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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 "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgotten." 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: BOB LONGWORTH** on January 2nd. And **TOM & JOYCE LONGWORTH** will celebrate **63 YEARS OF MARRIAGE** on January 1st. Congratulations to **TIM PETERSON** for **CELEBRATING** his 4th year of service with our **KIWANIS CLUB**. And our **President FRANK SMITH** is celebrating 6 years of service.

GUESTS: Include. **BETTY FRIESS** Thank you Mrs. Friess for joining us for dinner this evening.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

AL GREZESCHIK: A very special Thank you to **ESTHER COLE, DANA RODERICK, DALE DIETZ AND GENE COLE** who worked very hard in the prep before **Santa Delivery** and the clean up and set up of the **Civic Center** afterwards which made things go very quickly. I know we have many people working very hard on many projects and a special thanks to all of them.

SUE HARDING: \$ 1 - For having the Family in for the Holidays. They have been having a wonderful time playing games and keeping extremely busy. They had a Merry Christmas and woke up Christmas morning to find presents under both the upstairs tree and the downstairs tree.

VICKI KEPNES: 1st dollar – for being able to go this evening and enjoy her grand daughter's basketball game. 2nd For everyone who helped in the kitchen on Christmas Eve to provide meals for Santa Delivery.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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** through the end of February 2012.



LARRY HUNTER Is looking forward to the New Years Eve party this Saturday December 31st, 2011 at the Civic Center.

BOB DANGLER – Would like to have all \$\$ collected and all unsold Entertainment Books turned in at the next meeting on **January 4th**.

MEMBERS: We will be voting at the January 4th meeting on the nomination of **JEFF GOODWIN** for the position of **VICE PRESIDENT**. And also on the nominations of **BONNIE SMITH and TOM FRY** to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**. So please make sure that you attend this meeting.

As a reminder the position for **PRESIDENT ELECT** - within our Kiwanis organization is still open to anyone who is interested. Please see **FRANK SMITH, SUE HARDING, or AL GRZESCHIK** if you want to know more information on what the position entails or are interested in being nominated.

NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY

BOB LONGWORTH: is doing well and plans to leave in February for Florida. **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.

LARRY YOTHERS: Please continue to keep Larry & Laura and their family in your thoughts and prayers as he battles Liver Cancer. And in your prayers as he heads to Cleveland this week for more tests. Larry, Laura and the family were in several times on Friday December 23rd to check their route and make sure everything was taken care of. Larry was in very good spirits. With the children and grand children in for the holidays the house is pretty full. But Larry is looking forward to having visitors after the first of the year. Keep the cards coming they really enjoy reading them.



CORRESPONDENCE

KEY CLUB CONVENTION: Ian Mckinsage wrote to let us know they will be holding the “**Key Club Convention**” on **April 21st, 2012**. They are looking for any volunteers who would be willing to participate as Judges for the many Competitions and Contests that they will be having. Anyone who is interested in attending and Judging some events for them please contact **SUE HARDING** for more details.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL NEW ORLEANS TOUR: Registration for this event is June 28th thru July 1st 2012. If you register prior to February 15th, 2012 the cost will be **MEMBER \$ 195.00, NON-MEMBER \$ 195.00**. This cost does not include Hotel registration fees. For more information you can either see **SUE HARDING** or visit the website @ **Kiwanis International** <communications@kiwanis.org>, then click on the convention icon on the right hand side of your screen.

MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL: Sr. Class President Maria Kross sent a Thank you note. Thanking us for the use of one of our sleighs for their Christmas Breakfast. It was a huge success with the children.

This is a letter received via our website about Santa Delivery:

This was our second year of having kids for Santa to deliver to and it truly is amazing! You guys do such a great job organizing this! It's so memorable not only for our children but the adults! I think I got a tear in my eye when Santa yelled our sons name and as we headed out the door to meet him it hit me, we really are blessed! Thank you ptg Lks kaiwannas club!! [Jennifer Reynolds Gray](#)



SANTA DELIVERY

As Christmas Eve has passed and we are proud to announce that Santa Delivery was a total success. This event brought smiles and laughter to the faces of many children and their parents. The letter above is just one example.

The first sleigh pulled out of the Civic Center at approximately 5 pm and the remaining 15 sleighs followed shortly after. Santa delivered 2,823 gifts that had been dropped off at various locations. Along with another 139 gifts that had been donated. The sleighs made a total of 744 stops throughout the evening. With the last sleigh arriving back at the Civic Center at approximately 9:50 pm.

Thank you to **CONNIE NAGY** and her daughter **KELLY** (In from NC) for all the hard work and preparation they put into making this event a success. And to **AL GRZESCHIK, GENE COLE, FRIESS WELDING** for making sure that the sleighs were ready to travel. **ESTHER COLE, JUANITA** and the many others who helped keep the Civic Center open on Friday December 23rd so that people could come in and do their routing and have lights and speakers put on their vehicles.

And to all the volunteers who helped with wrapping and sorting gifts. **VICKI KEPNES** and her crew who provided food Christmas Eve to everyone.

Again we are a very privileged group to have so many dedicated people willing to give up their Christmas Eve to put smiles on children's faces and laughter in their parents' voices. Not to mention the memories they will cherish for a lifetime.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| DEC. 31 ST | NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT THE CIVIC CENTER |
| JAN 4 TH 2012 | REGULAR METIN & DEC BOARD MEETING.
" ELECTION NIGHT FOR VP & BOARD MEMBERS " |
| JAN 11 TH | REGULAR MEETING |
| JAN 18 TH | REGULAR MEETING & COPMMITEE MEETINGS NIGHT |
| JAN 23 rd | PIRATES DAY MEETING AT THE LIBRARY (time to be announced) |
| JAN 25 th | REGULAR MEETING & BOARD MEETING |
| FEB 1 ST | OH DISTRICT Membership Growth Summit 6 – 9 pm @ PLK Civic Center/
Along with Regular Meeting. |

NOTE: Watch upcoming newsletters for further updates on the Easter Egg Hunt & Pirate Days and other exciting events.