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# THE COMMUNICATOR

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PLK NEWSLETTER

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**PRESIDENT FRANK SMITH** opened the meeting and led everyone in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.



## This Week's Celebrations



Though there were no birthday announcements or anniversaries this week. We did have the pleasure of celebrating our "Christmas Charter Party." This celebration was held at Prime 93. With many of the Kiwanis members in attendance. We also had the pleasure of being joined by Mrs. Pamela Derr – Lt. Governor of our division and her husband Bob Derr. There was plenty of conversation & laughter followed by a delicious meal. And a special thank you was given by **VICKIE KEPNES** to **BONNIE SMITH** for all the work she does in not only helping to set up for the meals at our weekly meetings but for helping with the clean up after the meetings. There were several **RECOGNITION AWARDS** handed out to show appreciation for all the hard work and dedication that everyone puts in to making our club a success. Along with Door Prizes.

Thank you to Vickie & Charlie Kepnes, Al Grzeschik for all their hard work in preparing such a wonderful evening.



## CLUB ACTIVITIES

Crunch time is here, we can continue to sell Entertainment books thru the end of the year. **AL GREZESCHIK** has the sale of books posted on Kiwanis website along with sending info to the list of Rose Day purchasers. The more sales we have we can earn anywhere from \$5 to \$15 per book. Anyone with questions or who is aware of any outlets willing to sell books for us please contact: **BOB DENGLER** and he will provide you with all the necessary tools.

**VICKIE KEPNES** is still collecting **ACME** receipts for the **Community Cash back program**. With Christmas drawing near and Holiday meals being planned there should be some large receipts. Please remember to check your receipts for Community Cash back dollars and turn them into Vickie as we will get 5% of that back.

**FRANK SMITH** announced that he would like to start up a Historian Committee to do research on the history of the Kiwanis. **Charlie Kepnes** provided us with a brief sample of our history in a article he wrote up.

**CHARLIE KEPNES** has also begun work along with many other on the **Pirates Day Reverse Raffle/ Silent Auction** which is scheduled to be held on **Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at Prime at Anthes!!!!** Please watch the newsletter for any updates on this event.



**LARRY HUNTER**

Reminded us that tickets for the New Years Eve Celebration are now on sale and preparations for a fun filled evening of games, food and socialization are in the works. So mark your calendar for this fun filled event.



## **SANTA DELIVERY**

With Christmas just a few short weeks away we are gearing up for Santa Delivery. All route Captains have been contacted. Preparations for wrapping gifts and getting the sleighs ready are well under way. And the list of drop off locations for gifts are as follows:

**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.**



**SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER:** Santa's mailbox at Kiwanis just received this special letter

And we thought we would share it with everyone:

From: Bobbi (Kastner) Florence

Just looked up the PL Kiwanis web page to see if you all still did the Santa. I just wanted to say thank you! I grew up in Portage Lakes (live in Wisconsin now), and the Kiwanis Santa is among my favorite memories of Christmas. After I got married and had children, I was only able to be home for one Christmas, but we were able to treat our children to this very special time. That almost meant more to me than getting the gifts myself!

So, thank you so much – God bless you, and stay safe this Christmas season.

Oh and Merry Christmas.

*Thank you Bobbi for sharing that very special memory with us.*

Let's get those gifts out there so that Santa can deliver them and create special memories for your children or grandchildren like the one Bobbi Kastner has shared with us.

**Please remember to keep the gifts at shoe box size.**

## **NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY**

**REMINDER: BOB LONGWORTH's** new address is: Amherst Meadows, 1610 1<sup>st</sup> Street N.E. Apartment 523, Massillon, OH 44646. The Amherst Meadows facility phone no. is 330-830-8500. Please stop in or send a note or call with some Holiday cheer.

**CONNIE NAGY:** Had foot surgery last Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> and is home recuperating very nicely. Our well wishes for a speedy recovery to you Connie!

**Larry Yothers:** Is having a procedure done this week. So let's all keep Larry and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

**Jeff Goodwin** announced at the Christmas Charter Dinner that he will definitely be taking the position of VICE-PRESIDENT! And that he is looking forward to the opportunity to bring in new ideas and energy to our club.

We are still collecting for the **OHIO DISTRICT FIRST LADY PROJECT**. Donations of small sample size soap, toiletries, small stuffed animals, tooth paste & tooth brushes, ect. These items will be placed in back packs to be given to children who have been removed from their homes and most times are unable to bring anything with them. Children's Services will be handling

this thru Ohio District Kiwanis. Some of these back packs will also be sent to children in our area. This is an ongoing project and any donations can be brought to the weekly meetings.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Kiwanis International is sponsoring a membership contest and the clubs with the largest increase in membership will win money to be donated to the ELIMANTE PROJECT. So let's do our best to think of some people who would make good members for our club.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER AT NOLLEY ELEMENTARY:** Below is a letter of Thanks that we received from the Principal that we wanted to share with everyone:

Dear Vicki,

I just wanted to let you know that the Nolley children really appreciated your generous donation to the Thanksgiving Feast. Thank you so much! Check out this link to see our first graders at their feast!

[http://www.panthercountry.org/school\\_home.aspx?schoolid=3](http://www.panthercountry.org/school_home.aspx?schoolid=3)

Thanks again!

Christina Pappas, Principal  
Nolley Elementary School  
Manchester Local Schools

**NOTE:** The Pirates Day Fundraiser Committee will be holding a meeting sometime in January. Now is the time to start thinking of ideas that can be added to our event this year.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| <b>DEC 5-21<sup>st</sup></b>                     | <b>SANTA DELIVERY DROP OFF LOCATIONS ARE OPEN!!</b>  |
| <b>DEC 14<sup>th</sup></b>                       | <b>REGULAR MEETING – WRAPPING GIFTS</b>  |
| <b>DEC 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>PICK UP SANTA SUITS AT THE CIVIC CENTER</b>   |
| <b>DEC 21<sup>st</sup></b>                       | <b>REGULAR MEETIN/ WRAPPING AND SORTING GIFTS</b>  |
| <b>DEC. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>                      | <b>GENE COLE WILL BE PUTTING LIGTS/ SPEAKERS ON CARS/ FREISS WELDING<br/>WILL CHECK ALL SLEIGHS.<br/>NOTE: ALL CARS/TRUCKS NEED FLAT 4-WAY PLUGS AND 2” BALL!!!!!!</b> |
| <b>DEC 24<sup>th</sup></b>                       | <b>CHRISTMAS EVE/ SANTA DELIVERY BEGINS</b>  |
| <b>DEC. 31<sup>st</sup></b>                      | <b>NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY AT THE CIVIC CENTER</b>  |