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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**. **Sue Harding:** Led us all in singing " I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas. "

Followed by the Invocation for tonight's meal given by **GEORGE DERRY**.



This Week's Celebrations



This week we have the pleasure of celebrating the following **BIRTHDAY'S**: **BILL ELIAS** on December 14th, **JIM DAVIS** on December 16th and **Gordon Rice** on December 18th. Along with **RUSS & BETTY FRIESS'S** Anniversary on December 19th.

Congratulations to **NORM ELIAS** for **CELEBRATING** his 31st year of service with our **KIWANIS CLUB**.

GUESTS: Include **Courtney Waldrow** and **Sara Hercules** from **Manchester High School** and **Allison** from **Coventry High School**. Thank you girls for coming to help wrap Christmas Presents.

HAPPY DOLLARS: SUE HARDING: Her 1st Dollar is for being able to see the Christmas Concert at the Chapel in Green and especially for the Ministers's devotional message about the expectation of the coming Messiah compared to the excitement of waiting for Santa to come down the street on sleigh with Kiwanis logo on the back. **2nd Dollar** is for winning \$ 100 at the end of every quarter of the Steeler's vs Brown's game. With the score of Pittsburg 7 , Brown's 3 – **3 times**.

ESTHER COLE & DALE DEITZ – that their long time friend is now doing the weekly newsletter and did a wonderful job on her first one.

VICKI KEPNES: 1ST DOLLAR - that everyone had a wonderful time at the Christmas/Charter Party Dinner last week. **2nd DOLLAR:** That someone else will be doing the newsletter. **3rd DOLLAR:** That tonight she was able to join **Frank Smith & Sue Harding** at the front table instead of **Charlie Kepnes**.

CASANDRA - for **VICKI KEPNES** sharing her homemade recipe for GingerBread Men Christmas Ornaments at last week's dinner. Cass has shared this recipe with her students and they are looking forward to making their own Gingerbread men decorations this Friday in class.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

VICKI KEPNES is still collecting **ACME** receipts for the **Community Cash back program**. Please remember to check your receipts for Community Cash back dollars and turn them into Vickie as we will get 5% of that back. We can continue to collect the **Community Cash Back Receipts** thru the end of February 2012.



LARRY HUNTER Reminded us that tickets for the New Years Eve Celebration are still on sale. So get your tickets now and come join the festivities and Ring in the New Year with Friends.

He also ask that we mark our calendars for the **PRESIDENTS DINNER** which is scheduled for **FEBRUARY 8TH, 2012**.

AI GRZESCHIK - Is glad that everyone had a great time at the Christmas/Charter Dinner last week and announced that he is looking at something for Valentines Day, along with another Social that he will be scheduling for sometime in March 2012 at the Wine Barrel located in Canton.

He was also able to sell 12 **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** online.

BOB DANGLER – Wants to remind everyone that there are still Entertainment books for sale @ \$ 30.00 per book and they make great Christmas gifts. We will continue selling these books thru the end of the year. And depending on the number of books sold we can make anywhere from \$5 to \$ 15 per book. If anyone is in need of more books or supplies please contact **Bob**. All unsold books and money's for books sold along with any supplies will need to be turned into Bob after the first of the year.

FRANK SMITH – Announced the starting of the Historical Committee which will be co chaired by **ESTHER COLE & DANA RODERICK**. With help from **DALE DIETZ & TIM PETERSON**. We have already started gathering information such as old photo's and newspaper clippings which were provided to us by **AL GRZESCHIK**. Along with the box of nostalgia that **VICKI KEPNES** has which will be put in chronological order. Anyone who has an interest in joining us in this review in time of our Kiwanis Club from “ Then to Now “ please contact **ESTHER COLE or DANA RODERICK**. We look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions.

NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY

BOB LONGWORTH: is recovering nicely and has mentioned to Tom Longworth that he still wants to go to Florida in January. **As a Reminder:** his new address is: Amherst Meadows, 1610 1st 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: Foot surgery went well and she is well on her way to recovery. And she was able to join us for last night's meeting.

LARRY YOTHERS: Please continue to keep Larry & Laura and their family in your thoughts and prayers as he battles Liver Cancer. Larry is home from the hospital now and plans on joining in with Santa Delivery. He and Laura would appreciate cards being sent to them.

SCOTT SHOOKMAN: made an announcement that last Wednesday, December 6th, 2011 – **Mrs. Klope** passed away and will be buried next to her loving husband **Joseph Klope**.



CORRESPONDENCE

NOLLEY ELEMENTARY: SUE HARDING received several cards from the First Graders at Nolley Elementary School Thanking us for our donation to their Thanksgiving Feast. Please see Sue Harding if you would like to read any of these treasured Thank you notes.

Friends of Portage Lakes have invited anyone who would like to join them to their meeting at the Tudor House on December 15th, 2011 @ 7pm.

We also received a Thank you note from the Class of 55 – Thanking us for letting them use the Civic Center to host their Christmas Party.

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.

DONATIONS

AL GRZESCHIK - Has received a donation from the Silver Lake Police Department for the use of one of our Christmas Sleighs.

VICKI KEPNES - Informed us that we also received a donation from the Pythian sisters to help with Santa Delivery. And the AARP donated monies to the Civic Center and also to the Scholarship fund.



SANTA DELIVERY

With this time honored tradition well under way. We had the pleasure of being joined at this evenings meeting by several girls from the **Manchester and Coventry Key Clubs**. They were a great help with the wrapping of gifts for Santa Delivery on Christmas Eve.

CONNIE NAGY – Is proud to announce that all Santa positions and delivery routes are now fully manned. The gifts are being picked up by **GLEN SHEETS & LARRY HUNTER** to be delivered to the Civic Center so they can be sorted into the appropriate route.

Connie may still be in need of one Tow Vehicle. If you are able to do this and have a hitch on your vehicle please contact Connie.

Gifts can be dropped off at one of the locations below from **December 5th thru December 21st**:

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.

Last night after our meeting I was going thru a box of old photo's that **AL GRZESCHIK** had shared with me from the Civic Center. And remembering this wonderful event from when I was a child, and this year I will get to see the joy on my youngest son's face when we get to be a part of Santa Delivery on Christmas Eve. The photo's really brought to mind how many people have participated over the years up thru this current year to making Santa Delivery a success and a treasured memory for many children and their families. There are way too many names to list. But I thought I would share a few photo's from then and now. Just to let them know we all appreciate all the hard work and dedication they put into this special event.



1) Santa Delivery (date unknown)



2)Preparing the Sleighs



3) Delivering gifts for sorting



4) sorting the gifts



5) Santa gets ready

DATES TO REMEMBER

DEC 5-21st SANTA DELIVERY DROP-OFF LOCATIONS ARE OPEN!!

DEC 14th REGULAR MEETING – WRAPPING GIFTS

DEC 14th & 21st PICK UP **SANTA SUITS AT THE CIVIC CENTER**

DEC 21st REGULAR MEETING/ WRAPPING AND SORTING GIFTS

**DEC. 23rd GENE COLE WILL BE PUTTING LIGHTS & SPEAKERS ON CARS/ FRIESS WELDING
WILL CHECK HOOK UPS ON ALL SLEIGHS**

NOTE: ALL CARS/TRUCKS NEED FLAT 4-WAY PLUGS AND 2" BALL!!!!!!

DEC 24th CHRISTMAS EVE/ SANTA DELIVERY BEGINS

DEC 28th REGULAR MEETING.

DEC. 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT THE CIVIC CENTER

**NOTE: TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AS THE BOARD MEETING HAS BEEN
MOVED TO WEDNESDAY - January 4th, 2012 after our regular meeting.**