



PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS COMMUNICATOR

August 4, 2024

WHAT'S UP...

July was a very busy month for our club. We had activities three weekends in a row, beginning with the Pancake Breakfast, followed by the Dragonboat Festival, and finishing with Pirate Day on the Lake. The weather was picture perfect every time. We had a record number of member volunteers attend and help out. There are far too many to list, but each and every one of you is appreciated. Thank you to the chair of these events and to their committees for making this all possible, and to the amazing Portage Lakes Community for their support.

We won't slow down any time soon! On the horizon is our two biggest fundraisers, the Quarter Auction to be held September 14th and Rose Day which is October 5th. We will need all hands on deck in order to make these events a success. Information to follow.

We like to eat! The family picnic is August 14th, our annual Fish Fry is September 4th, and the Kiwanis Tower dinner is September 11th. Thanks to all members that have arranged Wednesday dinners, have brought in food, have cooked and served, or both.

We have recently welcomed four new members in to our club. Welcome to the Kiwanis family Judy Jones, Rick & Jeanette Bell, and Becky Walters. We are growing!

We have had nine speakers this year with quite a few more scheduled. The date and the speaker is always posted on our events calendar towards the end of the newsletter. Please continue to come out and support these folks that take time out of their day to visit us. Thanks to Chuck Seeley for arranging our guest speakers. If you know an individual or organization that has a special interest, please let Chuck know.

There will be many more opportunities to volunteer and serve coming up. Stay tuned.



Thank you to all club members that came out on Wednesday, July 24th to clean up Portage Lakes Drive. We had threatening rain, but it held off until we were done. Several bags of trash were collected, and there were lots of 'horn honks' to say thank you. The volunteers came back to pizza that Connie Nagy brought in.



On Wednesday July 24th the induction ceremony was held for Judy Jones. Judy is a long time resident of the Portage Lakes area, and serves as a New Franklin trustee. Her sponsor is Kevin Powell. President Steve Hess led the ceremony. Please welcome Judy and her pooch to our Kiwanis family.





We are almost to the end of the Ohio State raffle ticket fundraiser. There are not many tickets left to sell. 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. It's a relatively 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 Facebook August 19th. Many thanks to President Steve Hess for chairing this fundraiser.



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. Spread the word, we still have a lot of tickets to sell.**

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.



It is that time of the year again! The Acme Cashback Program will run from August 1st through February 2025. This is another super easy way to earn money for our club. Please save your receipt every time you shop at Acme. At the bottom of the receipt it will show how much community cashback you earned. Our club will get 5% of all the receipts we file at the end of the program. You can bring your receipts to any meeting and give them to Secretary Cathy. Thank you.



The Family Picnic will be held on Wednesday August 14th 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!



Several members have been highlighted in our Member Spotlight series. Thank you very much for participating; it is nice to learn a little bit about our members, and all the feedback received has been positive. It's not too late to submit your story! If you have mis-placed your questionnaire or never got one, please let me know and I will be happy to send you another one. cathy.dietz61@gmail.com



- *August 7th, Chief Magistrate Steve Elliott from the Community Outreach Program for Judge Elinor Marsh Stormer will be our speaker**
- *August 21, member Jon Vielhaber will speak about on line computer safety**
- *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**

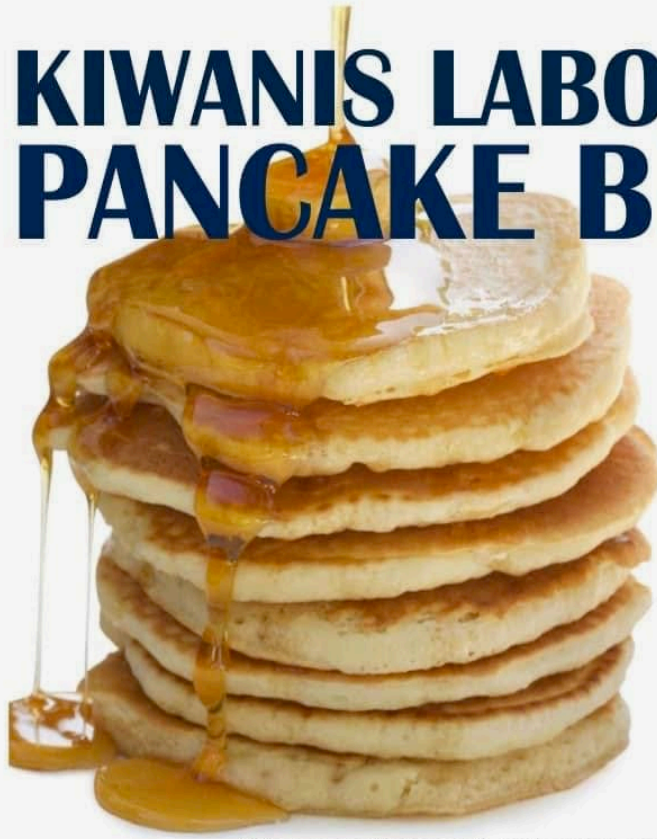
Many thanks to Chuck Seeley for arranging our speakers, he does a fantastic job. Above is the line-up of speakers for the next few months. Please try to attend these meetings to support our speakers that take their time to come in and talk to us. You will not leave a meeting without learning something!



DUES INCREASE

At the Kiwanis International Convention held in Denver Colorado in July, the bylaws were amended to adjust the Kiwanis International dues to increase by \$25.00 per member. The updates to the bylaws will be effective on the dues invoices that will be mailed out towards the end of August. There will be a printed copy of the bylaw changes attached to your invoice.

KIWANIS LABOR DAY '24 PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Monday, September 2

7:00am-1:00pm

St. Augustine Hall (204 6th St. NW)

Tickets available from any Barberton Kiwanis member, at the Farmer's Market Tuesdays 2-7, or email: barbertonkiwanis@gmail.com

Advance Tickets: \$6.00 for adults
\$3.00 for kids (6-12 yrs)
Kids 5 yrs & under FREE

At the Door: \$7.00 for adults
\$4.00 for kids (6-12 yrs)
Kids 5 yrs & under FREE

All proceeds benefit Barberton youth and community projects.

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PIRATE DAY 2024

Pirate Day 2024 was a success! The State Park was invaded by Pirates, mermaids, Jeeps, vendors, and lots of families. A wonderful time was had by all with a beautiful day. Many thanks to Dana Roderick and her crew for putting together an awesome day for the kids of Portage Lakes. Below are a few photos. It is impossible to list and thank everyone that participated, but please know that you are very much appreciated. It takes a village...



UPCOMING MEETINGS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- >Aug 7, Speaker Chief Magistrate Steve Elliott, Community Outreach for Judge Elinor Marsh Stormer
- >August 14, Family picnic @ Boettler Park, 6:00 pm
- >August 21, Speaker member Jon Vielhaber, online computer safety, first talk
- >August 22, Coventry Schools Foundation Corn Roast at Prime Vine Winery, get tickets from Crystal Cianciola
- >August 28, Regular meeting and Board meeting

LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD:

- >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
- >October 16, Jon Vielhaber, member, speaker on computer issues, second talk
- >November 13, Judy Hanna, speaker from Meals on Wheels
- >November 22, Girls Night In holiday event
- >November 27, NO MEETING, Thanksgiving Holiday

BIRTHDAYS:

- 08/02 Cassie Freeman
- 08/02 Kelley Nagy
- 08/02 Juanita Gehm
- 08/06 Paul Schuckert
- 08/12 Dale Dietz
- 08/15 Ryan Vaughan
- 08/16 Stanley Vaughan
- 08/17 Helen Thigpen
- 08/23 Jon Vielhaber
- 08/28 Becky Walters
- 08/30 Bricey Bayonnet
- 08/30 Sue Fassoles
- 08/30 Anthony Ponikvar

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

- Rosanne Edwardson - 36 years
- Barry Terjesen - 8 years
- Benjamin Pearson - 5 years
- Stanley Vaughan - 5 years
- Jim Welton - 5 years
- Al Bollas - 1 year

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- 08/02 Sue & John Fassoles
- 08/04 Barry & Nancy Terjesen
- 08/07 Jeff & Denise Goodwin
- 08/08 Glen & Georgia Sheets
- 08/10 Jill & William Lanzinger
- 08/16 Chuck & Betty Seeley
- 08/23 Rosanne & Terry Edwardson

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

Gene Cole

Nancy Terjesen

Helen Thigpen

Sam Reynolds mother

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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