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Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at St. John's Episcopal Church. Because we had a record number of children registered, the party was split into two sessions: 1:00 - 2:30 and 3:30 - 5:00 to handle the increased number of people.



Each party session started with games and crafts followed by a meal and concluded with a visit from Santa. Home Depot donated wooden birdfeeders which the children loved hammering and screwing together. Carlisle Swim Teams donated cookies for the children to decorate with lots of icing and toppings. Yum! The Bosler Bookery donated books, so each child was able to select a book to take home and many enjoyed looking through their books with family members while enjoying their dinner. The Carlisle Club catered the delicious dinner of hot dogs, mac-n-cheese, baked beans, applesauce, fresh veggies with ranch, potato chips and pretzels. However, the dessert was an assortment of cupcakes donated by Pam Sharp. Club members also donated lots of cookies for everyone to enjoy.

A huge thank you goes out to the 50 volunteers who helped at parties and baked the desserts. This was also a record number of volunteers for this party. This included 20 members, 3 family members of members, 7 SPY staff, 9 PSU Dickinson Law students, 4 Dickinson College students and 7 from the Carlisle Family YMCA.

We provided gift bags to 118 children this season!



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Gift Bags for DVSCP

As part of our ongoing effort to ensure every child in our community receives gifts for Christmas, the club contacted the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties (DVSCP), its child abuse prevention partner, to get the age and gender of the children currently living in their shelter. Using items leftover from the club's annual Children's Christmas Party and some additional donations, members assembled a bag of Christmas gifts for each child staying in the shelter and delivered them to the DVSCP's main office for distribution.



A few of the gift bags

Bell Ringing

The club helped the community by doing Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Karns Quality Foods in Carlisle, PA on December 8, 2021. This is the same store where the club manned the red kettle set up indoors in December 2019. Unfortunately, the club could not participate in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but made a donation directly to the Salvation Army. This year we were set up outside the exit of the store where many customers stopped to thank us for helping. We collected \$892.36, significantly up from \$317.59 in 2019.



Anne & Walt Wood



Dick Gillenwater with Lee & Helen DeVenney

Barrie Zais organized this event with Lee & Helen DeVenney, Dick Gillenwater, Lynda Cook, Dennis Nielsen, John & Susan Murray, Terry Wallace, Larry Foote, Walt & Anne Wood, Bill & Jean Yufer, Bob & Linda Taylor enduring the cold wind to help ring the bell.

Member Holiday Dinner

The Annual Holiday dinner was held at Miseno's Il Ristro Pub on December 14, 2021. Typically, this event is a formal pay in advance dinner held at the Carlisle Country Club, but issues brought on by the COVID-19 limitations made that plan not feasible this year. Fortunately, we were able to adjust to and move this to a less formal venue this year where everyone could just show up and order from the menu on their own. What a wonderful time everyone had being able to gather for dinner.



Enjoying the Holiday Dinner

National Service Award



The club completed all the requirements needed to achieve its National Service Award status for the 2021-2022 club year as of December 17, 2021. This award requires the club earn one patch in each of the four service areas (Americanism, Youth Programs, Community Service, and Prevention of Child Abuse) plus sponsor any two additional projects.

Just to name a few things we did this year to achieve this award: Americanism - Flags on the Square and American Flag Training for Local Girl Scouts, Youth Programs - Backpacks and school supplies for LeTort Elementary School, Community Service - Playground and Park Cleanup plus Supporting the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Program, and Prevention of Child Abuse - Children's Christmas Gifts for Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties (DVSCP).

Molly Pitcher Award Cancelled

The Molly Pitcher Award Banquet has been CANCELLED for 2022 by the Board of Directors. Since most of the preparations for the banquet must be done now while there has been an upswing of COVID-19 cases, it was determined to wait to hold the event in 2023 instead of hosting a substandard event. It would not be fair to a recipient to have a scaled down humble event for such a great honor.

Meetings

No Meetings in December

Participation Opportunities

Jan 11 (Tue) Meeting at Miseno's II Ristro Pub

- 5:30 pm - Social Time and order your meal in our room before speaker if you want to eat
- 6:00 pm - Speaker: TBD & possibly a NEW MEMBER induction
- 6:30 pm - Dinner served if ordered before the meeting
- 7:00 pm - Short Business Meeting

Jan 25 (Tue) Meeting at Miseno's II Ristro Pub

- 5:30 pm - Social Time and order your meal in our room before speaker if you want to eat
- 6:00 pm - Speaker: Jeanna Som: Summer Program for Youth Director
- 6:30 pm - Dinner served if ordered before the meeting
- 7:00 pm - Short Business Meeting



Feb 8 (Tue) Meeting at Miseno's II Ristro Pub

- 5:30 pm - Social Time and order your meal in our room before speaker if you want to eat
- 6:00 pm - Speaker: TBD
- 6:30 pm - Dinner served if ordered before the meeting
- 7:00 pm - Short Business Meeting

Mark Your Calendars

- Jan 11 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Meeting at Miseno's II Ristro Pub
Presentation: TBD
- Jan 16 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Board meeting at Minerva Mills
- Jan 25 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Meeting at Miseno's II Ristro Pub
Presentation: Jeanna Som: Summer Program for Youth Director
- Feb 8 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Meeting at Miseno's II Ristro Pub
Presentation: TBD
- Feb 15 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Board meeting at Minerva Mills
- Feb 22 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Meeting at Miseno's II Ristro Pub
Presentation: TBD
- ~~Mar 11 (Fri) 6:00 pm~~ - Molly Pitcher Award Banquet is **CANCELLED** by the Board of Directors

Wanted: Club President starting in July 2022

If interested, please contact President Terry Young for more information. He is completing his second year.



A Few Words from the President . . .

December was a busy month for the Club and highlighted what a fantastic group we have. Special thanks to John and Susan for their planning and organization of the Children's Christmas Party. And, they couldn't have done it without a lot of help. In addition, we had an extremely successful Salvation Army bell ringing. Barrie Zais was able to keep things straight despite the many late changes. While our Christmas Party was a little different, it was a great opportunity to share some cheer. As mentioned in the newsletter, Covid cautions forced us to cancel the upcoming Molly Pitcher Banquet. Since this is a great opportunity to recognize a deserving individual and highlight our Club, this was very disappointing. Thanks to Wayne Shade and his committee for their efforts. I would like to extend my best wishes for a joyous New Year. Be safe and watch out for each other.

Be safe,

Terry



After Action Survey

Children's Christmas Party on December 5, 2021

Name: _____

1. Would you like to be the committee to help plan the 2022 Children's Christmas Party? Yes / No
2. What would you suggest we keep the same?
3. What would you suggest we change next year?

Return your input to Susan Murray at jdmii@pa.net by February 1, 2022.