

December 4, 2007

The Carmel-Clay Kiwanian

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CARMEL GOLDEN K
Thursdays 10:00 a.m.
American Legion Hall
CARMEL FAMILY CLUB
St. Mark's Meth. Church
1st & 3rd Tues, 6:30 p.m.
CICERO
Saturdays 7:30 a.m.
Community Bldg
FISHERS STATION
1st & 3rd Mon. 6:00 p.m.
Pizza Hut, Allisonville Rd.
NOBLESVILLE
Wednesdays 12:00 Noon
Jim Dandy
NOBLESVILLE GOLDEN K
Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.
Northlake Clubhouse
NOBLESVILLE SUNRISERS
Tuesdays 7:00 a.m.
Jim Dandy
SHERIDAN
Fridays 7:00 a.m.
New Sheridan Library (rear)
WESTFIELD WASHINGTON
1st & 3rd Wed. 7:00 a.m.
Westfield Library
ZIONSVILLE
Tuesdays 7:00 a.m.
Zionsville Meadows

**Club Meets 7 a.m. Mondays -
515 E. Main St., Carmel
(Life & Learning Center)**

What's Happening?

- Dec. 6 (Thurs) Open House at Ronald McDonald House 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tours will be given. (See article on next page)
- Dec. 10 - Business session
- Dec. 11 - After-hours Networking 5:30 at Majors Sports Café
- Dec. 15 (Sat) - Holiday party at Dave Harden's
- Dec. 17 - Dr. Cheryl Friedman, speaking about heart health and nutrition
- Dec. 24 - Roundtable meeting at Marsh, 116th St. at Merchants Square
- Dec. 31 - Roundtable meeting at Marsh
- Jan. 7 - Jim Palecek
- Jan. 7 - Board meeting 7 p.m. at Old National Bank, Clay Terrace
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Holiday Party Set for December 15

Dave and Mimi Harden have volunteered their home and hospitality for this year's holiday get-together for members and spouses. A sign-up sheet is going around at meetings and gives attendees the option of bringing a salad/vegetable/dessert. Dave says that they will be providing lasagna and soft drinks.

Their home is located at 12338 Charing Cross Rd. Directions: from E. 126th St. (just west of Gray Road) take Charing Cross Rd. south to his home.

Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner shortly thereafter.

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December Board Notes

The board met on December 3 with 10 members present.

♦*Treasurer's report:* Current balances include \$3,282 in the Admin account and \$15,055 in the service account, for a total of \$18,337. This doesn't include a check for \$756 that we received from the Haunted Trails event in October.

♦Our meeting on January 7 has been designated as a Special Guest Day. Paul is asking for all our members to try to find at least person to invite, and send him the name as soon as possible. He will mail a special invitation to all prospective guests. Our speaker for the occasion will be **Jim Palecek**, with a talk entitled "It's better to give

than receive." This will be our first event of the year designed to attract new members, and everyone's help is necessary to reach our membership goal for 2007-08.

♦The grill for our farmers market stand was up for discussion. It is considered to be in too poor condition for repair, so a new one needs to be purchased. **Chris Larkin** has volunteered to find a suitable replacement that will meet our needs and stand up under rigorous use.

♦*Flower sale:* Dick reported that we have \$2,824 on hand so far, with at least \$1,047 to come in. **Jeff Veldhof** sold the largest single order to Delta Faucet (50 plants). There are still plants available from Heartland Growers, but only red ones. Deliveries have largely been completed.

♦*Clothe-a-Child project:* 5 of our members are signed up for Wednesday's event at Meijer, and another 7 have volunteered for a similar project on Saturday.

♦It was suggested that a master event calendar be constructed for use during the year. Paul said he would try to put one on our website for everyone to have access to.

♦*Emergency Medical Info card project:* This has been in the planning stage for sometime, with **Sue Finkam** doing much of the planning work. The idea is to provide a visible source of critical medical information in the home in case someone requires emergency treatment. 2,000 of these magnetized cards have been printed, at a cost of \$2,533. Clarian Hospital has donated \$2,000, the Carmel Fraternal Order of Police have donated \$250, and our board voted to pay the other \$273. The board also voted to list our club as a co-sponsor. If other Kiwanis clubs want to join us on future printings, then we will change

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Volunteers for December

Meeting Hosts

- Dec. 10 - JERRY JACOBSON
Dec. 17 - JODI DICKEY
Dec. 24 - Roundtable meeting
Dec. 31 - Roundtable meeting
Jan. 7 - JOHN WOODS

Invocation

- Dec. 10 - DICK KLAR
Dec. 17 - JIM PALECEK
Dec. 24 - Roundtable meeting
Dec. 31 - Roundtable meeting
Jan. 7 - CHRISTY TROXELL

Spiritual Thought

- Dec. 10 - CHRIS TENPAS
Dec. 17 - SUE FINKAM
Dec. 24 - Roundtable meeting
Dec. 31 - Roundtable meeting
Jan. 7 - DONNA KLAR

D-U-E-S ARE DUE

Jeanette is about ready to get on her knees and beseech the 15 members who haven't yet graced her ledger with club dues.

She says she's about ready to do something bankers are loathe to do—send out reminders!!!

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December Board Notes (continued)

the notation to include them. These cards will be primarily distributed by police and fire dept. personnel as they come across potential cases. Also, our club can distribute them during our events, such as pancake breakfasts, etc.

♦*Youth Clubs*: It looks like we may be able to salvage the Carmel Middle School Builders Club after all. Jim Palecek reported that a potential faculty advisor has been located, and several of our newer members are showing interest in becoming involved at the Kiwanis level. Now we have to find out if the club can be reinstated without having to pay a new start-up fee of about \$450.

♦*Fundraising*: Dick Klar asked that we attempt to find a club member (or members) to volunteer their time to help out as co-chairmen for the pancake breakfasts. There are many administrative details involved in running these events, and Dick really needs to have someone who is willing to learn the processes of planning and executing the breakfasts. He still plans to be the central person to carry out the physical workload responsibility.

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Have You Ever Wondered . . .

- ♦Why people are willing to spend \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards. It's "NAÏVE!"
- ♦Isn't making a smoking section in a restaurant like making a peeing section in a swimming pool?
- ♦Whatever happened to Preparations A through G?
- ♦If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
- ♦What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?
- ♦You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.
- ♦Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?
- ♦Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racecar is not called a racist?
- ♦Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?
- ♦If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it FED UP?
- ♦Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?
- ♦I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me . . . they're cramming for their final exam!
- ♦Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them. Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?
- ♦If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

Have a great Holiday Season!!!

Ronald McDonald House—

What a Community Asset!

Sara Risley, their Community Outreach Manager, shared with our club some little-known facts about this outstanding facility at a recent meeting. For example, it is the second largest Ronald McDonald House in the U.S. It is situated within walking distance of Riley Hospital, and features a 52-room temporary hotel for families of children who are being treated at Riley. The address is 435 Limestone St.

The average stay is 14 nights, and families are charged only \$10 per night. There is no exclusion for those who are unable to pay. Everyone is welcome. The actual cost per night for the foundation to make these rooms available is \$77, so it is obvious that fund-raising is a necessary part of their operation.

The facility is available to children ages 18 and younger. Volunteer groups take turns preparing home-cooked meals for those who are staying at the hotel. Breakfast and dinner is provided, but not lunch, since families would not normally be there at lunchtime. Not every evening is covered, but usually there is a group to provide meals on most days. One of their primary goals, however, is to find local church and service groups that would volunteer their time and effort to come down and provide these meals. Any group that might be interested can contact Sara directly at (317) 267-0605, ext. 207.

One of their fund-raisers is the gathering of aluminum pop-tops to convert into cash. Sara told us that over one billion pop-tops have been collected, netting \$500,000 for Ronald McDonald House. When she asked who in our club was the collector of these pop-tops, **Dick Klar** held up his hand, and was awarded a crown made



of—what else—pop-tops.

Birthday Greetings

Dec. 9 - JODI DICKEY
Dec. 11- DAVE QUIGLEY
Dec. 21- JEANETTE DENTON
Jan. 3 - DOUG BURROUGHS
Jan. 7 - KENT KERNS