

Jan. 15, 2009 PLK NEWSLETTER
Sue Harding, Editor



President TIM PETERSON called the Jan. 14 meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance; **SUE HARDING** led us in singing "America" and gave the invocation.

After the delicious ham dinner prepared by Chef AL and Chef VICKI KEPNES (Several people were overhead requesting Al's recipe for "poor man's perogies"!!), **over 20 guests were recognized: JOE REINMAN's** friends Michelle & Braden Martin; **and GLEN SHEETS' wife** Georgia; **Barberton Noon Club joined us for an InterClub. Santa Delivery volunteers from Rte. 7, the Mike & Kari Hicks family; Rte. 6 LARRY YOTHERS' family & friends; and SCOTT SHOOKMAN'S family shared their Christmas Eve anecdotes.**

BIRTHDAYS

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

No one this week

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

No one this week

NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY



There are three openings for officers next year. We need a secretary and a treasurer. If you have a little extra time on your hands and would like to help our Kiwanis out, please let the officers know and they will work on training. They are rewarding positions and very important. ALSO WE NEED A VICE PRESIDENT (3RD POSITION) FOR WHEN NATHAN BECOMES PRESIDENT.

VICKI KEPNES reported that we have received \$75 for our first \$1500 total from ACME receipts turned in so far. KEEP SAVING ACME RECEIPTS through Feb. 21st !

SCOTT SHOOKMAN talked with **JOE KLOPE** who lives in a retirement home in Massachusetts and had to take a computer test for his driver's license. He opted for the voice recognition version and failed due to all the 4-letter words used in his responses. That's our Joe!!

We still have some pewter commemorative Christmas Tree Ornaments left over from 2008 Santa Delivery that anyone can purchase for \$10 from **VICKI KEPNES**.

HAPPY DOLLARS



SUE FASSOLES had three happy dollars: #1 for all the families like the Hicks who are willing to spend their time making Christmas Eve special for so many in the Portage Lakes; #2 for the awesome job **NATHAN BRANT** did organizing Santa Delivery; #3 for the weather on Christmas Eve being rainy, but not as bitterly cold as this week.

PAUL SCHUCKERT was happy he wasn't last one in like last year & shared a picture of some triplets on his Santa Route.

BETTY SCHADL was happy that there was enough snow for her granddaughters to sled in before returning home in Albuquerque.

SAM REYNOLDS was happy for **NATHAN BRANT's** help on Rte. 8.

SCOTT SHOOKMAN's mother was happy for the opportunity to help with Santa Delivery again.

SUE HARDING was happy to be feeling much better and had a big THANK YOU to **VICKI KEPNES** for taking such good notes last week. Then she read a **JOE KLOPE** "fishy" story.

President TIM PETERSON thanked **Youth Services Chair NATHAN BRANT** for a great job with Santa Delivery and **ALL** who helped, especially the Key Club members and scholarship award recipients.

CORRESPONDENCE

Pres. TIM reported that Portage Lakes Kiwanis received a \$1000 check from Akron Area YMCA/ Camp Y-NOAH for our help with Haunted Hayride.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

NATHAN reported over 2500 gifts were delivered this year, including over 100 extra from PLK. We had several new families & Route Captains and **JUANITA GEHM** was NOT last one back! Thank you to **BILL ELIAS** whose whole team came from out of town to help; **Mike Hicks** was last in but **BEGGED** not to be fired so he can help next year; **CINDY WEAVER** was next to last in at 10:30 PM. Best of all, he didn't have one angry phone call about where Santa was, only Thank-You calls. **TIM PETERSON** requests any photos of Santa Delivery you could share.

Social Chair AL GRZESCHIK announced the we will be going to the **Division Council Meeting at Kent State January 21** and will meet at the Civic Center to car pool AT 5:15 PM. There will be a round table at the Civic Center for those unable to travel to Kent. WE HAVE ALL DATES OPEN FOR DINNERS beginning JAN. 28 AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COOK .

Al Grzeschik and Nathan Brant are planning some work projects at **Camp Y Noah** between now and March when weather gets a little warmer. Contact AL if you can help.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 19 Civic Center Board Meeting at 6 PM
- Jan. 21 Division 20 Council Meeting @ KSU
Great opportunity for an InterClub!
- Jan. 28 Regular & Board Meeting Night
WE NEED A VOLUNTEER CHEF!