

DECEMBER 30, 2009 PLK NEWSLETTER

Vicki Kepnes, Editor

VICE-PRESIDENT FRANK SMITH called the meeting to order and led everyone in the "Pledge of Allegiance", and **PAST-PRESIDENT TIM PETERSON** offered the invocation. Guest, Tom Fry, potential new member.

BIRTHDAYS

NATHAN BRANT DEC. 25TH
BOB LONGWORTH JAN. 2ND

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

TOM and Joyce LONGWORTH JAN. 1ST

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

RICHARD LOWRY 4 YEARS
ANDREA NORRIS 4 YEARS
FRANK SMITH 4 YEARS
TIM PETERSON 3 YEARS



NEWS IN OUR KIWANIS FAMILY

Welcome back **BOB LONGWORTH!!!** Good to see you again!!!

HAPPY DOLLARS

LARRY HUNTER was happy for everyone who worked on Santa Delivery, **BECKI COLE** heading it up, and **DR. PHIL PINNOW** for organizing everything into a folder for next year.

TIM PETERSON while happy "Wisconsin" won, sorry he did not see what happened to "Bowling Green" as they were leading when he left home! **TIM** announced coverage of Santa Delivery can be found at the web site.

He cautioned those with little kids, since they may not understand seeing 15 Santa's in one place!! **TIM** mentioned one stop on his route where one child was deaf and another in a wheelchair, which exemplifies the special work we do on Christmas Eve.

BECKI COLE was happy Santa Delivery was over!!! She noted that her son is finally getting into saying "Merry Christmas" and "Ho, Ho, Ho"!!! Also thanked **VICKI KEPNES** for making dinner for everyone on the 23rd.

SUE FASSOLES was happy for the awesome night, awesome kids, and awesome team!!!! Also noted that their deputy, Tony is the nephew of a previous deputy who helped with Santa Delivery, Elmer Azur!!!

RUSS FRIESS was happy daughter Jeanette is home from the hospital after suffering from a bad case of the flu!!

DR. PHIL PINNOW was kept busy Christmas Eve answering telephone calls and reassuring people that Santa would arrive.

ACME COMMUNITY CASH BACK

Keep saving those Acme receipts and turn in to the Civic Center or drop off to **VICKI KEPNES** at Akron Coin & Jewelry!!! There will be an update at the next meeting. Thanks to everyone who is participating in turning in receipts in a timely fashion.

FOR SALE

We have some older taupe (beige) color folding chairs for sale for \$3.00 each. Please contact **AL GRZESCHIK**.

SANTA DELIVERY

BECKI COLE announced that she still needs the reports on three routes that have not been turned in. There were over 600 stops and over 2,000 gifts delivered. We handed out approximately 115 free gifts. First sleigh was in at 7:15 P.M. and last was Route 7 around 10:45 P.M. **BECKI** wanted to thank **CONNIE NAGY**, and her daughters Lindsay and Kelly and **CONNIE'S** sister Vicki for making all the food, Dale Kuntzman (Green Kiwanis) for staying till the end to help her. Also all the Route Captains, Santa's and crews and Officers and Deputies who make Santa Delivery such a wonderful project!! Special thanks to Alyson Prysiazny and Coventry High School for the donated gifts for Santa Delivery!! Call **BECKI** at phone 330-697-9213 or her e-mail beckicole@att.net with your reports if they have not been turned in. **BECKI** thanked **FRANK SMITH**, **LARRY HUNTER**, and **CHARLIE KEPNES** for "stepping up" to cover the last remaining Santa Route!!

DINNER COMMITTEE

We will have a pasta or pizza dinner on January 6th, and are working on plans to have a dinner meeting at The Falcon Restaurant on January 13th. Please think of ideas for more dinner meetings. You can e-mail suggestions to **VICKI KEPNES** at vickikep@aol.com, or call at 330-618-8795

OFFICER OPENINGS

We have two officer openings. We need a President-Elect, Vice-President, and next year a Secretary and Treasurer. If you would be willing to serve, please contact **AL GRZESCHIK** at 330-524-2979, for more information. The Board met on the 30th and our two new Board members are **BETTY SCHADL** and **JEFF GOODWIN**. **CHARLIE KEPNES** requested a board member make a motion to approve **GLEN SHEETS**, due to his exemplary service to the community be awarded honorary membership in Portage Lakes Kiwanis for Honorary Membership. The motion passed!! Congratulations **GLEN**.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

JANUARY 6	REGULAR MEETING PIZZA/PASTA
JANUARY 13	DINNER AT FALCON RESTAURANT- RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
JANUARY 20	REGULAR MEETING MEAL TO BE ANNOUNCED
JANUARY 27	REGULAR MEETING BOARD MEETING COFFEE/DESSERT