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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"Happy New Year" and it's off to the Races as this is the Year of the Horse! As we start a new year it is time to prepare for our busy fundraising season. We have many projects that require hard work but are also fun events! Fundraising, service to youth, and club building require club member's participation to make our events successful. Please support our committee chair-persons in upcoming events. Mark L. Cook

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BLACKHURST

Mike Ebert and Cheryl Graber would like to thank the volunteers who assisted with the party and those who provided gifts and food supplies for the children and families at Blackhurst Elementary School. Members volunteering were: Dave Borgmeyer, Jackie Borgmeyer, Mark Cook, Mike Ebert, Steve Hempel, Mark Harrigan and members of the JOOI Club.

195 children attended the event. Mike reports it was a wonderful Christmas event. Pictures with Santa, movie & popcorn were provided for the children. The children made frames for their pictures and they all left with candy canes as well as smiles on their faces. The club donated ten \$50 food cards for the families. This project was in cooperation with "Read & Reach."



Mark and Mike
 GET READY TO
 PARTY



Jackie and Ellen
 WORK WITH THE
 CHILDREN ON
 THEIR PROJECTS

CLUB WEBSITE

Have you visited the club's website lately?
 You'll find an interesting record of our club's activities.

BELL RINGERS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY



Fred McGinley, Bell Ringing Chairman, extended his thanks to those members who volunteered this year to ring the Salvation Army bell at Schnucks: Dave Borgmeyer, Jackie Borgmeyer, Mark Cook, Dulcie Couillard, Mike Ebert, Joe Gegg, Paul Hauser, Jean Kent, Larry Kraft, Jeff Marion, Pat McDonnell, Fred McGinley, Ellen Parker, Gerry Prinster, Carl Sandstedt, Ralph Sundermeier, Alan Suit, Laura Whitehead, Dale Westby. The St. Charles Optimist Club is not only the friend of youth but of the whole community.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 9th, will be the date to tee off at Bear Creek Golf Club. Workers, Sponsors, Foursomes are needed.

CCC PIG

The pig has gotten healthy this fall.
 So far, \$222.52 has been collected.

ST. CHARLES WEST CHOIR PRESENTED SONGS OF CHRISTMAS



REMINDER

If you have changed your address, phone numbers or other information that you wish to register with the club, please let our secretary, Fred McGinley, know. 636 639-1446 or <fmginley@sbcglobal.net>.

BIRTHDAYS

Steve Hempel 1/3
 Melvin Bishop 1/9
 Mark Cook 1/15
 Connie Ebert 1/24
 Mike King 1/24

ANNIVERSARIES

Fred & Lori McGinley 1/14
 John & Lorraine Sarantakis 1/24

NOON MEETINGS

Tuesday 1/7
 Tara Olenдорf
 Orchard Farm
 Social Worker

Tuesday 1/14 TBA
 Tuesday 1/21 TBA
 Board Meeting @ 1:00
 Tuesday 1/28
 Dana Buchanan
 Foundation Awardee

EVENTS

Spelling Bees
 Elementary 1/22
 Middle School 2/5
 Golf Tournament
 June 9th



"PROMISE TO MAKE ALL YOUR FRIENDS FEEL THAT HERE IS SOMETHING IN THEM."

FRIEND OF YOUTH