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Merry Christmas

The Home Office along with the past and present Board members got together for a Christmas celebration filled with fun, laughter and togetherness. We wanted to share some pictures from the day and wish all of you a very Merry Christmas from all of us at CLC!



The Ugly Sweater Contest Winners!!!

From left to right: Elaine Wehri, Fairy Wagner, Lydia Rall and Loni Perkins.



Facts from Fairy

The holiday season is upon us. With everyone scurrying to buy gifts, decorate their houses, cook holiday meals in preparation for family to visit, it is easy to forget those that are less fortunate or in need of relief. Even with all of the hustle and bustle the Councils of CLC did not forget and made the time to give. I have enjoyed reading the stories and seeing the pictures from our Councils efforts on Make a Difference Day.

I read an article recently that shows the importance of including our children and families in our fraternal activities. They learn so much more by doing and being involved rather than just telling them what they should do. We are all fortunate to have the opportunity to be involved in such a giving way.

I want to thank all of our members and Councils for taking part in Make a Difference Day and for submitting all of your activities. Each members donation is very important to those in your community and to CLC. We submit our activities and volunteer hours to the American Fraternal Alliance. They are our fraternal voice to the government and our way to share what we do to contribute to our communities. Please continue to submit your volunteer hours through your council or online at theclc.org. It is important for CLC as we strive to remain tax exempt as well as make a difference in the lives of those around us.

The November Board meeting was held at the Home Office. The Board voted to continue the current Annuity/IRA interest rates and the Loyalty program. Be sure to contact your local agent for details on how CLC can help you secure your financial future.

With CLC's constitution and by-laws adopted at the last convention there will no longer be a convention.

Because of this our committees are more important than ever. The Board is still looking to fill a vacancy on the Nominating Committee. I hope to announce the members of this committee at the Annual meeting held in October 2019. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Nominating Committee please contact any Board member. Any policy holding member in good standing may serve on a committee or run for a seat on the Board. Each committee sets their own meeting dates and times and usually meet once per year. These committees are essential in the governance of our Society. CLC is obligated to report the minutes and decisions of the committees and the Board to the Ohio Department of Insurance. The assistance of our committees make the process run smoothly.

A big thank you to the Board Compensation Committee members, Theresa Gable, Co. 7, Pat Agner, Co. 7, Teresa Rarhig, Co. 84, Mary Alice Wines, Co. 86 and Betty Simon, Co. 134 for meeting with the Board of Directors in July and for coming together again in October to complete the committees business and report.

Another big thank you to the Audit/Financial Status Committee members, Linda Petersen, Co. 88, Rosemary Smalley, Co. 86, Mary Burkhart, Co. 10, Yvette Higgins, Co. 95 and Rachel Nielsen, Co. 215 for auditing the Society's internal controls and reporting their findings to the Board. The committee was happy to report no issues or concerns were found in the audit.

As we celebrate the holiday season, the Home Office and I want to thank everyone who has remembered Jodi and her family and contributed to the CLC Home Office Christmas Fundraiser to help them. Please remember Jodi as she continues her fight against ovarian cancer. Hold her children close to your hearts and minds as they remain strong and brave to push their mom through this tough time. Your generosity has

ensured that Jodi and her children will have clothes, shoes, coats and gifts to open Christmas morning.

I am thankful that my family is close by and we are able to celebrate Christmas Mass together and welcome the Baby Jesus. I hope your families enjoy and share many memories and traditions.

The Board, Home Office and myself wish everyone a blessed and safe Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

*Merry
Christmas*
and
Happy New Year !

Recipe For Christmas Joy

1/2 c	Hugs
4 tsp	Kisses
2 c	Smiles
4 c	Love
1 c	Special Holiday Cheer
1/2 c	Peace on Earth
3 tsp	Christmas Spirit
2 c	Goodwill Towards Men
1 sprig	Mistletoe

Mix hugs, kisses, smiles and love until consistent. Blend in goodwill towards men. Use the mixture to fill a large warm heart, where it can be stored for a lifetime.

It is especially good when accompanied by Christmas carols and family get-togethers. Serve to one and all!



CLC Giving Back for Make a Difference Day

Joan Gilmore Council #86

I provided a casserole and dessert for a woman who now has custody of two of her grandchildren. She also shares her home with other family members and watches the children from that family when they aren't in school. I thought that giving her a day free from cooking would be good.

She sent these pictures and said "The casserole was good and the apple crisp was completely devoured." When I commented that I hoped she had some rest as a result, she replied, "I did! Sunday went very smooth and we sat around and talked about trick or treaters."



CLC Council 88 presented a check for \$1,000 to Wade Wehri's family. At under a year of age Wade was diagnosed with High Risk Neuroblastoma Cancer, Stage M. Wade's parents were at the hospital with Wade while he received treatment. The money was raised during the council's annual Election Night Supper and matched by the Home Office.

Joanne Gilmore and Theresa Brodman made Sweet Bouquets and delivered them to the Wyandot County Home Staff; The Homes Physical and Occupational Therapists; John's wing nurses and to Hospice of Wyandot County to thank them for their care of John.



Stephanie Jacob of Whole Life Fitness, along with Fairy Wagner, donated breakfast items to Upper Sandusky Middle School.



Shannon Kroll (below) is a Resource Room Teacher at Rosedale Elementary school in Livonia Public School District. She recieved \$250 for her classroom.



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Craft & Bake Sale 10a-3p
Council #86 ~ Carey, OH

DEC 24 Office Closed

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The Charity and Thoughtful Acts of CLC Council Members Create Smiles!

We enjoy sharing the kindness, love and charity our councils provide to their communities all year long. For Make a Difference Day the acts of charity and kindness poured in. CLC would like to thank all of you for your participation, support and the care you displayed this year.

Council #116 Served at a wedding reception for the child of one of their members

Council #7 In thanks to the Council of Aging for all of their care and dedication to their local citizens, Council #7 provided cheese/meat trays with fresh fruit and vegetables for them to enjoy.

Council #179 Sent notes and prayer to 35 care givers in their area and provided a meal for a heart patient

Council #166 Provided babysitting services, transportation for young children, provided meals for neighbors, made visits to nursing homes and visited with and checked in on ill members of their community.

Council #86 Members made gift baskets, donated food items to local school, provided meals to members in the community and took coffee and doughnuts to teachers.

Council #88 Donated money to a local family in need.

Please remember to report your community service hours and acts to your local council or to the Home Office every month!

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those around you.



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