



We Build!

THE COMMUNICATOR

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Vicki Kepnes, Editor

PLK NEWSLETTER

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**President Frank Smith** opened the meeting and led everyone in pledge of allegiance; **Sue Harding** chose "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", as our opening song, and offered the invocation. **Larry Hunter** introduced our guests for the evening: Lynn and Lew Stamp, Whitney Whaley, Laura Yothers (who brought us those wonderful cheesecake bars), Becky Shookman, Tom Johnson, from Camp Y-Noah, and from the Manchester Key Club, were: Kelly Daniels, Paige Dennis, Sarah Hercules, Rachel Harberger, and Hailey Zwick here to help us wrap gifts!!



### **This Week's Celebrations**

**Jim Davis** celebrated a birthday on December 16<sup>th</sup>, too bad he did not make the meeting as we would have sung to him!!! **Russ** and Betty **Friess** are celebrating an anniversary on December 19, and **Jim** and Carole **Robinson** will celebrate their anniversary on December 21!!! And to top off the celebrations, **Norm Elias** is celebrating 30 years as a member of Kiwanis!!! Congratulations to everyone!!!!

### **Club Activities**

**PLK Dues –Dues are now past due. Please contact Treasurer, Charlie Kepnes if you would like to make arrangements to pay your dues. Installment payments can be accommodated, upon request. You can contact Charlie at [charliekep@aol.com](mailto:charliekep@aol.com)** If you are **NOT** planning to renew your membership, please let us know as soon as possible for dues are now payable to Kiwanis International, and once paid will not be refunded. We need to hear from you **before** the end of December.

Newsletter advertising and online advertising forms are available now and contact **Sue Harding** if you wish to participate. E-mail **Sue** at [magistraharding@sbcglobal.net](mailto:magistraharding@sbcglobal.net)

**Larry Hunter** reminded everyone about all the wonderful upcoming projects we have coming next year!!! Try to come to a few meetings and see what you would like to work on. Some projects scheduled are The Pirates Day weekend, July 23 and 24th, Friends of the Portage Lakes Park "Chase your Shadow Walk/Run" on the first weekend in February (Ground Hog Day) Presidents Day, where we will invite presidents of clubs in the area to a meeting to discuss what their organization does for the community. **Larry** also reminded everyone we are selling Portage Lakes Calendars for only \$5.00, Portage Lakes Kiwanis Christmas Cards at the discounted price of \$20.00/box, New Years Eve Party at \$20.00 per ticket and a covered dish. We also have Entertainment Books that are going fast!!! Help us raise some money!!!!!!!

**Acme Community Cashback** receipts are being collected by **Sandy Engle** and **Vicki Kepnes**. PLK will earn money for your grocery purchases. Sandy announced that we now have enough to make our first submission...over \$1500.00 in receipts!!! **Thanks also to the ladies in the Kiwanis Towers for their donations!!! They have really**

helped us out this year!!!! Keep them coming!!! Sandy Engle announced that we have made our first submission and now have a little over \$75.00 coming!!!

□ Happy Dollars □

Charlie Kepnes had a Happy Dollar for the three hearty Elves who came to the Civic Center on Sunday and started the decorating!!! (Charlie & Vicki Kepnes and Bonnie Smith)

Vicki Kepnes was very happy to have a great turn out for the “Clean out the Freezer Dinner”

Sue Fassoles was happy to announce that her Santa, Paul Fathers, met a young woman in Germany, who now is his wife, and Inna will be helping on the route this year!!!! Congratulations!!!!

Sue Harding was very happy to be able to see clearly out of one eye after her cataract surgery, and will have the other one done in January!! She then regaled us with a couple of Joe Klope Christmas Stories.

News in our Kiwanis Family

**Julie Grzeschik** is doing great with her rehab, and even went on a short outing!!!

Our thoughts and prayers may have helped, as **Bonnie Smith's** mother may get to be home for the Holidays if she continues to do well in rehabilitation. We all wish her a speedy recovery so she can get back home!!

**Nathan Brant** finally had his surgery in Philadelphia to correct the hernia caused by his surgery here in Akron!! He was in intensive care for a few days, and is on the mend now; his recovery time is estimated to be two months!! Take care, **Nate**, we miss you!!!!

Committee Reports

**Youth Services – Connie Nagy** announced that Camp Y-Noah will participate on a Route this year. We may need another Santa, please consider helping this year and contact **Connie Nagy** or **Mike Whaley**. **Charlie Kepnes** announced that we received a \$200 donation from Mike Vinton, one of **Scott Shookman's** neighbors donated for Santa Delivery!!

**Mike Whaley will be contacting all Route Captains by this coming Monday.** On Wednesday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> we finished wrapping gifts with the help of the Manchester Key Club group and members and guests and even set up tables and started sorting gifts!!! Many thanks to all who were in attendance, your help and participation are sincerely appreciated!! Many thanks to **Bonnie Smith** for all her help in the kitchen at every meeting, setting up, cleaning and washing dishes for us all!!!

**Russ Friess** wants to remind us to make sure if you are pulling a sleigh, you need a 2” ball and a 4-way harness for the lights. Lights and sound systems will be installed on Dec. 23 at the Civic Center after 4:00 P.M see **Gene Cole** and **Mike Whaley**.

**Nominating Committee** – Al Grzeschik has volunteered to fill either the VP or the President Elect position. If you can serve as either Vice-President or President-elect, please contact **Al Grzeschik**. We need some of you long term members to step up and give us a hand until some of the new members are ready to step up!!

**Roster** – It's time to check your personal information as they are almost ready to re-print. Call **Al Grzeschik** or **Sue Harding** with additions and corrections to the last edition. Target completion date is Dec. 31, 2010.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Sue Harding** read a nice thank you note from the Principal of Nolley Grade School and shared a picture of our own **Sam Reynolds**, Superintendent of Manchester Schools participating in the Thanksgiving Feast we supported with a donation. Also included were pictures drawn by the children in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade!!!

Scott Shookman announced that our Kiwanis Senior Towers was inspected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and received a "Superior" rating which is the highest rating and very few make this grade! Congratulations go out to **Tom Longworth** for his help in working on the board!!!



**Post These Dates!**



- Dec. 22**      **Dinner/ Sort Gifts for Santa Delivery**
- Dec. 23**      **Put lights/Sound systems on Santa Del. Vehicles after 4:00 P.M**
- Dec. 24**      **SANTA DELIVERY begins at 5: P.M. Start packing sleighs  
At 3:00 p.m. / Warm food at 4:00 P.M.**
- Dec. 29**      **Regular Meeting/ Dinner/ Board Meeting**
- Dec. 31**      **Gala New Year's Eve Party 6:30 P.M.--?????**  
**Get your tickets now!! \$20.00 each. You can invite guests!**  
**See Larry Hunter at the next meeting.**

**Entertainment Books** for both Akron and Canton areas can be purchased at Chase Bank on Manchester Rd from **Connie Nagy** and at Akron Coin & Jewelry from **Vicki** and **Charlie** Kepnes. All-City and Magic City Kiwanis groups provide these books. PLK will earn a commission on these sales.

**2011 Portage Lakes Calendars** are hot off the presses. **Tom Burge** and **Tom Fry** are selling them for \$5 each. They are also available at Akron Coin & Jewelry, Inc.