



We Build!

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PLK NEWSLETTER

President Frank Smith opened the meeting and led everyone in pledge of allegiance; **Sue Harding** chose "Deck the Halls", as our opening song since this IS the season!! **George Derry** offered the invocation for our meal. **Larry Hunter** introduced our guests for the evening: Mark Snyder, Steve Godor, our speaker for the evening, Lynn and Lew Stamp, and Carol Eubank, and members of Manchester Key Club: Bricey Kepnes, Payton Lloyd, Shara Ross, Logan Heffelman, and Lacie McEwen, here to help us wrap gifts!!!



This Week's Celebrations

Steve Engle celebrated his birthday on Dec. 4. There were no wedding anniversaries, or club anniversaries this week.

Club Activities

PLK Dues –Dues are now past due. Please contact Treasurer, Charlie Kepnes if you would like to make arrangements to pay your dues. Installment payments can be accommodated, upon request. You can contact Charlie at charliekep@aol.com

Newsletter advertising and online advertising forms are available now and contact **Sue Harding** if you wish to participate. E-mail **Sue** at magistraharding@sbcglobal.net

Larry Hunter discussed the Pirate Days Project. This will be a collaboration with local businesses and advertising in the Portage Lakes Legends magazine, and a Pirate Days Poker Run in the 6 bars/restaurants in the community. There is a lot of planning and work to be done. If you are interested in participating as a business or as a volunteer, please contact **Larry Hunter**. PLK is endorsing this project.

Carol Eubank spoke about her granddaughter Courtney Ellis's project and how they were so happy we helped bring a few teddy bears to help. The project is Operation Omi 2, in memory of her Oma (grandmother) who always loved teddy bears. Remember this for next year when she will do this again. Courtney was also supported by the Green Chamber of Commerce and attended a party there, while there they had a 50/50 and Courtney won \$300.00 and donated a part of her winnings for more teddy bears!!

Larry Hunter spoke about the New Year's Eve dinner here at the Civic Center and has tickets for sale at \$20 each. It will start at 6:30 and the main course will be beef tenderloin and everyone is to bring a covered dish. Plans are underway for many fun things for the evening and the agenda will make it easy for those who may want to go to "First Night" downtown or on to other parties later in the evening. Contact Larry if you have any questions. If you have any ideas for things to do, let **Larry** know.

Acme Community Cashback receipts are being collected by **Sandy Engle** and **Vicki Kepnes**. PLK will earn money for your grocery purchases. Sandy announced that we now have enough to make our first submission...over \$1500.00 in receipts!!! **Thanks also to the ladies in the Kiwanis Towers for their donations!!! They have really helped us out this year!!!! Keep them coming!!!**

Kiwanis Christmas Cards are still available at meetings for \$20.00 per box!!! Don't miss out!!

□ **Happy Dollars** □

Sandy Engle is very happy is that their second granddaughter is on the way in the next two weeks.

Steve Engle was happy to see Sandy get up and speak in front of everyone!!! He also told us about losing their new puppy, a Newfoundland, who escaped over the Thanksgiving Holiday while they were in Pennsylvania and what an ordeal those 4 days were!!!! You should have been here...but puppy is back home with Mom and Dad!!!

Larry Hunter was thankful for Glen Sheets who covered for a missing Santa at a pre-school Christmas Party!!

Carol Eubank was happy that 50 years ago today, her daughter was born, and is turning 50 today!!!

Sue Harding thanked everyone who participated in donating products to the Tammie's Totes project. Sometime in the next year we will continue to collect products for this project. As a thank you, Tammie sent in some gifts to hand out on Santa Delivery!! **Sue** recited two **Joe Klope** stories! (Very funny).

News in our Kiwanis Family

Julie Grzeschik is undergoing physical therapy and continues to work on her mobility!!! Keep working, Julie, we miss you!!!

Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to **Bonnie Smith** for her mother who has been in the hospital after breaking her hip, and recently suffered a setback. We wish her a speedy recovery so she can get back home!!

Committee Reports

Youth Services – Connie Nagy announced that Camp Y-Noah will participate on a Route this year, and we still have two Santa Delivery Routes open. We need to fill two routes. These are Rt. #2 and Rt. #11. Please consider helping this year and contact Connie Nagy or Mike Whaley.

Mike Whaley will be contacting all Route Captains by this coming Monday. On Wednesday Dec. 15th (our next meeting) we will be wrapping more gifts, please come and help us!! Thanks to the group from Manchester Key Club, Payton Lloyd, Shara Ross, Logan Heffelman, and Lacie McEwen,, headed by President Bricey Kepnes for helping us wrap gifts tonight!!

Russ Friess wants to remind us to make sure if you are pulling a sleigh, you need a 2" ball and a 4-way harness for the lights. Lights and sound systems will be installed on Dec. 23 at the Civic Center.

Nominating Committee – Al Grzeschik has volunteered to fill either the VP or the President Elect position. If you can serve as either Vice-President or President-elect, please contact **Al Grzeschik**.

Roster – It's time to check your personal information as they are almost ready to re-print. Call **Al Grzeschik** or **Sue Harding** with additions and corrections to the last edition. Target completion date is Dec. 31, 2010.

Speaker

Steve Godor spoke about the Disc Golf Program and course at the Portage Lakes State Park. Sounds like an alternative to regular golf or something fun to try. There are hole sponsorships available. Will get more contact information and put on the web site.

Correspondence

Sue Harding read a nice thank you note from the Principal of Nolley Grade School and shared a picture of our own **Sam Reynolds**, Superintendent of Manchester Schools participating in the Thanksgiving Feast we supported with a donation. Also included were pictures drawn by the children in the 1st grade!!!



Post These Dates!



- Dec. 14** **Civic Center Closed to Outside Groups**
- Dec. 15** **Committee Meetings/ Wrapping gifts/ set up tables
For Santa Delivery Routes**
- Dec. 22** **Dinner/ Sort Gifts for Santa Delivery**
- Dec. 23** **Put lights/Sound systems on Santa Del. Vehicles**
- Dec. 24** **SANTA DELIVERY begins at 5: P.M. Start packing sleighs
At 3:00 p.m. / Warm food at 4:00 P.M.**
- Dec. 29** **Regular Meeting/ Dinner/ **Board Meeting****
- Dec. 31** **Gala New Year's Eve Party 6:30 P.M.--?????**
Get your tickets now!! \$20.00 each. You can invite guests!
See Larry Hunter at the next meeting.

Entertainment Books for both Akron and Canton areas can be purchased at Chase Bank on Manchester Rd from **Connie Nagy** and at Akron Coin & Jewelry from **Vicki** and **Charlie** Kepnes. All-City and Magic City Kiwanis groups provide these books. PLK will earn a commission on these sales.

2011 Portage Lakes Calendars are hot off the presses. **Tom Burge** and **Tom Fry** are selling them for \$5 each. They are also available at Akron Coin & Jewelry, Inc.