



THE COMMUNICATOR

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All Santa's elves have been hitting the streets since December 2nd, 2013 collect presents for Santa Delivery. If you haven't dropped your gifts off yet, please make sure that you get them dropped off at one of the locations listed below:

- 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
- Innovative Auto Service.

Gifts must be no bigger than a shoe box and dropped off by December 20th, 2013 at any of the locations listed above.

You may also drop off gifts at the Civic

Santa Delivery

Center @ 725 Portage Lakes Dr. on Saturday December 21st, 2013 from 10:00am to 5 pm.

If you are a tow vehicle on Christmas Eve please make sure to contact Friess Welding/ Summit Trailer Service to have your hitch put on. All lead vehicles please come to the Civic Center on December 23rd 2013 from **4pm to 7 pm** to have lights and speakers installed by Gene Cole.

Thank you in advance to anyone who is helping with this fun filled , exciting crazy evening. We know it is difficult to be away from your families on Christmas

Eve. Or away from the warmth of your home. We at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis appreciate all that each and every one of you are doing to care on this time honored tradition for the 62nd year.

May you and your families have a Blessed & Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Special points of interest:

- KIWANIS FAMILY
- WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR KEY CLUBS
- Division 20 Meeting News
- Guest Speakers

This is a project near and dear to many hearts. Kiwanis International took on the responsibility along with Unicef to provide Neo Natal Tetnus Shots to mothers in third world countries.

This series of 3 shot will protect one mother and her unborn children for a life time. And it only takes \$ 1.60 to provide these shots.

Kiwanis International has enlisted the help of Kiwanis Clubs all over the world.

Our own Vicki Kepnes collaborated with the Coral Gables, FL Kiwanis Club and decided to start the baby bottle

Project Eliminate

fund raiser project for eliminate. At the time the goal of \$ 1,000 was set and we can proudly say that Vicki and the other club members have met that challenge.

Is the " Baby Bottle Project " stopping at this point? Oh no we are continuing with the project and also trying to enlist the help of other non members in the community. How you ask? We are asking several of the area retailers to place baby bottles (large ones) on the counters in their establishments, you would be surprised how those pennies, quarters, nickels and dimes add up. When you go to drop that change in the bottom of your

purse or in your pocket – Just think " These little bits of change might just change someone's life. Then reach over a little instead of down and drop that change in the baby bottle.

You just never know who's life you might change by doing this.

CHARTER PARTY/CHRISTMAS PARTY



This past Wednesday was our Charter Party / Christmas Party.

What a wonderful evening. A special Thanks to Larry Griffin for joining us and doing the induction of several new Board Members as well as our new Club President Jeff Goodwin and President Elect Dale Dietz. Congratulations to all of you.

Also several members received awards for their dedication not only to Portage Lakes Kiwanis but to the wonderful community that we live in.

Mr. Russ Friess for running the Civic Center and all his and Rick Bell's help with Santa Delivery.

And to Vicki Kepnes for the wonderful job she did on the tables and decorations for the evening.

This club would not be the club it is today without the wonderful members within the Civic Center walls. And also the individuals who spend so much time volunteering to help with the different projects we have going on through out the year.

From the key Club Members to the Kiwanis Members and Community Volunteers and local area business's that donate to different projects.

And the other secret community people who reach out a helping hand

when we need it.

And though we may not say it enough we do appreciate everything that each person does.

We are looking forward to the coming 2014 year.

PROJECT ELIMINATE EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

February 1st 2014

Yes we will be hosting the first annual Euchre Tournament sponsored by Division 20 Kiwanis Clubs.

Several of the local area Kiwanis Groups have joined together to have this Euchre Tournament. The cost to participate is \$ 30.00

It will be a fast paced fun evening of food, cards and

fellowship. All the monies per couple or \$ 15.00 per individual.

earned with this will be donated to Kiwanis Interanational Project Eliminate Foundation.

We have band together to try and eliminate NeoNatal Tetnuas.

Join us in this united front to help these unborn children and their mother's

Please see the flyer on page 4 for more information. As there is limited space you will need to get your reservations in now.

Combine the efforts of all the individual clubs within Division 20 create one big Fund Raiser

Division 20 Meeting

This month's Division 20 meeting was hosted by the Downtown Akron branch of Kiwanis. The meeting was held at the First United Methodist Church.

Prior to the meeting many individual members from various clubs helped in the kitchen as the church served an evening meal to approximately 100 + adults and children as well.

There was chicken, rice, vegetables, desserts, tea, water coffee all made by the wonderful ladies at the church.

In addition to eating everyone had the opportunity to go through the clothes and blankets, robes, toys and books that were donated.

It was wonderful to see the pleasure & appreciation on some of the faces.

We take for granted that everyone has what we have! Meaning a roof over our heads, warm bed to sleep in, food to eat and people around us that love us.

The church feeds people every Tuesday

morning and if you would like to help they can always use the volunteers. Just go to First United Methodist Church on Mill Street in downtown Akron. I know they would appreciate any time you could offer them.

Birthday's Club Anniversaries, Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Davis Dec 16th
Gordon Rice Dec 18th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Glen Breitenstine - 38 years
Norm Elias - 33 years
Frank Smith - 8 years
Tim Peterson - 7 years

ANNIVERSARIES

Charlie & Vicki Kepnes Dec 3rd
Richard & Nancy Marsh Dec 10th
Russ & Betty Friess Dec 19th
Dr James & Carol Robinson Dec 21st

"KIWANIS FAMILY "

Please keep these Kiwanis members and their families in prayer.

- Scott Shookman** - Scott is doing well, he is still walking and the port is in Chemo will start sometime between Christmas and New Years.
- Gene Cole** - Unfortunately Gene's Mother passed away this last Saturday the 14th of December. Please keep the entire family in your Prayers as they go through this difficult time
- Bob Dengler** - Please keep in your prayers as well Bob is now on Oxygen 24/7.

KEY CLUB NEWS

ELLET KEY CLUB

School Advisor – Emily Keys
Kiwanis Advisor – Jerry Schrop
President - Kalli Butler
Vice President - Caitlin Phillips
Secretary - Madison Hayes
Treasurer - Sam Page
Editor - Brenna McGovern

This energetic and community oriented group of kids have the following things listed on their fall schedule:
First Glance Nursery: They will be working in the nursery located @ 943 Kenmore Blvd. every Tuesday.

Breast Cancer Walk: October 20th, 2013 they will join many others at the Akron Univ. Field House and walk to help support the fight against Breast Cancer.

Key Club Week: November 4 – 8th will be dedicated to doing small but useful and helpful things around Ellet High School.

Bell Ringing for Red Cross: The kids will be taking to the streets to help support the Red Cross thru the holiday season. Below is a list of dates & locations where they will take turns Ringing the Bell:

Acme – Wedgewood Drive
Giant Eagle – Waterloo Road

Times will be from 9 am to 9pm on the following days – November 23rd & 30th.

December 7th, 14th & 21st

GUEST SPEAKERS

As of November we will be back on schedule for speakers once a month. If there is a topic or person you are interested in hearing speak at the club. Please contact President – Jeff Goodwin. We are interested in hearing from you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 18th Regular Meeting : Santa Delivery Prep
- December 23rd Tow Vehicle Prep 4pm – 7 pm Civic Center
- December 24th Christmas Eve - Santa Delivery 4pm
- December 31st New Years' Eve Party
- January 8th Regular Meeting / Dec Board Meeting
- Save the Date: February 1st – Euchre Tournament

Notice to all Board Members:

Please note on the calendar above there will be a special Board Meeting on October 23rd which is in addition to our regular Board meeting on October 30th. We will need all current board members to be in attendance that evening.

Thank you for your continued support of the Portage Lakes
Kiwanis

Division 20 Euchre Tournament

CONTACT AL : 330.644.8967

Held at the Portage Lakes Civic Center

725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, OH

Serving the Children of the World
Kiwanis International

DATE: 02/01/14
TIME: 6:00



What: A Euchre Tournament
When: Saturday, February 1st
Doors Open at 6PM—Tournament at 7PM
Where: Portage Lakes Civic Center
Why: To raise money to **ELIMINATE**
Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus
Who: Division 20 Kiwanis Clubs
Cost: \$30 per couple or \$15 per person

Prizes

Appetizers, Beverage, and Desserts

Fast-paced euchre tournament

Silent Auction

*** Reservations Requested
by January 29, 2014 ***



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