

Kiwanis Communicator

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Monthly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Tiffin, Ohio

FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Hello
Kiwanians!**

Every year during the Holidays I like to reflect on all for which I am thankful and take time to recognize

each of these things. My children and husband, my wonderful parents, my family and friends – I plan on spending extra time with all of them. Other plans include baking, cooking, giving presents, decorating and celebrating the joy of the season. This year I am also ever so grateful for my very own Kiwanis Club. I am very thankful for the comradery and friendship it brings. We are so fortunate to be able to sit with friends every week, to chat, to provide news from our lives and to learn about our community. We have so many opportunities with our group – so many opportunities to give back. This year, in our club's name, I plan to give my time to our community as well. I encourage you to do the same. Actions count – no matter how big or small. **What we do affects others.** So, let's make it count and get involved with the many activities available to us during the month of December.

Every year our Foundation asks us to help sell delicious Dietsch Brothers candy. I've incorporated these heavenly morsels in my gift giving,

showering dark chocolate goodness and turtle delights on my friends and family, bringing joy to others as well as joy to the treasurer of the Foundation. Our Christmas parade – the Kiwanis Christmas Parade! – full of neighborly cheer, children giddily laughing and festive music, is the perfect way to kick off the Holiday Season. There is nothing like seeing thousands of people light up when they see Mr. & Mrs. Claus roll by on a fire truck. Our Kiwanis Parade really puts the Holiday Season in motion and I'm proud to be a part of it this year. Please join us that day and then warm up afterwards at Jeff and Sharon's house!

During the meeting on December 7, we will be passing the pig and asking for shout-outs. The money raised will be used to purchase hats, gloves and underwear for local children. We hope that everyone shares their good news and gives to a good cause at the same time. It's a win-win! We have also been asked by two strong charities to assist with their fundraising. I believe that it is our duty to assist. The Salvation Army has asked our club members to ring the bell at Kroger on Saturday, December 16 from 9:00am – 8:00pm. Of the many wonderful things that the Salvation Army does throughout the year, they really push fundraising during the Holidays as they help local families with food, clothing, toys and books. Our community is

in need and the Salvation Army is always there. Community Hospice Care hosts its Christmas "Add-A-Bow" Christmas Tree in local stores and has asked us to simply chat with shoppers and encourage them to buy a bow for one dollar to decorate the tree. The "Add-A-Bow" Christmas Tree has become a symbol of Community Hospice Care and helps the community become more aware of hospice services. Hospice accepts Medicare, Medicaid or other insurance as payment in full and does not bill any patient directly for its service. "Add-A-Bow" helps cover the ever-increasing costs. Kiwanis is covering the tree at Tiffin ACE Hardware on Sunday, December 17 from 11:00am to 4:00pm. so please, during this Holiday Season, in all of its gloriousness wonder and fun, take the time to give back – not only for you, but in the name of the Kiwanis Club of Tiffin. If you are interested in helping, please feel free to email me at roszmandl@tiffin.edu or call me any time. Have a wonderful Holiday and enjoy every minute of it!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debby Roszman".

Debby Roszman
Kiwanis Club
of Tiffin
President

**TIDINGS OF
GREAT JOY**





Mark Zeno and Bernie Steinmetz are working on a Dine & Donate schedule for 2018. Many thanks to Luis and the folks at Xcaret Mexican Restaurant in the Tiffin Mall for their Dine & Donate contribution in the amount of \$450!



A COLD WINTER IS FORECAST!

One day in early September the chief of a Native American tribe was asked by his tribal elders if the winter was going to be cold or mild. The chief asked his medicine man, but he too had lost touch with the reading signs from the natural world around the Great Lakes.

In truth, neither of them had any idea about how to predict the coming winter. However, the chief decided to take a modern approach so he called the National Weather Service in Gaylord, Michigan.

'Yes, it is going to be a cold winter,' the meteorological officer told the chief. Consequently, the chief went back to his tribe and told the men to collect plenty of firewood.

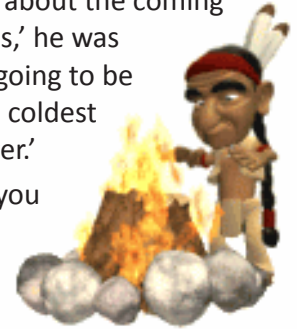
A fortnight later the chief called the Weather Service and asked for an update. 'Are you still forecasting a cold winter?' he asked.

'Yes, very cold', the weather officer told him.

As a result of this brief conversation, the chief went back to the tribe and told his people to collect every bit of wood they could find.

A month later the chief called the National Weather Service once more and asked about the coming winter. 'Yes,' he was told, 'it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever.'

'How can you be so sure?' the chief asked.



The weatherman replied: 'Because the Native Americans of the Great Lakes are collecting wood like crazy.'

The Chair Challenge

Do you have a spot where you tend to sit each week?

You now have the opportunity to
"Buy Your Chair!"

Kiwanis Manor and the Senior Community Center of Kiwanis Manor are celebrating 45 years of service to our community. The chairs that we sit on each week have served us well for over 20 years but, like many of us, they are beginning to age, have gotten a little cracked or just plain require some maintenance!

Help us celebrate 45 years by making an investment in our Club's biggest and oldest ongoing service project....Kiwanis Manor and its Senior Community Center. Your donation of \$100 will replace the very chair that you sit on each week. The chairs we currently have will benefit others in our community as they will be donated to the local Salvation Army.

Buy one chair or sponsor an entire table's worth of chairs...your donation is tax deductible when you make your donation to either the Senior Community Center of Kiwanis Manor or the the Tiffin Kiwanis Foundation. Both are 501c3 organizations. Beth McFarlan-Hutson will collect the checks. Please feel free to contact Beth if you have any questions.



INSPIRATION

It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold. The hedgehogs, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions. After a while, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice – either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the earth.

Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the heat that came from the others. This way they were able to survive. The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities.



**HEY DEBBY, YOU
AREN'T THE ONLY ONE
WITH A GOOD STORY
OR TWO...OR MAYBE A
FEW MORE!**

COOKIES FOR SANTA

As I put cookies out on Christmas Eve for Santa, I accidentally dropped one. "No problem" I said, picking it up, dusting it off and placing it back on the plate."

"You can't do that," my four-year old said.

"Don't worry – Santa will never know," I responded.

"He shot right back – "So.....he knows if I've been bad or good but he doesn't know that the cookie fell on the floor?"

SIGN OUTSIDE OF CHURCH

"Honk if you love Jesus – keep on texting while you drive if you want to meet Him."

THE INNKEEPER

The teacher cast one of her students as the innkeeper for the Christmas pageant. All the third grader had to do was tell Joseph that there was no room in the inn. However, during the performance when Joseph begged for a room for his pregnant way, the boy succumbed saying, "Well, if it so urgent, come on in!"

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Just as I began my Christmas Eve service, the electricity in the church failed. The ushers found some candles and placed them around the sanctuary. When I re-entered the pulpit, shuffled my notes and muttered – "Now where was I?" A voice called out "Right near the end."



Merry Christmas



December Programs

December 7

Brad Rees – Tiffin University PAL
(Performing Arts Lab) Center

December 14

Noble School 5th Graders
entertaining with Holiday music

December 21

Bryce Kuhn, Tiffin City Parks
Director

December 28

No meeting – enjoy the Holidays
with family & friends

Prayer Providers

December 7	Jean Overmier
December 14	John Millar
December 21	Jean Overmier

Club Anniversaries

December 24	Lowell Forbes
December 26	Tom Giebel

Wedding Anniversaries

December 5	Richard & Yvonne Miller
December 10	Shirley & Wayne Smith
December 14	Bob & Cathy Foster
December 29	Mark & Valerie Zeno
December 30	Michelle & Donald Tuite

Birthdays

December 1	Jim Kimmel
December 2	Susan Ross-Latorre
December 14	Hannah Tucker
December 16	Cindy Morrison
December 17	Devan Toncler
December 21	Ray Myers
December 25	Rick Dorsch
December 26	Pat DeMonte
December 27	Ed Lape



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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

2016-2017 OFFICERS

President	Debby Roszman
President-Elect	Jean Overmier
Vice President	Kristi Krintzline
Secretary	David King
Treasurer	Joe Wott
Immediate Past President	Mark Zeno

SERVICE COMMITTEES

Community Services	Melissa Mullins/Beth McFarlan-Hutson
Youth Services	Michelle Tuite
Human & Spiritual Values	Bonnie Boroff
Young Children Priority One	Becky Stetser
Sponsored Youth	Circle K (Tiffin University) Gene Chintala
	Key Club (Tiffin Columbian) Pat DeMonte
	Key Club (Calvert) Marguerite Bernard
	Builder's Club (Tiffin Middle School) John Millar
	K Kids (Noble School) Janet Molineaux
	Aktion Club (Opportunity Center) Beth McFarlan-Hutson/Marta Mohr

KIWANIS FOUNDATION MEMBERS

President	Gene Chintala
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Pete Heilman	JoAnn King
Debby Roszman*	Mark Zeno*

*non-voting members representing the Kiwanis Club of Tiffin.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership & Retention	Gene Chintala/Beth McFarlan-Hutson
Interclub Meetings	Mikki King/Roy Zinn/Mark Zeno
Spring Fling	Marcy Bishop/Melissa Mullins
Garage Sale	Gene Chintala/Mark Zeno
Race Program	
Mum Sale	Debby Roszman
Highway Cleanup	Mark Zeno
Dine & Donate	Mark Zeno/Bernie Steinmetz
Public Relations	Bernie Steinmetz/Bonnie Boroff
Website	Mark Levans
Social Media	Gene Chintala/Beth McFarlan-Hutson
Newsletter	Bernie Steinmetz
Music	George Dupey
Grade A Celebration	Shirley Smith
Kiwanis Scholarship	Marcy Bishop/Gene Chintala
Family Fest	Pam Greene
Christmas Parade	Kristi Krintzline/Debby Roszman
Sharing Kitchen	Pam Greene

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2017

Danielle McCombs
Nancy Miller
Gene Chintala

2018

Bill Eckelberry
Jean Eckelberry

2019

Kristi Krintzline
Michelle Tuite

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