

**Portage
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Kiwanis**

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Special points of interest:

- Quarter Auction
- Key Club News
- Upcoming Events

Guest Speaker

Tonight's Guest Speaker was Suzanne Summerville founder of "Project Ed Bear"

Project Ed Bear was started 19 year ago when Mrs. Summerville's 9 year old son was admitted to Akron Children's Hospital Cancer Floor for testing on tumors through out his body.

Fortunately for Eddie the tumors were not cancerous and he was released from the hospital to go home with his family.

While in the hospital Eddie had many family members, friends and others who visited him on a regular basis. But he and his mother noticed that some of the children one little boy in particular did not have many visitors.

And so Project Ed Bear was born.

This wonderful project provides a bear to each child who enters the Cancer Center.

In the 19 years of it's existence they have donated over half a million dollars to provide comforts, and needs to pediatric oncol-

-ogy.

Though their actual mission is to provide comfort for pediatric oncology patients at Akron Children's Hospital they often send bears and other items all over Ohio.

All the people who work with Project Ed Bear are volunteers and donate 100 % of their time.

Through donations and fund Raisers like "The Mad Hatters Tea, Gala Auction they provide Hearts f Chocolate on Valentines Day, flat screen TV's, the latest up to date video's. They also have teen events such as the trip to Cedar Point. Easter Gifts, laptop computers, stockings at Christmas. And parties once the children have completed their chemo therapy. And this is just a few, to mention all of them would take many pages. Please feel free to visit their website @

www.projectedbear.org

And see the other many wonderful things they do and provide.

This years "Gala" is being held @: Quaker Square Downtown

Akron
135 S. Broadway
Street

ON: December 2nd

COST: \$ 20.00 per person

Time: 5:00 pm to 9:00pm

There will be complimentary valet parking. And many of the children will be attending as V.I.P's.

Definitely a night you don't want to miss out on.

If you are unable to attend you may want to consider making a donation or sponsoring.

You can contact:

Susan Sommerville @
330-714-8839 with any questions.

MEMBERSHIP

The month of October Portage Lakes Kiwanis had the pleasure of inducting 3 new members.

Cheryl Luck, Kat Rebovich and Kerri Gleisinger

All three of the new members have participated in Portage Lakes Kiwanis events prior to joining. They have help with this years Pirate Days on the Lake Treasure Hunt, Rose Remembrance Day.

We feel that they are a terrific asset to our club and would like to Thank them for joining.

If you have not met these new members yet please attend one of our Wednesday Night meeting at the Civic Center and meet them.

Do you think this might be a club you would like to be involved with? Please feel free to join us any Wednesday Night @

The Civic Center—725 Portage Lakes Dr. 6:30pm for dinner , fellowship and a meeting. We are sure you will meet some terrific people . And learn more about what they do for this wonderful community that we all live in.

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.**

There is also a district wide project coming up right after the first of the year. Several of the clubs in District 20 are joining together to have one big event. All monies will be donated to the Project Eliminate Fund.

Please watch future newsletters for more information on this up coming event.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Jeff Goodwin November 1st

ANNIVERSARIES

Gordon & Nora Rice November 3rd
Jack & Joanne Sarver November 11th
Jacob & Bobbi Grimm November 13th
Tom & Carol Anne Varley November 21st

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Dr. James Robinson 24 years
Jeff Goodwin 4 years

Happenings Around the Lakes Area

November 23rd— There is a **Quarter Auction** it is being held @: Kiwanis Civic Center
Location: 725 Portage Lakes Drive
Time: 7:00 pm (doors open 6 pm

All proceeds from this event are being donated to the Fund Raising committee at Portage Lakes Kiwanis. Come have a wonderful evening all the while donating to a worthy cause which will be going back into the community to help families during the holidays.

Tickets are available now for \$ 5.00 each. Purchasing a ticket gives you one paddle in order to place your bids with. Additional paddles will be available for \$ 5.00 each.

This is a great way to start your Christmas shopping a little early .

PORTAGELAKESOPOLY

Sales for these limited edition games have been great. Thank you to Debbie Rubino, Sheila Wright, Akron Coin & Jewelry, Keiffer Marine, Turkeyfoot Lanes, Esther Cole and many more we are down to approximately 70 games remaining.

KEY CLUBS

ELLET: Collected \$ 70.00 for UNICEF /Project Eliminate. They are also making crafts to raise money for Wounded Warriors. Last weekend they participated in a Craft Show. And the week of November 4th through 8th they dedicated to doing small but AWESOME things around the school such as collecting gifts for the " Holiday Toy Room Program "

MANCHESTER: Participated in **Rose Day Delivery—with the money that they earned helping deliver Roses they bought supplies and made up 75 lunches for " Spring Time of Hope . "** The are currently searching " dosomething.org " for other service projects for the remainder of the year.

COVENTRY:

Please continue to watch this section for updated news about our Key Clubs.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 13th — Regular Meeting
- November 14th — Pirate Days on the Lake Meeting
Civic Center / 6:30 pm
- November 20th — Regular / Committee Meetings
- November 23rd — Quarter Auction
- November 27th — NO MEETING
- HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- December 4th — Regular Meeting /
NOVEMBER Board Meeting

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.

Supporting Our Community

Just as a reminder that with the holidays coming up it can be a very difficult time for many families. So as your eating your Thanksgiving Dinner, shopping for that special gift for someone. Whether you are at a mall or local store, look around and see if maybe they have a donation jar or an Angel Tree. It only takes a few minutes to reach out an grab that little gift or drop some change and put a smile on someone's face