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Becoming a CLC Board Member Does Have Its Perks!

The deadline to submit your resume for a position on the CLC Board of Directors is approaching quickly. You have invested in your future and the future of your family with CLC. Why not become a bigger part of CLC? Learn how CLC works. Be a part of something bigger than yourself and run for a seat on the Board of Directors. Some benefits of being on the Board of Directors could be the following;

Expand Your Network

Most people who are on boards get there because they enjoy networking and have a strong professional circle.

Support Initiatives That Resonate with You

Many individuals join a board as a way to give back. Nonprofit boards can provide an excellent opportunity to positively affect

change or support organizations working towards a cause they are passionate about.

Supplement Your Income

While income and compensation should never be the key motivator in joining a board, we would be remiss in not saying it is a factor to be considered.

Intellectual Challenge

For leaders who are always curious to learn more things, board duties will provide a rewarding intellectual challenge.

Makes You Better at Your Current Job

As a board director, you will gain insight into a new company which probably has a different structure and way of doing business than yours.

Giving Back

Many professionals view board service as a rewarding way to share their skill sets and talents with non-profits that serve a particular mission that they feel passionately about.

If this is something you would like to become a part of, submit your resume to the Home Office no later than January 31, 2021.

Helping Teachers Make A Difference!



CLC wanted to honor teachers for our participation in the 2020 Make A Difference Day. We asked members to nominate a deserving teacher for our drawing. Our top winning teacher was Mrs. Kristen Wendell from St. Peter School in Upper Sandusky. Member Adalee Wagner is presenting her the award of \$300. All teachers nominated received \$100. Member Cashden Wagner is presenting Mrs. Anessa Benjamin, her award. Also, CLC awarded each teacher's school with \$300. St. Peter Principal Blake England received the donation to the school.



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Fairy's Facts

What a different world we are living in. We are constantly reminded to wear masks and stay 6 feet apart from everyone. Hand sanitizer is now a necessity. Family gatherings are on the computer or our phones. I constantly remind myself that God is in control but I also wonder what his plans are for our future. I know we will get through this but it is definitely testing our patience and strengths.

With the continuing rise in COVID infections and deaths, CLC members will not be able to meet at the beginning of 2021. The Board will be meeting in January by Zoom and we will discuss what our options are for 2021. As of, January 1, 2021 there should be no CLC gatherings until further information is received from the State. The Board and I are aware of the toll that it is taking on our members. We are a social community of members that thrives on being together and being part of our communities. With the possibility of the Covid vaccine we hope that our meetings and gatherings can resume soon. Please be careful and safe.

CLC is looking for qualified members to run for the CLC Board of Directors. Resumes and applications need to be to the Home Office or to a Board or Nominating Committee Member by January 31, 2021. The Nominating Committee Members are: Sue Wilson, Co. 95, Barb Verhoff, Co. 215, Dorothy Niese, Co. 6, Sister Deb Wischmeyer Co. 217 and Mary Lou Hoffman, Co. 134. Any CLC benefit member in good standing, ages 18-70, and a communicant of the Roman Catholic church may apply. At this time the Board meets virtually 5 times a year and at the Annual Meeting. The Board's meeting dates and times are decided by the Board members. Being part of the CLC Board has opened up a new world for me. I have learned so much about the Fraternal Insurance Business and I have met so many interesting and wonderful people. I am reading and transferring my Grandmother's diary entries to the computer. Each month starting in 1934, she writes of attending the CLC meetings and parties. I am continuing the tradition of being a CLC member and I look forward to continuing this tradition with my children and grandchildren. If you would like to join an organization that supports our members and their communities please become a CLC member and consider running for a Board position.

Remember the perfect Christmas gift for anyone is a CLC life insurance product. It always fits and you do not have to worry about returning it. Contact your local CLC agent for more information.

As I prepare for Christmas and the arrival of the baby Jesus, I am constantly reminded that this year will be different. My family has cancelled several family gatherings because of the pandemic. I hope my immediate family will be able to celebrate Christmas Mass and dinner together. I will still bake Christmas cookies and Friendship cake, but it will be delivered with no long visits or catching up with family and friends. We all must continue to practice social distancing.

I would like to send special thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Mark Schmeidibush. Mark passed away unexpectedly in November. He was an agent with CLC for four years. He will be missed by all who knew him.

At this special time of year please remember friends and members with a call or send a card. It brightens my day just to see a text or give a friend a call just to hear their voice.

The CLC Board, Office Staff and I wish all members, agents and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Stay Safe.



Christmas Candy Canes

The first recorded 'candy stick' comes from 1837 at an exhibition in Massachusetts in the USA. They started as straight white sugar sticks and a few years later the red stripes were added. The first time they are documented as being called 'candy canes' comes in 1866; and their first connection to Christmas comes from 1874. Early recipes had them as simply 'sugar' flavored. But we're now used to them being flavored with peppermint or wintergreen.

Around 1920, Bob McCormack, from Georgia, USA, started making canes for his friends and family. They became more and more popular and he started his own business called Bob's Candies. Bob McCormack's brother-in-law, Gregory Harding Keller, who was a Catholic priest, invented the 'Keller Machine' that made turning straight candy sticks into curved candy canes automatically! In 2005, Bob's Candies was bought by Farley and Sathers but they still make candy canes!

A story, that's rather nice but probably isn't true, says that German a choirmaster, in 1670, was worried about the children sitting quietly all through the long Christmas nativity service. So he gave them something to eat to keep them quiet! As he wanted to remind them of Christmas, he made them into a 'J' shape like a shepherds crook, to remind them of the shepherds that visited the baby Jesus at the first Christmas.

Sometimes other Christian meanings are giving to the parts of the canes. The 'J' can also mean Jesus. The white of the cane can represent the purity of Jesus Christ and the red stripes are for the blood he shed when he died on the cross. The peppermint flavor can represent the hyssop plant that was used for purifying in the Bible. However, all of these meanings were added to Candy Canes after they had become popular.

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All, in person, CLC events are cancelled for 2020 and until further notice!

Mistletoe Tradition



Mistletoe is a plant that grows on range of trees including willow, apple and oak trees. The tradition of hanging it in the house goes back to the times of the ancient Druids. It is supposed to possess mystical powers which bring good luck to the household and wards off evil spirits. It was also used as a sign of love and friendship in Norse mythology.

The custom of kissing under Mistletoe comes from England. The earliest recorded date mentioning kissing under the mistletoe is in 1784 in a musical. There was kissing under the mistletoe in the illustrations in the first book version of 'A Christmas Carol' published in 1843, and this might have helped to popularize kissing under the mistletoe. The original custom was that a berry was picked from the sprig of Mistletoe before the person could be kissed and when all the berries had gone, there could be no more kissing!

2021 Scholarship Applications Arriving Soon!

Just a reminder of the Fraternal Benefit for any CLC Member attending a university, college or trade school with the intention of completing an undergraduate, graduate, associate degree or professional requirement. Now is the time to prepare to apply for a CLC scholarship.

Members are eligible to win a \$1000.00 scholarship up to two times during their school years. CLC offers 25, \$1000 scholarships a year to members. Members must have held a CLC Life Insurance policy for three years before applying for the scholarship. Eligible students will receive an application in the mail or they may obtain one on theclc.org website.

This is the perfect time to insure your students. The policies will allow them to apply for a scholarship and prepare them for their future. Life insurance makes a great Birthday or Christmas gift and a start for their financial future. Please contact your local agent or the home office at theclc.org or call 1-800-845-0494 for more information.

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