



## PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

March 31, 2024

Thank you for joining us on this rainy cold day! We appreciate everyone that showed up to help or participate! Thank you to the City of New Franklin for hosting us at the beautiful Tudor House on Portage Lakes. Thank you to Little Roaming Railroad for providing train rides despite the rain. Thank you to Movement Church who brought lots of fun games to play and many people offering a lending hand. Thank you to Manchester and Green Key Clubs for volunteering and sticking it out. Thank you New Franklin Fire Department for bringing your firetruck and letting the kids explore. Thank you GASP: Guardians Advocating Child Safety and Protection for coming to educate and provide materials to families about your program. Thank you to the Manchester Education Association for offering food to those that came. Finally thank you to the *Portage Lakes Kiwanis* members who planned, organized, and executed a successful Easter Egg Hunt. Have a wonderful Easter. Co-chairs; Connie Nagy, Kelley Nagy, and Al Grzeschik





On Wednesday, April 10th we will have 'dinner out' at Dano's Lakeside Pub. The Wednesday specials are a Prime Rib Dinner and a Meatball Sub Platter. Please arrive no later than 6:30 to join in the fun!

If you are attending this dinner and want to have the Prime rib special, please let Al know as soon as possible so the restaurant can plan for and make sure they have enough dinners on hand for everyone. Email to [al@plkiwanis.org](mailto:al@plkiwanis.org)



On Friday, May 3, 2024 Nolley Elementary School in Manchester will hold their final annual 'FUN FAIR' before the school is torn down. The event will be from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and offers carnival games, food, and fun for the community. The PTA has asked our club for assistance. If you are available to volunteer that night please let Al Grzeschik know.

## OUR NEXT GUEST SPEAKER:

Our next guest speaker will be on April 3, 2024. Josh Compton who serves as Chief of the Green Fire Department will join us. He is also a rescue paramedic who has been involved in some very high profile rescues. He will be interesting and informative. Please come and show your support. Thanks to Larry and Chuck for securing our guest speakers, they do an awesome job.



**Our member spotlight this week will shine on club member Stanley Vaughan. Stan was born at Aultman Hospital in Canton and grew up in Greensburg, which is now the City of Green. He attended Kleckner School and then graduated from Green High School. He went to Ford School to obtain his Master Tech status. Stan met his wife of 56 years, Connie, at Children's Hospital. They have five children, two boys and three girls, 18 grandchildren, and 7 great grand children. That's a BIG family! Stan started his career at Breidenthal Ford in Green as a mechanic and went to Myers Ford for 15 years, and then retired from Waikem Ford as the Service Manager after 13 years. He still works part time delivering parts for Diehl Motors. A fun fact about Stan that very few people would know is that he has never shaved his moustache! The last book he read was That's The Way I Heard It by Mike Rowe. His favorite childhood memory is sled-riding. His favorite kind of music is tunes from the 50's and 60's. His travels include South Carolina, Florida, Savannah River Front Beach, Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, Canada, and Niagara Falls with the Majorette Corps. His least favorite trip was Florida. If he had to eat one meal every day for the rest of his life it would be steak! The one item he cannot live without is his false teeth! The one person that inspired him the most is his dad.**

**Okay now on to Kiwanis. Stan came to join the Kiwanis because he was asked to pilot a pontoon boat for the Pirate Day event. Al Grzeschik talked to him after the Boat Captains meeting and invited him to come to a meeting and said he also needed a Santa Claus. Al was Stan's sponsor when he joined in August of 2019. Stan served as Vice President, then President a few years back. He participates in Santa Delivery every year in the Santa role. He also serves on the Pirate Day Committee. The thing he enjoys most about being in the Portage Lakes Kiwanis is meeting new friends and the fellowship. The advice he would give to someone considering joining the Kiwanis is to come out and enjoy the meals, stay for the meeting and hear what we do.**



**Stan's doppelganger is Colonel Sanders!**

**KIWANIS FAMILY NEWS:** Please keep our members and friends in special thought and prayer.

**Barry Terjesen**  
**Nancy Terjesen**  
**Frank Smith**  
**Helen Thigpen**  
**Lynda Farkas**

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

04/03 Connie Vaughan  
04/20 Vicki Kepnes  
04/30 Steve Hess

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

John Schermesser - 43 years  
Glen Sheets - 29 years (Honorary Member)  
Anthony Ponikvar - 2 years  
Helen Thigpen -1 year

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

04/01 Don & Marie Reilly  
04/03 Paul & Betty Schuckert  
04/03 Anthony & Marcia Ponikvar  
04/11 Robert & Rebecca Goff  
04/15 Debbie & Mike Rubino

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

>April 3, Speaker Josh Compton, Green Fire Department  
>April 10, Dinner out at Dano's Lakeside Pub  
>April 16, Taste of Coventry at Gather at the Lakes, please  
get tickets from member Crystal Cianciola  
>April 16, Division 16 meeting at Norton Community Center  
>April 24, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting

### **LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:**

>May 1, Second annual Kiwanis Kentucky Derby Race  
>May 3, Nolley School Fun Fair, 5-8pm  
>May 8, Club Elections  
>May 27, Memorial Day Parade  
>May 29, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting  
>June 5, Scholarship Dinner  
>July 6, Portage Lakes Fireworks  
>July 13, Pancake Breakfast at Civic Center  
>July 20, Dragonboat Festival  
>July 27, Pirate Day on the Lake

**ALL ABOUT PLK...Our club is currently meeting every Wednesday. You can join us at 6:30 pm for dinner, which is catered by Lukity's Restaurant, a full meal for just \$15.00, or you can attend any meeting which begins at 7:00 pm. We'd love to have you.**

**We meet at the Civic Center, located at 725 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, OH 44319. Telephone number (330) 644-8967.**

**Our website is: [www.plkiwanis.org](http://www.plkiwanis.org) and please check out and like our Facebook page too, under Portage Lakes Kiwanis.**

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