

**Portage
Lakes
Kiwanis**

The Communicator

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Newsletter Date

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Special points of interest:

- What's Happening in our local area Key Clubs?
- Helping out Project Eliminate.
- Have you said a kind word to a child today? View the kids corner.
- Holiday Donations
- Kiwanis Family

Santa Delivery

For the 61st year the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Club will man their sleighs on Christmas Eve (Dec.24) for its Santa Delivery of gifts to children in the Portage Lakes area.

It started in 1951 with a small group of men and only one sleigh, and has grown to a fleet of 15 sleighs and Santa's with more than 150 volunteers, covering nearly all of Coventry Township and the City of New Franklin.

To participate in the Santa Delivery, families can begin dropping off their wrapped gift packages on Monday Dec. 3 at the following locations: **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 and Innovative Auto Service.

The last day to drop off gifts will be Thursday, December 20.

Gift packages are limited to no bigger than the size of a shoe box. Each drop off location will have maps, labels, rules and other information concerning delivery.

Sleighs will start out from the Kiwanis Civic Center at 5 (p.m. on Christmas eve— Monday, Dec. 24th. Loud speakers on the sleighs will announce

their arrival to streets along the routes. Parents should have their children dressed and ready to greet Santa. Outside Lights at the home should be on to make it easier to find.

Participating Parents with Physically challenged children who are unable to meet Santa on his sleigh outside their homes are asked to call

330-644-8967 to make arrangements so these kids will not be missed. The Santa Delivery tradition is made possible through the continued support of Kiwanis Rose Remembrance Day by the local communities.

PROJECT ELIMINATE

Project Eliminate is a campaign to help stop Neo Natal Tetanus. This disease affects over 1 million mothers and their un born babies in 3rd world countries. It is caused by unsanitary living and birthing conditions.

The purpose of this project is to be able to provide the women with the series of 3

Shots that will protect them and their unborn babies from this dreaded disease. Imagine watching your child suffer and being able to do nothing to help or comfort them. Just a small touch creates pain.

What can we do to help? "**CHANGE**" says

Vicki Kepnes. Vicki has been instrumental in starting the "**Baby Bottle Change Jar Fund.**" that is right. When we go shopping and pay for our items we normally get change back. This change is thrown in the bottom of purses, pockets of pants or jackets. So why not

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PROJECT ELIMINATE

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Put you change in a baby bottle (See Vicki or Jeff Goodwin for baby bottles).

Think of the good you will be doing every time you drop \$ 1.80 in the bottle.

With little or no effort you can save one woman and

her unborn child from suffering. Portage Lakes Kiwanis has taken on the responsibility of trying

raise at least \$ 1,000.00 with this new project How can you help—Obtain a baby bottle from **Vicki Kepnes** or **Jeff Goodwin** and find out how much change the bottle will hold. Once you have filled the bottle turn it in and get another one..If we all chip in imagine the difference it will make in several lives.

One Woman an her future babies can be protected from MNT for just \$ 1.80

Akron General Health & Wellness Center

Tonight's Guest Speaker was **Joanne Zaratsain** Membership Manager of the New Akron General Health & Wellness Center located on Town Park Blvd. in Uniontown.

This new facility has been open since July of 2012. It is the 3rd such facility in the local area. There is a facility in Stow, Ohio and one in Akron/ Medina. A 4th location will be opening in Cleveland.

The CEO of the center is Dr. Stover who felt that with the busy lives everyone leads we should be able to take care of all of our medical needs in one facility rather than run from one office to the next.

The Wellness center is Three Stories and 18,000 sq feet. It has Four main departments—

1st being the **ER**— Full Trauma / Helicopter pad and each room has a door that gives the patient a little more privacy while they are there.

2nd is the **Diagnostic Department** — which does MRI's , Ultra sounds, as well as e-rays and more.

3rd is the **Prevention Therapy/ Rehabilitation Dept.** - the purpose of this department is to hopefully educate people on having better health which in turn will keep them out of the Hospital. and then **4th Physical Exercise Dept.**

this department has 200 exercise machines and instructors with degree's. Each exercise program is designed to fit your individual needs. After 1.5 month's your exercise regiment is review to see if it is full filling your needs or should be changed.

There are four pools in the Aquatics center which range in different

Temperatures. You can participate in group classes of water Zumba, water aerobics and more.

The Wellness Center also has a Child Fitness Program. They believe that children should be taught at a young age about fitness and taking care of themselves. In turn this will lead to being Healthier Adults.

They offer 3 price rates Individual, Couple and Family.

The hours of operation are
Mon—Friday 5:30am —10pm
Saturdays 6am — 7pm
Sunday 6am — 6pm

Feel free to view their website for more details or contact Joanne Zaratsain @ 330-896-5001.

NORTON FAMILY HOLIDAY TOY & FOOD DRIVE

On **Monday—December 10th, 2012** from 7pm to 9pm the Norton Family will be hosting their annual Toy and Food Drive @ The Civic Center Located on Portage Lakes Dr.

Please open your hearts and give a toy to a child in need by donating a NEW unwrapped toy to the holiday Toy room Program.

In addition we are in need of food to help families in the local area community with their Holiday Meals. Reach

Into your hearts this holiday season and be a sponsor for the Adopt a Child or Family program. With one small donation some child will wake up Christmas morning with a smile on their face and say "**I Believe** "

For more info contact: John Norton 330-730-6803 or Tracey Norton 330-604-2865.

There will be gift wrapping at the Civic Center also. Any donations of wrapping paper are

WE BELIEVE: and with your help we can give a child the gift of believing also

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, CLUB ANNIVERSARIES, KEY CLUB NOTES & Kids Corner

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

December 31st, 2012 -

Join us at the Civic Center to “ Ring in the New Year “ Fun, Games and the company of good friends & family.

Tickets: \$ 20.00 per person + covered Dish.

See Larry hunter for tickets

BIRTHDAY'S

ANNIVERSARIES

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

KEY CLUB NEWS

ELLET _
Coventry—
Manchester—

Kiwanis Family: Please keep

Dr. Phil Pinnow in your prayers he was in the hospital last week for a Bleeding Ulcer. And is home recovering now.

Tim Peterson: in your Prayers he is suffering from back problems.

10 things to say to a child

This weeks encouraging words for every child:

You are so smart there is no stop-

Manchester High School Breakfast with Santa

The students at **Manchester High School** held again this year there “ Breakfast with Santa special. With the use of the PLK Santa chair the children were able to sit on Santa’s lap and have their Photo taken. As well as have a pancake breakfast with him. It was announced at this evenings meeting that they served over 550 pancake breakfasts and raised over \$ 7,000.00. The monies raised at this event are used in the spring to provide Graduating Seniors with a party.

Congratulations to all the people who put so much effort and hard work into this particular project.

Acme Cash Back Receipts

It's that time of year when we are all buying those little extra items for the Holidays whether it is and item needed for baking or that Turkey you need for T Christmas dinner. Remember to check the your receipts for the : Community Cash Back \$ amount that is listed at the bottom. You can turn all receipts into Vicki Kepnes . Most Tops Care products and items where you earn fuel points will also get you the Community cash back dollars on your receipt. But if you have any questions on what items earn that cash back dollars you can visit

the Customer Service Center of your local; Acme Store where they should have a complete listing. We Thank you in advance for your participation in this program. Keep those receipts coming All receipts can be turned into **Vicki Kepnes**



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| December 12th | Regular Meeting - Wrap Gifts |
| December 19th | Regular meeting— Sort Gifts |
| December 24th | Santa Delivery |
| December 26th | Round Table sign in |
| December 31st | New Years Eve Party (see above) |
| Jan. 2nd 2013 | Round Table sign in |
| Jan 9th 2013 | Regular Meeting / December Board Meeting |
| Jan 16th 2013 | Regular Meeting / Guest Speaker Russ Friess |

Entertainment Books: Are still for sale. \$ 30.00 each, great discounts for everyone in the family and they make terrific Christmas Gifts. See **Bob Dengler**.

NEEDED: Two Santa’s + One driver with pull vehicle to cover route. Please contact Connie Nagy if interested

NOTICE TO ALL SANTA’S:
Please have your vehicles at the “ KIWANIS CIVIC CENTER “
DECEMBER 23RD—TIME 2-5 PM.
Gene Cole will be installing the lights and speaker systems.

All tow vehicles must have a 2in. ball and a 4 way flat wire connector for trailer lights



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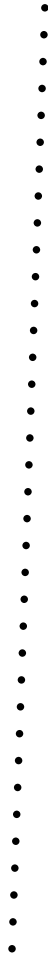
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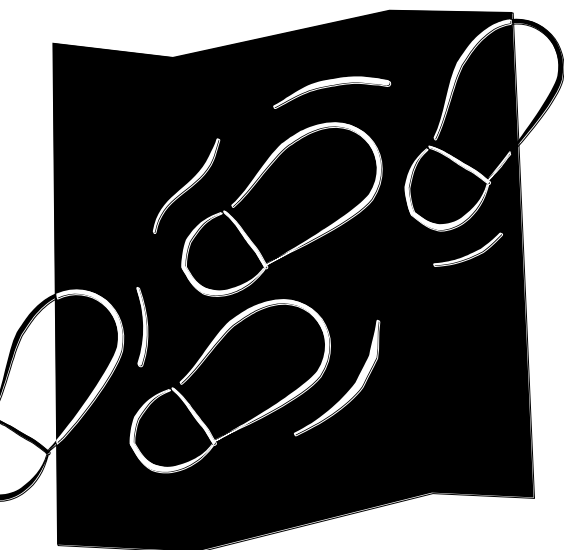
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