by GUEST

SPEAKER— **Kerri Miller Gleisinger** owner and operator of "**Kerri's Confections**"

Tickets are now available for: **\$ 12.00 per person** and a covered dish to share with everyone. In years past we have had some wonderful side dishes of potato casserole, salad, pasta salad and a variety of desserts. This is an open event for everyone with tickets. Gather your family and neighbors and join us for dinner, fellowship and our Special Guest Speaker. Please contact either Tom Burge or another Kiwanian to purchase your tickets.

## ON GOING PROJECTS

**PROJECT ELIMINATE:** We are still continuing to collect change for this world wide on going project. To date we are two years in to a 5 year project. Portage Lakes Kiwanis joined the crusade last year and have collect approximately \$ 700.00 in change towards our \$ 1,000.00 goal. We adapted the Baby Bottle project. Many kiwanians have taken bottles home and collected change from their cars, bottoms of purses, and several other places. Though we continue to use the smaller size baby bottles. Though we also decided to use Very Large Baby Bottle Banks and many of the local area business's such as Akron Coin & Jewelry have placed these on their counters in the hopes that individuals who purchase something will drop their change into the bottle.

This fund raiser was put into place to collect money and help fight **Neonatal Tetanus** in lower income communities in Third World Countries. The women and children in these communities ( as well as other people living in the area's ) live in extremely unhealthy and un sanitary conditions. They do not have the simple comfort as we do of drinking clean drinking water.

Everytime **\$ 1.60 in change** is dropped into a bottle we are purchasing a tetanus shot for one mother in these Third World Countries. Not only are we saving that mother we are also saving and protecting her unborn children now and any she may have in the future.

Can you even imagine your child hurting so badly that you are unable to comfort them or even touch them. Without this tetanus shot it is a chance each of these woman take everytime they become pregnant. So for the next several years let's all dig deep into our pockets and purses and change jars and drop a few quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies into a jar. Even helping one mother will be a terrific help.

For more information or to obtain your baby bottle ( of any size ) please contact either **Vicki Kepnes** or **Jeff Goodwin**.

# AUGUST CELEBRATIONS 2013

## AUGUST - BIRTHDAY'S

Cass Freeman - August 2nd  
Juanita Gehm - August 2nd  
Phil Pinnow - August 5th  
Jack Sarver - August 5th  
Paul Schuckert - August 6th  
Dale Dietz - August 12th  
Glenn Brietenstine August 14th  
Debbie O'Connor August 25th  
Susan Fassoles - August 30th

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sue & John Fassoles August 2nd  
Jeff & Denise Goodwin August 7th  
Glen & Georgia Sheets August 8th  
Phil & Judy Pinnow August 10th  
Chuck & Betty Seeley August 16th

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Rosanne Mihaly 25 years  
Charles Kepnes 20 years  
Sue Harding 15 years

## KEY CLUB NEWS

School is about to be back in session at the end of August. In an effort to support the individual schools Coventry, Manchester and Ellet we will post the individual officers for each Key

Club as well as the events they are either participating in or running as fund raisers.

## SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

Mark your calendars in advance and save room on your schedules for the :

### ROTC— CRUISE IN

### FUNDRAISER

We have received a lot of support from this wonder group of kids from Green. So let's make sure that we give a little

## Happenings Around the Lakes Area

Purple Martin Boat Rides: Nightly through the month of August

Naughtyvine Opened for business on - July 25th, 2013

Bridgestone/Firestone Golf Classic August 1st—4th, 2013

Portage Lakes Kiwanis Fish Fry September 4th, 2013

## KIWANIS FAMILY

It was brought to our attention at tonight's meeting that Kiwanian member **Mr. Robert Dengler** has been having a few health issues. He is currently in a hospital in Cleveland.

Please include Bob in your prayers for a quick recovery.

### Monopoly Game Fundraiser

The fundraiser board game "**Portagelakesopoly**" has been sent to the printers. Though we did make several changes to the game and box cover we think that the game will be a great part of putting Portage Lakes down in history.

There will be 350 games printed and approximately 300 will be for sale sometime in mid September. The games will be sold at a cost of \$ 25.00. In the weeks to come we will have more updates on when and where you will be able to purchase games.

### Supporting Local Children

Just as a reminder the Local Schools are about to be back in session. Leave a few minutes early for work, or whatever you may have in store for your morning and afternoon's.

Take that extra minute to watch for children either walking to school or walking to the bus stop.

School buses will be back on the roads full of children so please keep your eye's open. We as adults are the key to their safety to and from school.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

August 9-10th Ohio District Convention - Lima Ohio

August 14th Regular Meeting Guest Speaker

Tom Quinn on CPR

August 21st Rose Kick off Meeting

August 28th Regular Meeting / Board Meeting

September 4th Fish Fry—Guest Speaker

Kerri Miller Gleisinger

September 18th - 30th Anniversary Dinner @

Kiwanis Senior Towers

## 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.