# THE BENV BUZZ

#### OUR MONTHLY KIWANIS NEWSLETTER



# WELCOME TO THE KIWANIS CLUB OF BALD EAGLE AND NITTANY VALLEYS

By President Penny

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old, familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good-will to men!" – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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# WHAT DID **DECEMBER BRING?**



**Update - an important message from Santa and Mrs.** Claus:

Since our annual Santa's Workshop has been cancelled, the Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys will

bring you the "25 Days of Christmas".

Each day, from December 1st through 25th, we will share

an activity to do with your family. Some are fun, some

quirky, and others will spread joy and cheer to all who

hear. Check out our Facebook page every day for the new

Well, Covid strikes again! Santa's Workshop has been cancelled! Santa and Elves are disappointed, but will not give up! They guickly reorganized by gathering all their minds and creative ideas and came up with a social media event! "25 Days of Christmas! "Yes" they said! This will work! And so it began, each day, for 25 days an event was posted. But never fear, there will be a Santa's Workshop next year!



December 1 and 25 for a new idea to celebrate the season and spread joy and cheer to your family, friends, and neighbors.



#### "BUT WAIT" SAID ONE OF THE ELVES! "WHAT ABOUT ALL THE LITTLE ONES WHO WANT TO SEE SANTA, WHAT CAN WE DO"

THE BENV KIWANIS WITH THE HELP OF PARTNER MILL HALL FIRE DEPARTMENT CAME TO THE RESCUE. On a snowy December 16th, the Fireman braved the elements and escorted Santa and Mrs. Claus, (shown at left) in a truck driven by elves Matt and Chrissy through the town of Mill Hall. Little ones and adults, looked out their windows and saw the Magical Man waving to them, assuring them all is well for Christmas in Mill Hall!!!



December birthdays Penny Meyers December 10 Amy Yocum December 15 Jennifer Irvin December 18 Denise Boone Dember 29 Club Anniversaries Ginny Counsil December 2014 Dawna Straub December 2014 Son's of Italy December 2018 Amy Yocum December 2020

# **Other News and Service**

# **Service Leadership Programs**

Chrissy Wise, advisor for Circle K, our SLP at LHU stated that the Circle K has done 25 Jared Boxes to be donated to the local hospital. The club had donated \$100 to Circle K for projects such as this throughout their year.



## **Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)**

The club has been supporting Nurse Family Partnership for the past several years as part of Young Children Priority One (YCPO). This month, Della Watson presented the club with a list of items needed for new mothers. Avery Dennison, which has supported our club with several projects donated \$100 towards the service project, and our club donated \$200. Della purchased items and gave them to the organization. Because of Covid, no pictures were taken.



# **Business "Stuff"**

**Club Waiver Policy** 

Starting November 1, 2020, the Kiwanis Insurance policy will no longer cover claims related to someone claiming they became infected with COVID-19 at a Kiwanis meeting or event. Jenn Paucke and Matt Wise are working on the waiver which will be signed by all persons attending any Kiwanis meetings or events that our club is not responsible. A copy of the waiver will be on file and will be good for one year. At in-person meetings and events, temperatures will be taken and a series of questions will be asked. Masks will be worn. The waiver will be finalized for approval at January Board Meeting.

#### TECH TEAM

There is a new team in the BENV club. It is a "Tech Team" comprised of four members. Matt Wise, Chrissy Wise, Tia Hillyer and Ricky Reinberg. This group will lead us into new technology with revamping our website and when the time is right, introduce members to in person training of Microsoft Teams. Stay tuned!!

#### AUDIT

Last, but not least in the yearly audit. Dave Shickel, current Vice President and Past treasurer will gather the documents and create a packet for an audit review. Members Carole Livingston and Ginny Counsil have consented to be on the audit committee. They will review the documents and combine notes into one report. Good Luck girls, and thank you for doing this important task!

#### **COMING NEXT**

January 6--Board Meeting January 20, Member Meeting Cemetery Project--Lisa Sente Kash Bash/Kash Raffle--Matt Wise/Tim Meyers

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY HAS ALSO BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS. PLEASE HAVE A SAFE AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!