

November 30, 2004



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### Did you know?

**Connie Frantz** is our Lt. Governor. **Mary Edwards** is the first trustee for our area. When either or both of these woman are at our meeting, it is customary to stand upon their introduction.

**50/50 over \$400.00**

### Prep Annual Dinner

The annual Prep dinner for the homeless will be held on Sunday, December 19 from noon until 5:00 p.m. They need your help with toys, deserts and time. If you can help with any of these items please contact **Cathy** or **Chris**. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

# Kiwanis Club of Erie

## Message from Jamie



November is going great: my wife **Debbie** and I attended the **Case Van Kleef** - Kiwanis International President luncheon in Pittsburgh at the **Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children** on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

We enjoyed the company of our former **Governor, Don Sanker**, who invited us to join him and his wife **Beverly** to listen to a short but powerful speech by President Van Kleef. His thoughts on growth and education are inspiring.

The Erie Kiwanis Club is following this path with a lot of emphasis on growth, as evidenced in the change in our dues structure; and the Board of Directors has touched on the topic of education at our first meeting. We hope to include education about Kiwanis throughout our Club through our Newsletter and meetings.

The Club Clinic was held on November 16<sup>th</sup>. I included a survey for the membership and also introduced a new award for the club: the President's h more active and well-rounded. I am hoping we will have many Outstanding Erie Kiwanians by the end of September.

The forms to keep track of your personal progress are available from me, as well as the forms for the Distinguished Award.

The survey at the Club Clinic will hopefully help the Board of Directors elevate our Club to the next level. Remember, if you would like a survey or award form please contact me or see me at a meeting.

Also we are forming a new fund raising committee that can be very important to our Club and the Community Activity Fund. Please consider joining the committee - it will need some help to start and with the success of our efforts this year, next year, and years to come, it will become easier with the same benefits. This fundraiser will be a Dining Card. A card when purchased will offer special dinner promotion from area restaurants.

The Club Clinic also had each committee reporting on their efforts and goals for the year. It sounds like the Club is going to be very busy with all the schedules the committees have for us. **Agnes Piscaro** spoke about the Youth Choir. They will be busy entertaining throughout the holiday season with a number of commitments. Do not miss your chance to hear the Choir sing at our holiday meeting on Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 at the Erie Maennerchor Club.

The Prep Key Club also attended our Club Clinic and asked for help or a donation for their annual Holiday Dinner. Contact **Cathy Szymanski** if you would like to help or make a donation..

Both **Agnes** and the **Prep Key Club** are asking for any personal care products like the ones from hotels, soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes or other items that they can package for their groups.

Wine raffle is doing OK with **Steve Wingrove**, **Mary's** husband, winner of the first raffle in October. If you have missed the last few meetings you have missed the newest addition to lunch with homemade dessert brought in by our members.

Thanks to **Janice Locke** and **Sande Chermack**. Donation for the dessert will help the Club Fund, so bring your appetite to a meeting and don't miss out on some tasty treats. Also special thanks to my friend **Ed Goellner**, owner of **Goellner Plumbing**, for fixing the medallion on our bell.

Happy Holidays to all ... and that's all folks, until next year! **Jamie**





# DECEMBER 2004

KIWANIS CLUB OF ERIE



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Hooked on Books</i> 	7 <i>Lisa Baumgardner/Safenet</i>	8 <i>Corry Divisional</i> <i>5:30 p.m.</i>	9 	10	11
12	13 1:00-5:30 pm Kids Café <i>Hooked on Books</i> 	14 <i>Dr. Tom Morgan/Morgan</i> <i>Chiropractic</i> <b>Aktion Club Christmas Party</b>	15 <b>7:30 a.m. Millcreek</b> <b>Divisional</b>	16 <i>5:30 Dinner</i> <i>6:30 Board Meeting</i>	17	18 Lutheran Home Bingo
19 Prep Key Club Christmas dinner for the needy	20 <i>Hooked on Books</i> 	21 <i>Bob Howden/Shriners</i> <i>Hospital</i>	22 <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline!</b>	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 
26	27 <i>Hooked on Books</i> 	28 <i>Club Christmas Party</i>	29 <i>Emmanuel Soup Kitchen</i>	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> Monthly reports due to Marilee	

**State News**

International President **Case Van Kleef** (Left) and Pennsylvania Governor **Bill Brandamore** (right) speak at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind, November 11, 2004, during **Case Van Kleef's** visit to Western Pennsylvania.

**Thanks Jamie for the pictures**



**President's Award**

The President's Award for Outstanding Erie Kiwanians is a new award for our Club and is similar the Distinguished Kiwanian Award through International.

You would need to achieve 100 points through the following events or projects. Some of the goals are the same as Distinguished Kiwanian and this could be two-fold for you.

- 1. Bring at least two different guests to lunch (Membership Growth)
  - Points 5 points for each Total 10 points
- 2. Take part in 4 Interclubs (Not Divisional meeting or prayer breakfast)
  - Points 5 points for each Total 20 points
  - Bonus 5 points for local clubs, Millcreek-Erie, West County, East County and Edinboro
  - Bonus 5 points for interclubs Out of Area Corry, Meadville, Bradford, ect.
  - Bonus Prep and Mercyhurst 2 point/ meeting.
- 3. Take part in 2 Division Interclub Total 10 points
- 2. Actively participate in at least 3 different club service projects and have at least 36 hours of service. Average of 3 hours each month, Emmaus Soup Kitchen, Kids Café, Lutheran Home BINGO, etc.
  - Points 20 points
- 3. Young Children Prior One, attend 3 Neighborhood Art House projects or other YCPO projects
  - Points 10 points
- 4. Attend a Board Meeting
  - Points 5 points
- 5. Maintain perfect attendance (There are many ways to achieve this)
  - Points 10 points
- 6. Attend the Club's annual Prayer Breakfast and one meeting invocation
  - Points 5 points
- 7. Actively participate in at least 3 club fundraisers, (Peanut Day, the Rose Sale Distribution, working with the Golf Committee, Dining Card Committee finding restaurants,
  - Points 20 points
- 8. Donated \$10.00 or more to the Kiwanis International Foundation
  - No Points-Must be done!

Bonus points for each additional activity -- 5 points. Rules are subject to change with additional areas that are added to increase total.

## New Fund-Raiser

Fundraising for the Club Fund is important since the change in the dues structure. We are starting a new fundraiser for the Club Fund: Recycling laser toner and ink jet cartridges. We will have a box near the registration table for you to bring in empty laser printer and Ink Jet cartridges. We will receive money for some of these cartridges. So bring in any shape, size or brand. The Goodwill Industries, Operation Good Brother, who we will partner with, provides employment for the disabled and disadvantaged, all while protecting the environment. So help the Club and **Operation Good Brother!**

## Christmas Party



The Club will celebrate with the Holiday Meeting on Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Maennerchor Club. The Kiwanis Youth Choir will entertain us and as usual Santa Claus will pay us a visit. Bring a guest, your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Bring a gift with your special guest's name on it and Santa will be Ho-Ho-Ho-ing! In the past we have had a special meal for the children so give Merle or me the number of young guests that you will be bringing. Fun for All!



The BUG program was a success. We gave out 41 certificates to the children.

Channel 35 was the emcee for the event.

The program has become very successful and the kids have been coming into the office asking when the BUG program will be this year.

The school has noticed a significant difference in the grades and morale of the students and they attribute much of that to the BUG program.

Kiwanis Club of Erie give yourself a pat on the back for making a difference in students lives.



## Personal Products Needed

The **Prep Key Club** and the **Kiwanis Youth Choir**, directed by **Agnes Piscaro**, are asking for personal care products. We will have a box near the registration table the next few weeks to collect items you may have, sample or hotel size products can be brought in up to the **December 14<sup>th</sup>** meeting and the box will be separated for both groups.

## Christmas Party

The **Aktion Club** will be celebrating the holidays on Tuesday, December, 14<sup>th</sup> at Ruby Tuesday's at the Millcreek Mall from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The cost is \$15.00. Contact me so we can forward a reservation to **Heidi McKenrick**. Come join the fun and help support the **Aktion Club!** **Joe** will have a sign up sheet soon.

## President Case Van Kleef goals for the year

### The KIWANIS IDEA:

Increase our commitment to young children

Develop leadership throughout the Kiwanis world

Expand Kiwanis service around the world

Access Kiwanis service and growth through the World Link Program

## Message from Sande

As Program Coordinator I am striving to provide varied speakers and subjects and also tie these in with current events or holidays whenever possible. Thank you to all who have either provided leads or set up people to speak in the past and I invite everyone to do the same in the future. Do you know someone who would be great, is pertinent to a specific time, is of interest to the members and folks in the community? Contact me at (814) 870-1624 or email [sande@ma.rr.com](mailto:sande@ma.rr.com) or [sande.chermack@timesnews.com](mailto:sande.chermack@timesnews.com). Thanks for all your help.

On Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> **Trooper Jim Rogers** of the K-9 division of the PA State Police gave a very interesting talk on the K-9 dogs who find drugs. From what qualifies them, they must have an over riding need to play; to how they are trained, with a rubber toy hose; and including interesting stories and details about his dog.

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> **Cathy Shabtai** of Early Connections (formerly YWCA) talked about some of their programs all of which are child focused. Of real interest and drawing many questions is their free preschool for children in the geographic area of 14<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Streets from Cranberry to State St. This area has been identified as an area where the children are at most risk when entering school. Initially the Heinz Foundation funded the program but after 3 years Early Connections needed to go to private funding from the community. Bill Sapone pointed out the fact that PNC is a great contributor and one of the benefactors. Cathy agreed and expressed their great appreciation for all PNC does for children. She also thanked Kiwanis for our support.

Upcoming Speakers: Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> **Tom Whiting** will speak on Erie County Mobile Observers Group and astronomy based organization. He will discuss astronomy as a hobby and upcoming astronomical events. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> **Lisa Baumgardner** of SafeNet Center will speak on domestic violence. Dec 14<sup>th</sup> **Dr. Tom Morgan** of Morgan Chiropractic will speak on stress and its effects. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> **Bob Howden**, Director of Public Relations for Shriner's Hospital will speak to us about them.



Don't forget our Youth Choir will perform at the **Christmas Party** on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. Bring the kids and grandkids. **Santa** will be on hand and he will distribute any gifts you bring for your kids.

### Club Fund Fundraiser:

As all are aware, with changes to the dues structure the Club Fund (for administration costs of the club) is exploring ways to raise the monies needed for running the club. The Wine Raffle and weekly dessert donations have helped greatly in this effort. Now there is another way to help the Club Fund and provide warmth for the approaching cold weather. Tickets for a hand crocheted white afghan are available at the weekly club meeting for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Drawing will be at the Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

## International and State News



**International President's Van Kleef** reads to children during his visit to Northwestern PA.



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Happy Celebrations to the following members during  
the month of December

### December Birthday's

**Howard Lefever Dec. 12**

**Bill Sapone Dec. 17**

Club's Name	Meeting Place	Time
Meadville	Meadville Community Center, Mondays	12:00 PM
Edinboro	Uncle Charlie's, Tuesdays	7:30 AM
East Erie County	Moose Club, Tuesdays	7:30 AM
Golden K	Kids Cafe, Tuesdays	8:45 AM
Erie	Maennerchor, Tuesdays	12:00 PM
Cambridge Springs	Riverside Inn, Tuesdays	12:00 PM
Bradford Club	Best Western, Tuesdays	12:00 PM
Conneaut Lake	Silver Shores, Tuesdays	6:00 PM
Good Morning Warren	Northwest Savings Bank 1st & 3rd Tuesdays	5:30 PM
Millcreek Area	Avalon, Wednesdays	7:30 AM
Warren	YWCA, Wednesdays	12:10 PM
Corry Club	Country Food's Wednesdays	5:30 PM
West Erie County	Chico's, Thursdays	7:30 AM
Meadville Golden K	411 Chestnut St. Meadville, PA, Thursdays	9:30 AM

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