

# THE COMMUNICATOR

PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS

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**Reminder:** The Communicator is always open to suggestions from members, and non members of things they would like to see in this newsletter. Please send any suggestions to: [d1687@hotmail.com](mailto:d1687@hotmail.com)

## FROM THE EDITOR:

With the fiscal year of Portage Lakes Kiwanis just beginning I would like to take a moment to review some of the events that we participated in during the 2012 year. As well as some of the speakers that joined us.

As usual we started 2012 off with the News Year's Eve party that was held at the Civic Center with many members in attendance. This was followed up with club members participating in the Boat Swap held at The Tudor House in New Franklin.

Next we held our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** where we had a record number of Families in attendance.

Several members attended the "**Purple Martin Festival**" and help feed these wonderful birds.

Our **Young Children Priority One Committee** participated in an event at the John S Knight Center in downtown Akron where they handed out Chad stickers, coloring books and other items. They also had help from Key Club members.

We held the pig roast and fish fry as usual many were in attendance and the food was terrific.

And the **Membership Committee** held a membership drive in May at the Civic Center with dinner and our own **Larry Hunter** spoke to us about the local **Purple Martin Club**.

Our next big event was "**Pirate Days & Pirate Days on the Lake**" these events included Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction held at Prime 93. The poker run & 50/50 raffle which was held at The Upper Deck. Children were also able to enjoy a great Saturday afternoon at the Treasure Hunt ( held at State Road Park swimming beach ) where they were able to walk the plank, make pirate hats, and take a ride to battle the pirates on Treasure Island. This location also had the Dock Dogs, Disk golf tournament and the Dragon Ladies of Portage Lakes provided canoe rides and a tour of the lakes.

We also held a BBQ for Families with Disabilities. Where the families were able to play corn hole and sing Karoke and enjoy some wonderful food.

In October we had "**The Haunted Hay Ride**" which was put on with the help of The City of Green and Camp Y Noah. We also provided a

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Concession stand with donuts, hot chocolate, hot & cold apple cider and coffee.

And all this was followed up by our biggest event of the year “ **Rose Remembrance Day** “ The time of year that everyone chips in to help deliver Roses in the Summit County Area. We had so many helpers this year from all over such as Boy scouts, Girl Scouts, individual members of Portage Lakes Kiwanis and other clubs . Along with friends of members. And the local area Key Club members helped to sell and deliver.

In addition to the events that took place through out the year we were able to be joined at several of our meeting by Guest speakers. We were joined by Sylvia Johnson Director of “ Hower House “, Jeff Hough = Director of Hospice, As well as Mr. Richard Zeh and Mr. Richard Hendrix who taught us about Concealed Weapn Carrying, Mr. Dan Reynolds from the Rotary Club & Deputy Brian Cutlip and Deputy Mike Jones with their dogs Harley . and Corey. These speakers provided some very interesting information. We are looking forward to more speakers in the coming year.

Portage lakes Kiwanis also went on several outing to The Wine Barrel in Canton, An Akron Areo’s game and a recent trip and tour of Channel 3 news station in Cleveland. This tour was provided by a past scholarship recipient Sara Shookman.

And we also awarded Scholraship Awards to several Seniors from Manchester and Coventry Schools. These are students who have put a lot into their schools and community. As well as working hard to maintain excellent grades

Above is just a brief list of things that went on throughout the year in our Club. We have several committee that work on different projects throughout the year. And this past year a new committee was started. It is the Historical Committee of Portage Lakes Kiwanis. They will be working on gathering information on the history of our club. From Santa Deliveries to help at the Soap Box Derby and many other events that took place over the years.

Soon we will be gearing up for Santa Delivery. If you haven’t participated in this project or it has been some time since you participated. Pick a Wednesday and come to the Civic Center, bring a friend and join us for a meal, wrap some presents and have a little fellowship. It really is a time honored tradition for this club. I have had the pleasure of receiving Santa Delivery when I was younger, as well as my children have participated in Santa delivery and I now have the pleasure of helping with this project. Santa Delivery is not for just the young, it is for everyone. And when you think about it what could be more exciting than knowing you are bringing that much joy to children as well as adults.

In closing if you are a current member who hasn’t been to a meeting lately bring a friend and join this wonderful group of people who really are more like a very large family. What could be better than helping out this wonderful community of seniors, young adults and children that we all live in. We certainly look forward to seeing all of you in the near future.

Next week I will go back to our normal newsletter but in the mean time please feel free to view our website @ [www.plkiwanis.org](http://www.plkiwanis.org) where updates calendar of events and other information is available.

## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS -**

All of the 2013 Entertainment books for Akron, Canton & Cleveland areas are now available. Members are encouraged to sign out several books for viewing and possible sales. Books are \$ 30.00 each and will be for sale through December. If you have any question or would like books & displays please see **Bob Dengler**

**“ 10 THINGS TO SAY TO A CHILD “**

**WEEK 2:**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK  
YOU'RE A TERRIFIC PERSON**

**PIRATE DAYS ON THE LAKE**

Larry Hunter will be holding the final meeting for “ Pirate Days on the Lake 2012 “ on

**MONDAY – NOVEMBER 26TH, 2012 @ 6:30 PM**  
**@ THE CIVIC CENTER.**

The current plan is to close out this year’s events and possible discussions on next year.

Thank you to all who participated and helped this year. I look forward to meeting with all of you on the 15<sup>th</sup>/

**BIRTHDAYS**

**Jeff Goodwin** November 1st

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

**John & Michele Shermesser** October 31<sup>st</sup>  
**Gordon & Nora Rice** November 3<sup>rd</sup>+

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

**Sam Reynolds** 16 years

It’s that time of year to begin saving your ***Acme Receipts***. On the bottom of the receipt it will list the cash back dollar amount and the club does earn money when these are turned in. so as you are shopping remember to save the receipt and turn it into **Vicki Kepnes**.

**WEBINAR:**

**KEY CLUB INFORMATION**

Ellet Key Club”

Participated in the “ Breast Walk for Cancer “ on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and raised approximately \$ 106.00 along with raising \$ 118.00 for Unicef.

They have the following upcoming projects:

**November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012** Participate in a crafts show . They are still in need of crafters.

Location> Ellet High School

**Dates to Remember**

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** Regular Meeting/ BOARD MEETING  
**November 6<sup>th</sup>** Election Day  
**November 7<sup>th</sup>** Div. 20 Dinner at Silver Lake Country Club, Reservations needed see Sue Harding.  
**November 14<sup>th</sup>** Regular Meeting  
**November 21<sup>st</sup>** **NO MEETING – Happy Thanksgiving**  
**November 28<sup>th</sup>** Regular Meeting/ BOARD MEETING

**REMINDER:**

To all Board Members: **Board Meetings** are held the last Wednesday of each month after our Regular Meeting. Please do your best to attend.

**November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**April 24<sup>th</sup>. 2012**

Be sure to visit the website “ **www.plkiwanis.org** for a listing of any upcoming events, guest speakers and more.