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Special points of interest:

- What's Happening in our local area Key Clubs?
- Helping out Project Eliminate.
- Have you said a kind word to a child today? View the kids corner.
- 5K run at Green High School
- Business of the Month

Santa Delivery

For the 61st year the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Club will man their sleighs on Christmas Eve (Dec.24) for its Santa Delivery of gifts to children in the Portage Lakes area.

It started in 1951 with a small group of men and only one sleigh, and has grown to a fleet of 15 sleighs and Santa's with more than 150 volunteers, covering nearly all of Coventry Township and the City of New Franklin.

To participate in the Santa Delivery, families can begin dropping off their wrapped gift packages on Monday Dec. 3 at the following locations: **Coventry Fire Department, First Merit Bank**

Coventry and Manchester), Chase Bank (Manchester), PNC Bank (Coventry), Akron Coin & Jewelry, Ayers Insurance, Elias Insurance, Summit Printing, Triune Chiropractic and Innovative Auto Service.

The last day to drop off gifts will be Thursday, December 20.

Gift packages are limited to no bigger than the size of a shoe box. Each drop off location will have maps, labels, rules and other information concerning delivery.

Sleighs will start out from the Kiwanis Civic Center at 5 (p.m. on Christmas eve- Saturday, Dec. 24th. Loud speakers on the sleighs will announce

their arrival to streets along the routes. Parents should have their children dressed and ready to greet Santa. Outside Lights at the home should be on to make it easier to find.

Participating Parents with Physically challenged children who are unable to meet Santa on his sleigh outside their homes are asked to call

330-644-8967 to make arrangements so these kids will not be missed. The Santa Delivery tradition is made possible through the continued support of Kiwanis Rose Remembrance Day by the local communities.

PROJECT ELIMINATE

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

The purpose of this project is to be able to provide the women in these 3rd

Tetanus shot to women in these 3rd world countries. In giving them the tetanus shot they themselves are protected from Tetanus for a life time as well as any of their un-born children. Each mother will series of three shots in order to be completely protected.. The series of three shots

Portage Lake Kiwanis has joined the fight to help raise money for these needed shots. We will be taking on several projects in order to raise donation money.

This Wednesday we started the Baby Bottle Change Project. This

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PROJECT ELIMINATE

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Project has been started by Vicki Kepnes. Vicki purchased the baby bottles and set this project in motion by filling the very first bottle with change.

If you are interested in participating in this very worth while project please see either Vicki Kepnes or

Jeff Goodwin to obtain your baby bottle for collecting change at your business or from family and friends. Our primary goal at this time is to collect \$ 1,000.00

Nine babies die per hour from this dreaded disease. Let's help save a life.

PYTHIAN SISTERS

The Order of the Pythian Sisters , the independent auxiliary of the Knights of Pythia was organized in Warsaw , Indiana by Joseph Hill in October of 1888/ Mr. Hill was a well educated man , We was a man of ideas and of thought. A student of books and an observer of life who loved his fellow man.

Mr. Hill prepared the ritualistic forms, ceremonies and emblems of the order. The color combinations are arranged according to the strict law of optics, which make a complete prism around the room He conceived the idea and inspiration from a drop that fell upon the window ledge. It beheld a beautiful rainbow. The colors which symbolized Purity Red ,Love Yellow & Blue symbolizes Fidelity.

These symbols are the foundation stories in which the Pythian Sisters built their Temples. They provide a pattern for s good and meaningful way of life the aim and object of the Pythian sisters.

This month this local group will be dismantling and no longer holding their meetings. In appreciation of using the Civic Center to hold meetings the came to our Regular Wednesday night meeting in order to donate a \$ 500.00 check towards the Santa Delivery Project . Thank you from the Portage Lakes Kiwanis.



Purity: The stage reached thru Honorable motive, action and thought. And should be a goal we seek to obtain.

Love: Represents service, guidance, trust and tolerance. Through Love we are bound together as a band of Sisters

Equality: Requires sharing with each sister all rights and responsibilities. As Pythian Sisters we work together for the good of all.

Fidelity: means being faithful, steadfast and loyal to God and to each other.

LOCAL AREA MAN PARTICIPATES IN 5K RUN

On Thanksgiving Day many area business men and woman participated in the GPA 5K Turkey Trot. As their website states “ Before getting to the Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing and deserts “ These local men and woman participated in a 5K Run to help raise money for Green High School Scholarships—which are handed out to Green High Seniors at the end of the school year. Tonight Russ Freiss announced that his son in law Mr. Rick Bell participated this year. Rick finished the race in 42.02 time. The group as a whole raised over \$ 18,000 for the Scholarship Fund.

We would like to Congratulate Rick and everyone else who participated in this wonderful fund raiser on Thanksgiving day.

Congratulations
Rick Bell



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

BIRTHDAY'S

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Carol Anne Varley November 21ST
Charlie & Vicki Kepnes December 3rd

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Robinson 23 years
Glen Breitenstine 37 years

KEY CLUB NEWS

ELLET _
Coventry—
Manchester—

10 things to say to a child

This weeks encouraging words for every child:

I love you and hope you have a great day at school

Acme Cash Back Receipts

It's that time of year when we are all buying those little extra items for the Holidays whether it is and item needed for baking or that Turkey you need for T Christmas dinner. Remember to check the your receipts for the : Community Cash Back \$ amount that is listed at the bottom. You can turn all receipts into Vicki Kepnes . Most Tops Care products and items wehre you earn fuel points will also get you the Community cash back dollars on your receipt. But if you have any questions on what items earn that cash back

dollars you can visit the Customer Service Center of your local; Acme Store where they should have a complete listing. We Thank you in advance for your participation in this program.

At this time we have collected \$ 999.00 in cash back receipts. Keep those receipts



GOLF TOURNAMENT AWARD WINNERS

This years winners of the Portage Lakes Golf Tournament were:



George Langford (Kathleen) & Paul Devon (Robin) . Both men joined us with their wives for dinner and fellowship.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 5th Regular Meeting
 - December 12th Regular Meeting - Wrap Gifts
 - December 19th Regular meeting— Sort Gifts
 - December 24th Santa Delivery
- Reminder to all BOARD MEMBERS** - Our next Board Meeting will be on " *January 9th, 2012*

NOTICE TO ALL SANTA'S:
Please have your vehicles at the " KIWANIS CIVIC CENTER "
DECEMBER 23RD—TIME 2-5 PM.

Gene Cole will be installing the lights and speaker systems.

All tow vehicles must have a 2in. ball and a 4 way flat wire connector for trailer lights

