



Mid-Ohio Food Bank Donation!



Members from Columbus Council 95 presented a check to Mid-Ohio Food bank on their Double Donation Day. The \$500 CLC Charitable Contributions check was matched dollar for dollar by corporate sponsors to equal \$1000 dollars donated in CLC's name. The funds go to help feed the less fortunate in Franklin County.

Ronald McDonald House Thankful for Annual Donation



Sharon Calvelage representing CLC and Marlena Ballinger of The Dough Hook Meat Market are presenting the Ronald McDonald House in Toledo with a \$500 check from CLC and over \$1100 worth of meat. The meat was the result of The Dough Hook's annual participation in their pantry partnership and their customer's donations.

Save The Bees!

Save the bees! ... A single bee colony can pollinate 300 million flowers each day. Grains are primarily pollinated by the wind, but fruits, nuts and vegetables are pollinated by bees. Seventy out of the top 100 human food crops — which supply about 90 percent of the world's nutrition — are pollinated by bees.

How can you help? One of the largest threats to bees is the lack of habitat due to urban sprawl. If you notice a lack of green space in your neighborhood, you can volunteer to plant a bee garden or create a habitat corridor with nectar-rich plants such as wildflowers. You don't need a ton of space to help save the bees-gardens can be established in small spaces like balconies or street corners, and flowers can be planted along roadways and other public areas.



Flowers help feed bees and other valuable pollinators. Not only will you be helping save the bees by planting bee-friendly plants, but you'll be helping your garden as well.

Some tips:

- Avoid hybrid flowers, which may be sterile and have little or no nectar or pollen
- Skip the double flowers, which lack pollen
- Make sure you'll have blooms for bees year round.
- Plant flowers in patches - bees like to focus on one flower type at a time
- Leave an undisturbed plot for ground-nesting bees

You can do your part to save the bees on your own, but just like a colony of honeybees, making real change takes strength in numbers! Educate your friends, family, and community on how to help bees by becoming a bee ambassador.



New CLC Products!

CLC is excited to announce our new life insurance products to include guaranteed level premium 10, 20 and 30 year term. Our 20-Pay whole life and New Age whole life will offer a Single Premium Paid-Up Addition rider.

All life products, except K.I.D.S. Plan, will have an accelerated death benefit (terminal illness). For details, go to the product page at www.theclc.org. Check out the needs analysis calculator and life insurance planner and call your agent for a review.



Fairy's Facts

Welcome the first day of Spring on March 19. A sure sign of spring, around me, is when The KofC fish fries start. It is then I know Easter and spring flowers are very close.

The Board met in January and passed a Whistleblower and Anti-Nepotism policy. As we continue to improve and update our policies and procedures CLC is committed to improve the governance and success of our society. The Board also updated CLC's Strategic Plan and voted to continue with the Member Scholarships, Charitable Donation and Matching Funds programs available to agents and councils.

Because of our benefit members we are able to continue with our fraternal programs. Each member that has an active policy contributes to CLC's fraternal benefits. Now is the time to invest for your future. Life Insurance, IRA's and Roth IRA's make a great investment for yourself or as a gift for a friend or family member. For more information contact the home office at 800-845-0494 or your local agent or council.

The President's letter has been sent to each council. Included in the letter was the Scholarship, Charitable Donation and Matching Funds forms. Also included was the Council audit form. Please fill out and return it to the Board member listed or the home office. Councils should also file the 990N with the IRS. It is your council's way to register as a tax-exempt organization.

This is also a good time to update your personal information at the home office.

CLC will not be publishing a February Index we will publish an August edition with the annual meeting information included. New insurance illustration software will soon be delivered to our agents. Because of the new life expectancy calculations some rates have been lowered. This is necessary for the continued updating of our business. Contact your local agent for more information.

CLC's top selling agents will be attending the Leadership Conference this month along with Loni Perkins, COO, Gail Kroll; VP of Sales and Marketing, and Celeste Stultz; Creative Director. Congratulations to them and continued success working with CLC.

CLC is thankful to have such a dedicated work force. The nominating committee: Sue Wilson Co. 95, Barb Verhoff Co. 215, Dorothy Niese Co. 6, Sister Deb Wischmeyer Co. 217, and Mary Lou Hoffman Co. 134 will meet March 7. They will compile a list of qualified applicants to run in the 2021 Board elections. The qualifications are that the applicant has to be a benefit member in good standing, a communicant of the Catholic Church and between the ages of 18-70.

If you are interested or know of someone who would agree to serve as a Board member please contact the nominating committee, home office or myself for more information.

A volunteer hour postcard has been included in member's statements. Please complete and return the information to the home office or you may email the information to society@theclc.org.

We know so many of our members volunteer and do not report their contributions. This information will be totaled and included in our report to the American Fraternal Alliance.

Join Hands Day is May 2, 2020. The Board recommends that CLC supports our local teachers. In some of the schools the teachers have a wish list. Members may want to support their wishes or give them a remembrance for educating our children. If you have students in school include them in your plans to support their teacher. Please take pictures and let us know what you do. You can submit your photos and ideas at theclc.org.

I will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day at the St. Peter School benefit auction. It is a great way to spend time with friends and family while supporting our local PreK-6 grade Catholic School. If you would like to join me and other CLC members contact me for more information. It is an entertaining evening with great food, a silent auction and a live auction.

Irish Blessing; May joy and peace surround you, contentment latch your door, and happiness be with you now, and bless you evermore.



CLC Appreciation Day With The Clippers!

Lets go out to the ball game!
Columbus Clippers vs. Toledo Mud Hens
May 30, 2020 @ 7:15pm
\$36 per adult and \$33 per child
Pre-game buffet & seats on the Pedalyte
Patio Call now for your seats.
RSVP! First come first served!
800-845-0494

Join Hands Day to Benefit Schools & Teachers

Join Hands Day was launched in 2000 by the American Fraternal Association. It is meant to focus, not just on volunteering, but also on developing adult and youth relationships.

In the past our councils and members have helped food pantries, soup kitchens, made birthday boxes, cleaned up communities and many other activities. This year we, the Fraternal Committee, would like to focus on teachers. We would like to see councils and CLC members help in some way.

Each council should choose how they would like to participate. Perhaps your council is very active and would like to jump in and help a teacher with an activity or project he/she is working on. Maybe your council will want to make a difference by giving money to a teacher or a school to purchase the things they need most.

Some teachers have a wish list on Amazon. These lists are created to get assistance with purchasing supplies for their room or for their students. Councils could ask members and the kids to nominate a teacher or school in need. Perhaps donate money so that children would be able to purchase something from the book fair when it comes around. Maybe there is a reading program the teacher would be able to purchase books, for each child, that would allow all of the children to participate in. This would be an easy way to participate in a Join Hands Day project.

We all know that there are volunteers who give their time and usually have limited resources for teaching. Lets make sure our teachers know how much we appreciate all that they do! Shower them with what they need most on Join Hands Day, May 02, 2020.

St. Barbara's Fish Fry



The ladies of council 10 in Coverdale, Ohio attended the St. Barbara's Fish Fry to lend a hand. The volunteers helped serve the meals to all those in attendance and clean up after the event.



Window Restoration



Catholic Ladies of Columbia members Nichole Burton, Desiree Young, Laurie Vent and Gayle Alspach present a check to Father Conrad Sutter, pastor of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. Council 86 raised over \$740.00 at their Christmas party from the gift basket silent auction. The money will be added to the Kirby St. Mary's Chapel window restoration fund.



Pizza Bringing Folks Together!



Upper Sandusky Council 86 enjoyed a pizza party provided by the home office at their Feb. meeting. The council was drawn at the CLC Annual meeting as the winner of the Index article contest. Each time a council's news article or picture was entered in the Index the council was entered into a drawing for a pizza party. Over 45 members and guests attended along with special guest Father Conrad Sutter, Transfiguration of the Lord, Pastor. The council wants to thank the home office for the pizza provided by Nine Flags pizza in Upper Sandusky.



Members share in the spiritual benefits of being enrolled in a perpetual membership with the Sisters of Notre Dame. If you need a special prayer, individual requests can be sent directly to Sister Deb by sending an email to clcprayerrequests@gmail.com. Local councils have annual Masses for their living and deceased members. If requested, CLC council members will offer prayers at a member's funeral services. Even in death, CLC supports and honors our members.

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Shipshewana Bus Trip Time!

Cloverdale Council 10 annual bus trip to Shipshewana will be on May 6, 2020. We will visit the flea market, enjoy a great buffet lunch and see the musical "Stolen." The entire bus trip and all of the events for the great price of \$85.

Reservations required by March 20, 2020.

Call 419-488-2381 or 419-488-2415.



MAR 14 St. Peter School Benefit
Upper Sandusky auction

MAR 17 St. Patrick's Day

APR 10 Good Friday - Office Closed

APR 12 Easter

APR 22 Spring Fling III!
Must RSVP no later
than April 10, 2020

APR 30- MAY 1
Council #86 Rummage Sale!

MAY 02 Join Hands Day

MAY 09 MS Walk @ Capital University

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