November 2022

Newsletter

A Message from our President

I want to let you all know how honored and privileged I'm feeling to be elected to serve as your Kiwanis Club President during this milestone year. I have learned a lot this past year while digging thru old files and memorabilia, and the history of our club from then to now is so amazing. Each month, I want to try to share a little nugget or two about our club that I have learned recently over the last year or so. I know that most of you know this, but originally, our club was originally chartered as a "Men's Only Club".

Now, fast forward from 1923 to 2023, who could have imagined that 100 years later, men & women are active throughout all clubs with honorable titles and awards, AND a blonde haired – crazy lady would be President for the 100 year milestone. AND, I think this is cool – the first lady to be elected to the Kiwanis Club of Troy President, Penny Hoekstra, is still VERY active in our club today. I like to refer to her as the Kiwanis–Penny Club. She keeps us in line with rules & by–laws nobody knew existed –LOL..... And now, she has me again, her "rule breaker", to keep in line for another year!! Thanks to Penny for keeping our club running smoothly and on track in the past years and onward into future years!!!

Besides the 100 Year Celebration, my additional President's Project for this year, is to re-engage in activities with Key Club & Aktion Clubs, Membership Committee, and Kids Services Committee. I'm in the process of meeting with all of the committees & chairmen. I would like to see & learn how we can take our club up one more notch with new members, as well as celebrate and collaborate with members, committees, and sponsored clubs within our club. I feel that our connections throughout our committees and clubs have been lost, and mainly due to the Covid pandemic. So my goal is to get back on track with our Aktion & Key Clubs, and Committees.

I want to bring back the bond and comradery of clubs and committees ©

You ALL should be so proud to be a member of the Kiwanis Club of Troy. Our club has made **huge** investments, helped in making big differences, and provided much needed support to kids of all ages, throughout our community.

None of this could happen without all of YOU!!! I humbly and proudly say "Thank You to you ALL"!!!

Wrapping Up – "hold on to your hats" – this upcoming year is going to be an adventure.

"Kiwanis Club of Troy - 100 Years Strong"

"Where your inner child is ageless"

Carrie Kendall Kiwanis President 2022-2023

Officers 2022-2023

<u>President</u> Carrie Kendall

<u>President Elect</u> Chuck Fox

Vice President
Ashley Brocious

<u>Secretary</u> Penny Hoekstra

<u>Treasurer</u> Rob Burnette

<u>Immediate Past President</u> Lori Gross

Board of Directors
Angela Benedict
Erskine Caldwell
Donn Craig
Allan Ganley
Jesse O'Rourke
Brian Zimmerman

Meetings: Every Wednesday at 12p

Board Meetings: Third Wednesday of every month, immediately following membership meeting

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

While the 2022 year is winding down, we are ramping up for the 3-part Toy Drive Fundraiser!!!

Part 1 – Enchanted Weekend, November 4 – November 6

- *We are setting up in the parking lot next to Carr Insurance Agency, on South Market. We will be collecting toys for Miami County Children's Services, and monetary donations for Isaiah's Place, Foster Care.
- *We will be selling donuts and canned drinks as well.
- *We will be having a visitor from the "Big Guy In A Red Coat on both Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon.

Part 2 - Official Angel Tree Lighting, Wednesday - November 23, 5pm - 9pm

- *We will be lighting up the Adopt an Angel tree at Bw's at 7:00pm
- *We will be selling raffle tickets for some awesome prizes as well as starting the adoption process of the precious angels.

Part 3 – Official 2022 Toy Drive – Saturday, December 3, 11:00am to 5:00pm

*We will be partnering with BW3's & POWER 107.1 and rocking out the 2022 Toy Drive *Pre Covid Style!!! We will have radio opportunities, selling raffle tickets for a chance to win some fun stuff, giving away hot cocoa, and much more. It's such an awesome day spent with others who care as much as we do.

AND – before we say so-long 2022 – We have one more item on the agenda!!! *The HOT CHOCOLATE KID* is coming back!!! Will Barnes will be our speaker in November, and I promise you, he will not disappoint. Will came up with this fundraiser, as an elementary school project, wherein all the proceeds are donated to World Vision. He continued this yearly tradition for a few more years, until Covid hit. Well, he is now a freshman at Troy High School, and is going to be back in action from Saturday, December 3 thru Tuesday, December 6. We are going to help him out and donate our trailer for him to use in case of poor weather conditions, as he sits outside for hours serving hot chocolate and donated baked goods for a donation that he sends to World Vision. I will forward times, address, and directions in the next newsletter – Stay Tuned.

Thanks to all of our members and volunteers!!! We wouldn't be who we are today without your help!!!! Kids NEED Kiwanis, Kiwanis NEEDS you!!!!

Carrie Kendall

Community Outreach Committee Chairman





WEEKLY SPEAKERS @ MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

November 2 – The Future Begins Today

November 9 - Rustic Hope

November 16 - Hot Chocolate Man

November 23 - No Meeting

November 30 - Family Abuse Shelter @ 530

Crescent Drive Troy, Ohio





Back to Reading In-Person w/the Children Services Committee

How exciting! We were able to start back with in-person reading at Head Start on October 20th with the kiddos since the start of the pandemic. If you would like to volunteer, the next chance would be in December so stay tuned....

MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS

As we are approaching cooler weather and feel the need to stay inside, that would be perfect timing to think of potential members to call and join our great group! As we have social activities coming up for the holidays, be sure to reserve those dates to help out. Carrie Kendall is doing a wonderful job of setting up these dates, so be sure to volunteer, especially if you "like going out in cooler weather!"

Also, if you know of any member that is ill or has been out due to sickness, or hospital visit, please let me know so we can get our group to sign a get-well card.

Mark Schmitmeyer



January 11: New Years Party/Meeting with Key Club/Aktion Club – This will be a dinner time meeting with all the clubs to share upcoming events and projects.

April 22: Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast – Duke Lundgard Building

June 2–4: Strawberry Festival – Downtown & Levee in Troy

August 25–26: Tour de Donut – Downtown Troy

September 30: KIWANIS 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Kiwanis raised \$1085.00 at the Tour de Donut fundraiser!

Builda Shoebox!



Don't have time to build a shoebox, use this QR code below to have a shoebox built for you for only \$25.00!



Shoeboxes are available now through the 2nd week of November at the weekly meetings. Drop off your completed box anytime to the YMCA or Mutual Federal

Bank.

Kiwanis Goal: 30

Pick up starting: October 12

Due by: November 16 Shipping Cost: \$10.00





Help our Trojans STEP toward a brighter future!



On October 26th, 2022, Kiwanis of Troy Club members that were in attendance at the meeting, voted to donate \$25,001 to the Trojans STEP (Stadium Turf Enhancement Project). This is a private project aimed at replacing natural grass with artificial turf at both of these heavily used high school venues in Troy, Ohio.

The majority vote was a resounding YES! Thank you to our members that came out for this important vote.

What does this mean? Kiwanis of Troy will be placed on a large plaque at both stadiums with the Trojan Club Sponsorship Level.

The weather is starting to get colder as we move into winter. Once again Michael E. Moore, Assistant Superintendent is asking for your help to provide coats for children in the Troy City Schools.

Coat requests have come in from Heywood, Cookson and Hook. Honestly, as the weather turns colder, Michael believes we will receive more requests. If the list is updated, he plans to email the Kiwanis members to let us know that more coats are needed. If anyone in the club is interested, he has also received requests for womens/mens small/medium gloves from our 6th grade building, Van Cleve.

To the right is a QR code to a SIGNUPGENIUS that will allow you to go in and review the list of coats that we need and sign up to donate if you are able. You are welcome to bring the coats to our Kiwanis lunch meetings, drop them off at the Troy BOE office at 500 North Market Street, or if you let Michael know, he can make arrangements to pick them up from you.

Coats For Kids





AKTION CLUB - Sponsored Committee

October was a quiet month for Aktion Club of Miami County. Due to a large group attending a conference in Sandusky October 4–7, we were unable to hold our regular meeting on October 5. We also had low numbers registered for our outing to the Honor Flight Welcome Home, so that outing was cancelled. However, we are looking forward to our meeting on Wednesday, November 2, where we will go shopping for the Riverside Giving Tree project at Walmart. The Giving Tree Project was started by members of Troy Christian Church, who "adopt" gift recipients from Riverside who may not otherwise receive gifts. There are always a few extra people on the list, and Aktion Club is always eager to purchase gifts along with members of the church. Kiwanis members are welcome to join us in our shopping fun, by either meeting us at Riverside at 3:30 to ride to Walmart or meeting us at Walmart around 3:45pm. At our December 7 meeting (3:30pm at Riverside), we will wrap and decorate the gifts purchased. Please join us if you are able! If you have any questions, please contact me anytime at 937–310–3260 or krista.smith@riversidedd.org. We hope to see you soon!

Krista Smith, Co-Advisor

ALL Kiwanis members are invited to the monthly Aktion Club meetings!

Remaining 2022 Schedule, 3:30p-4:30p at Riverside (Staunton Training Room):



November 2 December 7

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS 2022-2023

