



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

July 7, 2024



Portage Lakes Kiwanis
PIRATE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
fundraiser


Saturday, July 13th
8-11am

all you can eat pancakes, until sold out

\$10 ages 14 & up **\$5** ages 3-13
under 3 eat free





If you have any questions or need any additional information about either of these events, please contact Dana Roderick, chair, at d1687@hotmail.com



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Pirate Day!
FOOD VENDERS, CRAFTS, FREE BOAT RIDES,
MERMAIDS, TREASURE HUNT, & MORE

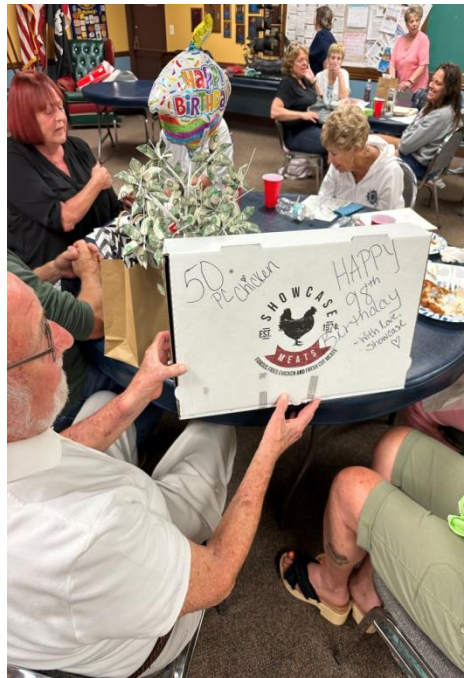
SATURDAY, JULY 27TH 11AM TO 3PM

PORTAGE LAKES STATE PARK BEACH
5031 MANCHESTER RD., NEW FRANKLIN, OH 44319





On Wednesday, June 26th we celebrated the 98th birthday of our founding father and 72 year Portage Lakes Kiwanis member Tom Longworth. The celebration included cake, presents, many cards, and fun decorations. Several of our long time club members spoke about the good ole days, past club events, and memories of our dear friend. Our club is wonderfully blessed to have Tom, who is loved by all.





President Steve Hess has received a batch of the Ohio State raffle tickets. The tickets are sold for \$5.00 each and our club gets to keep \$3.00 of each ticket sold. The winner will receive two tickets to every home game the OSU Buckeye football team plays this fall. Please pick some up and sell them! It is an easy way for us to raise some extra funds. All monies and/or unsold tickets must be returned to Steve by August 14th and the drawing will be held live on August 19th.



On Saturday, September 14th we will hold a fundraiser Quarter Auction at the Tadmor Shrine Center in Green. The event will be held from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We will have an emcee running the show which will include the auction, raffle baskets, a 50/50 drawing, and more. Food will be available for purchase, and we will have product and craft vendors selling their wares. Tickets are \$10.00 which includes one bidding paddle and admission. Additional paddles and 'all in' paddles will be available at the door the day of the event. **TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE, get yours and invite a friend or two. If you want a certain paddle number for good luck, purchase your ticket soon, it may not be available if you wait. See Cathy Dietz or Kelley Nagy for tickets. Also tickets are now available at plkiwanis.org**

WHAT WE NEED...

We are asking all members to obtain a raffle basket from an establishment in the Portage Lakes area, donate a raffle basket yourself, or donate a bottle of liquor for a special 'Bushel of Booze' to be raffled off. We also need volunteers to help on the day of the event. You can bring in your donation to any Wednesday meeting.

Cathy Dietz is the chair of this event, and committee members are Connie Nagy, Kelley Nagy, Rosanne Edwardson, and Juanita Gehm. Anyone of these girls can answer questions you may have or provide additional information if needed.



On Wednesday, August 14th we will hold a Picnic for all club members and their families. It will be held at Boettler Park in Green and begin at 6:00pm. The club will supply hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks. Everyone that attends is asked to bring a dish to share. It will be a fun event, plan to attend!



This Wednesday 07/10 our speaker will be Mr. Gary Kindig from the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park in Clinton. This will be interesting and informative, plan to attend.

- *August 7th, Tara Kerscher, Community Outreach for Judge Elinor Stormer Marsh**
- *September 18th, member Billy Krills from Camp Y-Noah, he will speak about camp and a recent mission trip to Honduras**
- *October 16th, member Jon Vielhaber speaking on computer/on line security issues**
- *November 13th, Judy Hanna from Meals on Wheels**

Many thanks to Chuck Seeley for arranging our speakers, he does a fantastic job. Above is the line-up of speakers for the next few months. Please try to attend these meetings to support our speakers that take their time to come in and talk to us. You will not leave a meeting without learning something!



The 2024 Ohio District Convention will be held in Toledo from August 2nd to August 4th. The weekend will be packed with Education, Fellowship, District Business, Service, Recognition, and Fun. Our club will pay for two members to attend the convention. Please let Cathy Dietz know if you would like to go, the registration deadline is July 15th. **It's not too late to sign up!**



At our meeting on June 26th, the Board of Directors approved the membership application of Rebecca Walters. Becky resides in the Portage Lakes area and will be an asset to our club. Debbie Rubino is Becky's sponsor. Please welcome Becky into our Kiwanis family. An induction date will be set soon.

BIRTHDAYS:

07/25 Bob Kansa

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Connie Nagy - 26 years

Joe Reinmann - 25 years

John Hercules - 10 years

Steve Hess - 6 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

07/11 Sam & Cynthia Reynolds

07/22 Stan & Connie Vaughan

07/24 Jon & Cassie Freeman

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

Gene Cole

Nancy Terjesen

Helen Thigpen

Sam Reynolds mother



Our member spotlight this week will shine on club member Jim Welton. Jim was born in Akron and raised in Bath. Jim attended elementary grades 1 through 7 at Copley, then attended Revere High School where he graduated in 1962. While in school Jim was on the track team. Jim met his wife Marge on a blind date that was set up by his sister. Jim married Marge in March of 1968 and they have two daughters, one lives in Wadsworth and one in North Canton. They have nine grandchildren who all live in Ohio except one that lives in South Carolina. Jim's working career included Ohio Edison, Akro-Tec, and the Copley Township Road Department; he is now retired. A fun fact that not many people would know is that Jim has lived on the North Reservoir for years but has never fished on it! Jim doesn't read many books, but does read the newspaper and magazines. His favorite memories include living on Route 18 from childhood to 1956 and smoking in the barn with his sister and almost burning the barn down! Jim doesn't have any true hobbies but does like to work outside in his spare time. His favorite kind of music is Country Western. He also likes Broadway Musicals with the Sound of Music being his favorite. Jim's travels include Fort Benning in Georgia when he was in the Army from '62 to '65, He loves camping and traveling with his wife in their 5th wheel trailer. His favorite trip was visiting Maine. His bucket list trip would be Alaska. If he had to eat one meal every day for the rest of his life that would be scallops! The one item Jim cannot live without is 'his pills'. The one person that inspires him the most is his wife Marge.

Okay, now on to Kiwanis. Jim came to join our Kiwanis club when his neighbor Barry Terjesen invited him. Barry was also Jim's sponsor. Jim is on the Membership Committee, has participated in Santa Delivery, and also likes to work with the Purple Martin group. Jim loved participating in Christmas Eve Santa Delivery before his Parkinson's diagnosis. He also enjoys making new friends. The advice he would give to someone considering joining Kiwanis would be that you will get great satisfaction in helping out in the Portage Lakes community and the fellowship is great. Jim thinks that something that could make our club better is getting more younger members and having more members to help distribute the load of work.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- >July 10, Speaker Gary Kindig, Ohio Veterans Memorial Park
- >July 13, Pancake Breakfast at Civic Center
- >July 20, Dragonboat Festival
- >July 27, Pirate Day on the Lake
- >July 31, Regular Meeting & Board Meeting

LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >Aug 7th, Speaker Tara Kerscher, Community Outreach for Judge Elinor Stormer Marsh
- >August 14, Family picnic @ Boettler Park
- >August 22, Coventry Schools Foundation Corn Roast at Prime Vine Winery
- >September 4, Fish Fry dinner
- >September 11, Kiwanis Tower Dinner
- >September 14, Quarter Auction fundraiser
- >September 18, Speaker Billy Krills, Camp Y-Noah
- >October 5, Rose Day
- >October 9, Charter Party at Canal Grille

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: plkiwanis.org and please check out and like our Facebook page too, under Portage Lakes Kiwanis.

KIWANIS MISSION STATEMENT - Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

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