



# Kiwanis®

## CLUB OF TROY

### Newsletter

December  
2022

#### ***A Message from our President***

**Hello Kiwanis Club!!**

**Happy December!! Wow, how fast this year has flown by..... and what a year it has been! We should all be excited and proud of our Kiwanis Club.**

**We exceeded all of our expectations for all of our fundraisers. We took advantage of participating in a lot of events to advertise who we are and what we do. Now here we are focusing on our last leg of the Toy Drive to wrap up 2022. I am excited for 2023 and all the things surrounding it – as we are 100 Years STRONG in the Troy Community, and this accomplishment doesn't happen without the awesome members we have in our club!**

**I have been doing a lot of research for our upcoming festivities.**

**Did you know that the Ohio District of Kiwanis came into being on September 26, 1915 in Cleveland, Ohio? Cleveland, the first club in the district, was the second club in all of Kiwanis and was completed on October 19, 1915.**

**Now, there are 20,000+ members in Kiwanis Clubs throughout Ohio. That means only 8 years later, November 14, 1923, Troy Ohio Kiwanis Club was chartered and is still very active doing AWESOME things for kids and our community! Keep up the great work and tell your co-workers, friends, and family, they need to join the BEST club in TROY!**

**I wish you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

**2023 is going to be the best year yet!!!**

#### ***Officers 2022-2023***

##### President

Carrie Kendall

##### President Elect

Chuck Fox

##### Vice President

Ashley Brocious

##### Secretary

Penny Hoekstra

##### Treasurer

Rob Burnette

##### Immediate Past President

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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# WEEKLY SPEAKERS @ MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

# DECEMBER

24

Rob Burnette

28

Allan Ganley

12/7 – Family Resource Center  
12/14 – Neighborhood Miami Valley  
12/21 – Premier Health  
12/28 – No Meeting



## Enchanted Weekend

For November, the weekend weather was beautiful with quite a bit of wind too! The bench for Santa and the Christmas tree may have gone flying a few times thanks to the wind but that didn't stop us from having a great time.

Santa passed out books to children, sometimes to cars stopped at the light and other times to children sitting on his lap. A special thank you to our Santas, Eric Rich & Carlos Wood and to everyone that was able to volunteer their time that weekend.

This is just the start of our Toy Drive for the Christmas Season but we received \$140.80 to donate to Isaiah's Place and five (5) toys for Miami County Children Services.



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

First things first, I want to shout out, "THANK YOU" to all the members who came out to BW3's Tree Lighting ceremony on November 23, and to the Schweser/Schmitmeyer Team for their raffle expertise. Between raffle and additional donations, we were able to raise \$1091.00. That is **AWESOMENESS** and will help so many kids this holiday season.

AND... now the last leg of the 2022 Toy Drive and final fundraiser for 2022:

The 2022 Toy Drive on Saturday, Dec. 3, at BW3 is from 11am to 5pm. There is a signup genius link that was emailed to all members and the Key Club Rep for members to sign up to help. We will have the trailer set up in front of BW3, giving away complimentary Hot Chocolate. We will also use this as a Toy Drop Off site if toy donors don't want to actually go in BW3. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

Stay tuned for the January Newsletter as it will have a list of all the 2023 Fundraisers and Events that are scheduled to date. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Community Outreach & Trailer Committee!!!



## MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS

The cold chill is here! I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving!

We as Kiwanian members need to be proud and thankful of all the accomplishments, we made this past year. I sincerely appreciate and am thankful to all our members time, efforts, and talents. That's what make us such a great organization.

Did you know we are currently at 37 members? If you know of anyone who is looking to give their time and talents, AND have fun, invite them to our meetings. ***Remember – New potential members receive a free meal on us!*** The Membership Committee will be putting on a Membership Drive next year to get more people involved.

Are you ready?....."Merry Christmas". 'Tis the season to be jolly and giving. Check out what is going on with our other committees to see how you can volunteer this holiday season. As always, looking forward to seeing you at our next Kiwanis meeting.

Mark Schmitmeyer



# AKTION CLUB - SPONSORED COMMITTEE

The Aktion Club met on November 2 for a shopping spree to support a four-year-old little boy, whose family needed extra support this Christmas. Riverside Community Connections Facilitator Amy Anderson and I were joined by eight Aktion Club members at 3:30pm at Troy Walmart. When we got to the store, we were greeted by our new Kiwanis Co-Advisor, Erskine Caldwell! That was a great surprise for everyone to get to meet our new Kiwanis representative. Erskine was a tremendous help in our shopping and made the trip so much fun! We had a list of items the child likes and sizes to go on. We grabbed a cart and headed straight to the toy department. Our whole group got very involved in picking out toys, shoes, clothes and bedding for this little boy. We all had a blast on this shopping adventure and decided to make it a new tradition we will do every year. We were also able to come in at our previously discussed dollar amount, which was the icing on the cake to a very successful shopping trip. Everyone from Miami County Aktion Club is hoping that we were able to help make this little boy's Christmas very special this year. For our upcoming December 7 meeting, we will be wrapping all the gifts that we bought for him while making it a fun party with treats and Christmas music.

On Friday, December 9, we will also be hosting Riverside's Holiday Dance as a fundraiser for our club. Kiwanians are welcome to join us.

Details are below.

- Aktion Club Gift Wrapping – Wednesday, December 7 from 3:30–4:30pm at Riverside (Training Center at back of the building)
- Aktion Club Fundraiser Dance – Friday, December 9 from 6–8pm at Riverside (Gym at back of the building). \$10 per person and includes dinner of chicken fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert

Krista Smith, Co-Advisor  
Aktion Club of Miami County



*Congratulations to Richard Pierce for drawing the Queen of Hearts on 10/26/22. His winnings consisted of \$334.00!*

**CHRISTMAS DANCE**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
6-8 PM  
Riverside - 1625 Troy Sidney Rd., Troy

Join us to celebrate Christmas with a dance and dinner, benefiting Aktion Club of Miami County. Dinner includes chicken fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert

**\$10**  
Per Person

Register by Dec. 7  
at 937-310-3260 or  
[krista.smith@riversideddd.org](mailto:krista.smith@riversideddd.org)

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Questions? Contact Krista Smith at 937-310-3260 or  
[krista.smith@riversideddd.org](mailto:krista.smith@riversideddd.org).



*Congrats!*

## DISTRICT 2 & DISTRICT 3 JOINT MEETING

Carrie Kendall, Lori Gross, and Donn Craig attended the Joint Meeting with Ohio District Governor, Dave Kuhn. Donn was inducted for his 2nd term as the District 3 Lt. Governor. Carrie and Donn also both received the Ohio Kiwanis First Team All Pro Award for accomplishments as an Outstanding Kiwanian! Congratulations to both Donn and Carrie!



## CHILDREN SERVICES

The next Head Start book reading is scheduled on December 20th at 9:30am. Clear your schedule and take some time to read to the children, if you are able!

Also, Head Start is looking for donations of hats and gloves. Please get those to Ron before 12/20.

