

The Communicator

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Special points of interest:

- What's new with Project Eliminate
- Have you joined a committee yet
- Saying of the week.

Santa Delivery Update

Santa Delivery in Portage Lake! If you haven't had the opportunity to experience it yet, it may be something you want to consider for next year.

From the Local Santa's to the men and women who travel from out of town to bring a little joy to the children in this wonderful community on Christmas Eve.

Special Thanks to Ms. Connie Nagy who co ordinates this entire project.. From the Santa's , to the package drop off locations. Organizing people to pick up packages, Sorting packages on the correct routes to the unexpected delivery of approximately 450 extra gifts on Christmas Eve at noon.

Thanks to Connie and her daughter all these packages were put in the appropriate routes and the Santa's and helpers were called back in to work them in to already prepared routes. No child left out that is the Portage Lakes Kiwanis polickey

And we can't leave out our Local area Sheriff's department who also go out on Christmas Eve to make sure that each Santa, sleigh, driver and helpers stay safe. Mr.

Gene Cole who spent Sunday December 23rd hooking up lights and speakers on the tow vehicles. As well as all those who help at the Civic Center before and after this event.

Food was prepared and set out from Hot dogs to sloppy joes and chicken noodle soup, veggie trays and chips so that all were fed and warm before going out for the evening.

Our own Santa Mr. Larry Hunter delivered a very special gift to a well deserving young man in New Franklin this year. That's right **Ryan Jarvis** only wanted his big brother Cory home from Marine Boot Camp this year and Larry was able to help that wish come true. As well as being able to watch his granddaughter Courtney (who was an Elf this year) get proposed to.

We would like to also Thank Cindy August for the Mrs. Clause outfit that she let our Route 14 Mrs. Clause use for the evening.

Under Connie's watchful eye and guidance Portage Lakes Kiwanis delivered an approximate **2,980 gifts to 74 homes** in the local area, with **33 new homes added this year.**

Thank you to all who helped this year from Al Grzeschik who guided the sleighs out , to the Santa's, Mrs. Clauses, Elves, drivers and helpers before ,after and during at the Civic Center.

Christmas is all about giving and this huge family of people give each Christmas Eve just to see the smiles on the children's faces. Memories that last a lifetime wouldn't you like to be a part



Project Eliminate

Project Eliminate is a campaign to help stop Neo Natal Tetanus. This disease affects over 1 million mothers and their unborn babies in 3rd world countries. It is caused by unsanitary living and birthing conditions.

The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

Several weeks ago we mentioned at our meeting that we would be collecting change in baby bottles to help raise for the Eliminate Project. “ As of

Money for this World Wide Project, to date we have collected 15 bottles of change and several people have taken yet another bottle. Our total dollar amount raised so far is: \$ This is a very easy project for all to participate in. Obtain your baby bottle from either Vicki Kepnes or Jeff Goodwin and start collecting change. Clean out your cars, purses and coat pockets. Once your bottle is full turn it in at any meeting or to Jeff at Innovative Auto Care or Vicki at Akron Coin & Jewelry. Our ultimate goal is to collect \$ 1,200.00/

Think about it every time you drop \$ 1.60 into the bottle you have just saved one mother and her unborn child.. As a group I am sure that we can save many lives.

This is a Five year Global Project that we are approximately 3 years into.

If you haven't obtained your baby bottle yet please join us in this fight.



JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER

Russ Friess of Friess Welding & Summit Trailer Sales

Mr. Russ Friess was our guest speaker for this evenings meeting.

The topic was based on the Heli-coil.

Heli-Coil inserts are renowned as The Original wire thread insert that are incorporated in softer metallic materials to give them steel like thread performance. This has enabled industries to be able to use lighter weight materials such as Aluminum without having to give up thread strength of their fasteners. Russ referenced the aircraft engines and how they was able to increase the endurance of the motors do to the increased fuel octane which brought the compression up causing threads to pull out of the aluminum blocks . These system are used in many industries, plastic and wood also to give high strength fastening capabilities



NEW MEMBER ALERT!!

Tonight after our Guest Speaker we had the pleasure of inducting our newest member “ **Mrs. Betty Friess** “

Mrs. Friess has was born in Arkansas and moved to the Portage lakes area when she was 8 years old. She is a graduate of Coventry High School.

After graduation she was employed by Bellows Valvarine Company, where she was a telephone operator.. And later married Russ Friess.

When Russ open Friess Welding / Summit trailer Sales Betty would come to the shop and answer phones , In addition to raising her children Jeff and Jeanette.

As Russ Friess has been a part of the Portage Lakes Kiwanis for 30 + years , Betty has been somewhat involved in different things with the Kiwanis over the years. This year she decided to join the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Family and we are extremely lucky and proud to have her as a member.

If you haven't meet Betty we encourage you to take a moment over the next several weeks to speak with her and welcome her to our group.



Congratulations Betty

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR COMMITTEES

It's the beginning of a new year and the individual committees of Portage Lakes Kiwanis are just gearing up for an exciting time.

Pirates on the Lake: Have held two meetings to date in preparation of the upcoming 3rd Annual Pirate Days Week-end.

Youth Services—Works with Young Children Priority one to help the children and youth of our community.

YCPI—

Scholarship Committee:

Historical Committee: Dedicated to Preserving the History of the Portage

Lakes Kiwanis.

Membership Committee: Works with current members and encourages new members to join.

Public Relations? Promotes Kiwanis outside of the club by creating banners, flyers and other materials to spread the word that we are in the community.

Finance Committee: Considers budgets and spending for the club

Rose Day Committee: Run by Mr. Tom Burge who coordinates the sales and delivery of Roses with in our club and surrounding clubs as well as the Key Clubs.

Would you like to join a committee come to a meeting and ask anyone how much fun it is or what you can do to volunteer at a particular event/

Civic Center” Maintances the Civic Center building. Including all up grades



Presidents Dinner

This year we will be hosting our annual “ President’s Dinner “ at the Civic Center on February 20th, 2013 @ 6:30pm.

RESERVATIONS are required. Meal tickets can be purchased by contacting: Mr. Larry Hunter @ 330-644-1540 at a cost of \$ 10.00 per person.

Get your tickets now and join in this celebration. There will be many different Presidents from the local area community groups joining us and discussing what their particular business do and offer the community.

Membership Drive Month for Portage Lakes Kiwanis !!!

What you ask is Portage Lakes Kiwanis all about? Community & Children to start with, Next comes fellowship. Picture being part of a very large family. That is what we are all about. Come and join us on March , 2013. Bring a friend and learn about what we do , what personal rewards members have received since joining As well as hearing from each of the individual committees and how they are involved

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, CLUB ANNIVERSARIES, KEY CLUB NOTES & Kids Corner

BIRTHDAY'S

Norm Elias January 19th

ANNIVERSARIES

Club Anniversaries

John Freeman PLK 3 years
KI 9 years

KEY CLUB NEWS

ELLET

Advisor—Mr. Jerry Schropp

Coventry

Manchester—

President Brooke Lowry
Secretary—Katie Adkins

KIDS CORNER

Everyday we should all take time out of our day to smile, wave or say an encouraging word to someone. You never know how a few cheerful words can brighten someone's day especially a child:

What a wonderful job your are doing today. I am so proud of you

It only takes a minute

Dates to Remember

January 24 Regular Meeting / Committee Meetings.
January 30 Regular Meeting Board Meeting.
February 5 Special Election Day
February 6 Regular Meeting
February 13 Regular Meeting
February 20 Presidents dinner/ Regular Meeting
February 21 Pirates on the Lakes Meeting
(Location to be announced)
February 27 Regular Meeting/ Board Meeting
March 6th Membership Drive

Reminder:

To all Board Members

All Board Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month. Please try to be in attendance as much as possible

