



We Build!

THE COMMUNICATOR

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Vicki Kepnes, Editor

PLK NEWSLETTER

President Frank Smith opened the meeting and led everyone in pledge of allegiance; **Sue Harding** chose "Jingle Bells", as our opening song as we did not have a full meeting last week, and offered the invocation. **Larry Hunter** introduced our guests for the evening: Lynn Stamp, Mark Snyder, potential new member, and Kelly Nagy, daughter of Connie Nagy!!



This Week's Celebrations

Lou Anne Derry was vacationing in Florida and celebrating her birthday on Dec. 31st!! Our President **Frank Smith** is celebrating 5 years of service to Kiwanis!!!

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 If you are **NOT** planning to renew your membership, please let us know as soon as possible for dues are now payable to Kiwanis International, and once paid will not be refunded. Past Due Members will be suspended and given 30 days to pay up or be dropped as members per By-Laws. If you wish to make arrangements to make payments for your dues, you must contact Charlie Kepnes, Treasurer, as soon as possible.

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 reminded everyone about all the wonderful upcoming projects we have coming next year!!! Try to come to a few meetings and see what you would like to work on. Some projects scheduled are The Pirates Day weekend, July 23 and 24th, Friends of the Portage Lakes Park "Chase your Shadow Walk/Run" on the first weekend in February (Ground Hog Day) Presidents Day, where we will invite presidents of clubs in the area to a meeting to discuss what their organization does for the community. **Larry** also reminded everyone we are selling Portage Lakes Calendars for only \$5.00, Portage Lakes Kiwanis Christmas Cards at the discounted price of \$20.00/box, New Years Eve Party at \$20.00 per ticket and a covered dish. We also have Entertainment Books that are going fast!!!! Help us raise some money!!!!!! **We are also considering a "Bootleggers Ball" to be held as a Kick Off for the Pirates Day Weekend. If you have ideas or suggestions, please come to the meeting and help plan this fund raiser!!**

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!!! Sandy Engle announced that we have made our first submission and now have a little over \$75.00 coming!!!**

□ Happy Dollars □

Dr. Phil Pinnow was worried that his furnace had gone out and after checking everything, found out that the thermostat needed batteries!!! **A lesson to us all to check this out, first!!**

Larry Hunter was surprised to see himself on the front page of the **Suburbanite!!** Thought that Santa looked familiar!!!! Also he had a note from someone reminiscing about their first year of Santa Delivery in 1954, but the very first year was 1952!!!!!! **What a wonderful history we have!!**

Debbie Rubino was thrilled to have helped **Jeff Goodwin** and **Denise** on their route this year and wants to do it again next year!!

Jeff Goodwin collected a \$10.00 donation on the route and thoroughly enjoyed it this year, and his Santa was great!!! (New member **Steve Engle**)

Chuck Seeley worked on a route this year for the first time and said it was fantastic, wishes he had done this before!!

Connie Nagy thanked everyone for a great job well done!! Food was great and hot, and routes arrived in earlier than before and with no problems!!! Truly a wonderful job done by all!

Juanita Gehm had a happy dollar for seeing **Connie Nagy** not stressed!!

Sue Fassoles had a wonderful crew on their route this year and a great deputy helping them. She also had a card from **Don Reilly** noting how busy he is attending two Kiwanis meetings in Arizona!!

Al Grzeschik said that we were receiving many nice e-mails on the Web Site thanking us for Santa Delivery. Thanks to **Gene Cole** for all his help in getting equipment on all the cars and trucks used on Christmas Eve!!!

Sue Harding was thrilled to have shipped all packages on time and all were received before Christmas!! Cards are still in the works!! She then shared a couple of **Joe Klope** stories, one from **Polly Price** in California!!

News in our Kiwanis Family

Julie Grzeschik is doing great with her rehab, and even is allowed to drive now!! But she did have a nasty bout with the flu Christmas night!!!

Nathan Brant is recuperating from his surgery. Drop him a note or check on face book and say HI !!

Committee Reports

Youth Services – Charlie Kepnes indicated that the change on strategy in passing out donation envelopes to large groups on Santa Routes resulted in record donations. We have now received over \$900 in donations and Santa Delivery may pay for itself this year!!! Connie Nagy was very appreciative of all the help received and all members who have contributed to a truly wonderful project that brings smiles to so many families.

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. We need some of you long term members to step up and give us a hand until some of the new members are ready to step up!!

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. Sue Harding included a copy in Christmas Cards sent or handed out at the meeting!!

CORRESPONDENCE

We are receiving many thank you notes with donations from the community for Santa Delivery this year. Thanks to Vicki Kepnes for putting stickers with Santa on envelopes and having routes take these envelopes and distribute to large groups, we may still receive more this year!!



Post These Dates!



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| Jan. 5 | Regular Meeting/ Lukity's Dinner |
| Jan. 12 | Regular Meeting/ Lukity's Dinner |
| Jan. 19 | Regular Meeting/ Lukity's Dinner/Committee Meetings |
| Jan. 26 | Regular/Board meetings/ Pizza? |

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.