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The Trojan Kiwanews

March
2024



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Third Wednesday of

every month,

immediately following

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A Message from our President

Ashley texted me the other day and said, "What a crazy start to 2024." It certainly has been. So far this year I have been working to help my father adjust to life at Garbry Ridge and assisted living. We have spent a couple of days with him in the ER and hospital this year with a leg infection and a broken hand. All the while, trying to keep my almost 97-year-old father working at WalMart, a job he dearly loves.

In the past few months, I have relied heavily on family and friends to help guide me through this process. It has been the people that I have met through my networking that has allowed me to find the help I needed to get through these past few months. It has really driven home how wonderful it is to be a part of an organization like Kiwanis where I know I have professional and personal compatriots that I can lean on. I don't know where I would be without you. The care and support everyone provided has been invaluable.

The value of our Kiwanis team is staggering. I know there are others in our group that need our help and support right now. Please lift them up in your thoughts and prayers and let them know we are there for them. I know you all will be there for them because you were there for me. This is the service you all provide every day to the members of the Kiwanis Club of Troy.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Chuck Fox,

President





Dear Kiwanis Members,

Below is a message from Penny–Kiwanis about her sweet hubby and our Dearest Member, Jack.

It is with a heavy heart that I tell you all that Jack has entered hospice care. His most recent MRI showed that the treatments he has taken did not stop the progression of his liver cancer.

He is not in any pain and at this time we are still in our home. Jack's daughter, Jackie, will be flying in on Thursday and staying with me to help with caregiving.

We appreciate all your prayers and if you wish to communicate, please do so by email at jhoek230@gmail.com or by Facebook Messenger. Please do not call as his voice is weak and sometimes his breathing is labored.

We send our love to each and every one of you.

Penny

I am encouraging you to all send messages and send out as many prayers as you can. I usually check in with her every other day in regards to needing anything, help around the homestead, dinners, etc. They are very blessed that they have an awesome and loving family as well as a local support system including their “adopted kids & grandkids”, and all their friends throughout the community. So, I will let you know if anything arises that our club or individual members can do. Right now, since they are working closely with Hospice and getting all things together that is needed for Jack to be comfortable at home, Penny said that they are really doing ok.

Her friend Susie has come up from Florida to help them out this week, and Jackie, Jack's daughter, will be coming back to stay indefinitely to help Penny out as well.

Again, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers!

Love,

Carrie Kendall

Community Outreach Committee

The Community Outreach Committee is in full swing in planning the 2024 Pancake Breakfast. Here's the information so you can mark your calendars and plan to volunteer at this awesome event!

Set Up – Friday, April 12, 2024 – Time to be determined – Waiting to see what time we can get the keys

Event- Saturday, April 13, 2024 – 8am to 12pm

Information went out to all members about becoming a sponsor, sponsoring on the placemats, ticket sponsorship, and spring fling venter information. If you are interested in sponsoring this amazing event, please fill out the information on the Sponsorship form and turn it in to Carrie Kendall or Jodi Gibson ASAP.

Upcoming Fundraising Events:

Buckeye Raffle Ticket Sales – Starts Mid May 2024

Strawberry Festival – June 1 & 2, 2024

Tour de Donuts – August 23 & 24, 2024

Stay tuned to your emails for updated information.

Carrie Kendall

Kiwanis Community Outreach Committee Chairlady

March



1 Harry Arnold

3 John Schweser

25 **BILL LUTZ**

16 Ashley Brocious



Happy Birthday!

Aktion Club

This week will wrap up our Food Drive competition against our fellow Aktion Clubs in the region. Thank you to all who have already donated. We still have a box located in the Riverside lobby for those who would like to drop off more food for the collection.

For our February meetings, we heard from Kelly Snyder from Troy Rec, who taught us about the services they offer to kids in our community. Kelly shared details of how we can help support projects such as their backpack program for kids who need food, as well as how to participate in some of their programs. Several Aktion Club members are looking forward to attending their Solar Eclipse Shuffle on April 5.

In March, we will hold our first officer elections since before Covid, so it is an exciting time for us! We will also hear from a guest speaker from the Miami County Board of Elections to teach us about the importance of voting, as well as information on how to become a registered voter. We invite you to join us next month as we continue building our club and serving our community. Our meetings at Riverside are:

Wednesday, March 6 at 10am

Wednesday, March 13 at 3:30pm

We hope to see you soon!

Patrick Kilbane,
Aktion Club co-advisor



Membership Committee

A new Chairman will be announced next month for the Membership Committee. Until then, lets get ready to **SELL** pancake tickets. Every member must participate in this endeavor as it is one of our main fundraisers. We hope every member can sell at least twenty (20) tickets if not more.

Thank you,
Mark Schmittmeyer
Membership Chair

*Rest in Peace Friend & Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Troy,
Bill Lohrer*

William F. (Bill) Lohrer, age 84, of Mint Hill, NC (formerly of Troy, OH) passed away into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior on February 19, 2024. He was born on November 21, 1939 in Cincinnati to Clifford and Loretta Lohrer.

He was a 1957 graduate of Colerain High School (Cincinnati) where he was the sports editor of the school newspaper, participated in school plays, and was a pitcher on the varsity baseball team. Bill was awarded alumnus of the year in 2014.

Bill was a proud 1961 graduate of Ohio University, Athens, OH where he received a B.S. in Journalism. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. A very special place, Bill worked in public relations and met the love of his life, Carla, at Ohio University following graduation.

Bill went on to a long career in journalism, including news reporting, public relations, and 21 years as manager of advertising at Hobart Corporation in Troy. He served his country in the Naval Reserves. Bill's communication expertise served him well throughout his life.

Weekly Member Meetings

March 6 - TBD

March 13 - TBD

March 20 - TBD

March 27 - TBD

***Hope to see you at 12pm @ the Robinson Branch
YMCA! Don't forget you must attend at least 6 to
meet membership requirements!***

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Children Services Committee

***Stay tuned in mid to late March....
More information to come on a
reading date with kids at Head Start!***

