



KIWANIS CONNECTION

Message from the President

Time flies when you're having fun! The first quarter of the 24-25 Kiwanis administrative year sure did fly by! And WOW were we busy. According to the way KI calculates our service we accomplished 218 service projects and clocked 2,118 service hours! We also attended 5 interclub meetings. But probably the better assessment of our efforts can be found in Marianne's weekly reports and Board meeting minutes. Our large service projects like Sheraden Spooktacular and Sheraden Shines come to mind but it's the little things that each of our members do that make a difference in our community, driving a neighbor to a doctor's appointment, the book giveaways we do at every event, the Little Free Library, the Blessings in a Backpack providing nutritious snacks for students experiencing food insecurity at home, and on and on! This is why we ask EVERY MEMBER to complete a monthly service report. It is the only way we can keep track of all of the wonderful service each of you are performing for our neighbors and our community. I know you are all incredibly busy, but we want that work to be counted toward our community impact, so PLEASE take a few minutes at the end of each month to fill out a service report. You might be surprised at how much service you have performed without even thinking about it!

Maureen Reynolds - January 2025



Rotarians Treat Kiwanians to Dinner

On Thursday, November 21st our club had the pleasure of having the Crafton Ingram Rotary serve us a catered dinner as a Thank You for the help we give to their organization at their August Rib and Chicken Fest! There were a few gentlemen from their club that had their tuxes on!! Their club served us and quite honestly it was really nice for me to be on the other side of the buffet!

We then gathered upstairs in the church and listened as their club president Sue Tresetti shared her father's story as a holocaust survivor! Boy what an emotional evening! When Sue was finished with her presentation, our club president Maureen Reynolds, presented her with our monthly club Above and Beyond recognition award! Needless to say Sue was overwhelmed! It's great that these two service organizations work so well together and will continue to do so!



Crafton-Ingram

Rotary



2024 - 2025 Installation of Officers and Directors and Awards Annual Banquet

"Hop on Board with the Kiwanis Club of Sheraden!"

was our theme for this year's banquet, which was held at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum in Washington, PA on October 10. The evening started with a tour of the newly re-opened museum and rides on the antique trolleys housed at the museum. During our delicious banquet meal, catered by the Spring House Restaurant of Eighty-Four PA, we viewed a slide presentation documenting all of the amazing service our Club performed during the 23-24 Administrative year, honoring outgoing President Keith Smith for his year of superb leadership.

Our program for the evening was packed, beginning with Region 2 Trustee Shawn Smith and Division 5 Lt. Governor Wayne Meyer installing our new directors Karen Byerly, Melisa Cardillo, and Jeff Carter, returning directors Jan Schubert, Carol Schwartz, and Tracy Smith, as well as the incoming officers, Jodie Welser, Treasurer, Marianne Muraska, Secretary, Barb Carter, President-Elect, and Maureen Reynolds, President, and Keith Smith, Immediate Past President. Also recognized were the Sheraden Kiwanis Foundation Board members, President Debbie Whitfield, Vice President Kara Whitfield, Secretary Aimee Wysocki, Treasurer Andrea Cuda-Gillespie, and Board members Iain Gillespie, Sandy Maker and Shawn Smith. We also inducted two new members into the Club, Emma Galiardi, sponsored by Barb Carter, and Fran Ulrich, sponsored by Aimee Wysocki.



Club awards as provided by PA District of Kiwanis included recognition of our Club as a Distinguished Club for the 2022-23 year with Wayne Meyer as President. We also were awarded 1st place in Club Communications for 2023-2024 and 3rd place for Community Communications for 2023-2024. Distinguished Member pins for 2023-2024 were presented to Wayne Meyer, Marianne Muraska, Maureen Reynolds, Shawn Smith and Keith Smith. We had more Distinguished Kiwanians this year than any other club in our district. We also presented a special recognition in memoriam of former member Manjula Germanwala to her spouse Vasant Germanwala. We then recognized our Kiwanian of the Year, Evelyn Novak, for her exceptional dedication to service in our community.

For the first time in the history of Kiwanis International, the International Convention 2025 will be held in Pennsylvania, and Pittsburgh is the city honored to be the host city. As such several members of our Club are serving on the planning committee, including Shawn Smith as the Host Committee Chairperson. Shawn presented a brief promotional slideshow and video promoting the 2025 International Convention in Pittsburgh. We were honored to have several guests from other Kiwanis Clubs in the tri-state area, including Lt. Governor Mary Kay Olashuk of the Capital District and member of the Kiwanis Club of Weirton, WV, as well as members from the Kiwanis Clubs of Glenshaw (PA), Scottdale (PA), and Suncrest-Morgantown (WV), and guests from the Sheraden Community Council. President Maureen ended the evening with her goals for the 24-25 administrative year. These goals are simply to (1) meet the criteria for a Distinguished Club per Kiwanis International and PA District guidelines, and (2) to commit to do all that we can to support the Host Committee to make the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention the best convention ever in the history of Kiwanis.

On December 6th, the Sheraden Community came together at the newly named Kiwanis Korner to celebrate Sheraden Shines. This is an annual Community Council event to show off the holiday spirit and light up the community decorations. As always, the Kiwanis Club members were happy to lend a big helping hand to make it a great evening.



After handing out lots of fiber-optic wands to add a bit more sparkle to the evening, Santa and Ms. Claus counted down the lighting of the decorations, a ribbon was cut to officially open the newly acquired space, and a proclamation was read in honor of the Kiwanis Club of Sheraden Foundation. Our Kiwanis DJ kept the festive music going, we provided crafts, books, and gifts for the children, and Santa and Ms. Claus handed out a goodie bags full of treats.

The Sheraden Community Council provided pizza, cookies, and hot chocolate. They also invited the Pittsburgh Callithumpian Society to join the party. The Callithumpian Society worked with the kids from Hope for Tomorrow to build paper lanterns and ultimately provide a wonderful lighted lantern parade with some caroling.

The community was also able to enjoy a visit from the Pittsburgh Police and Fire Department. The street was blocked off and the officers brought out lots of trucks and SWAT vehicles and even some pony officers for everyone to check out.

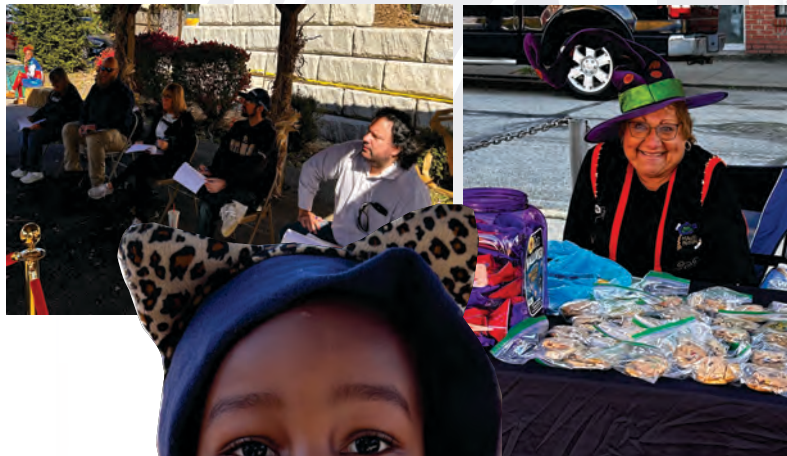
Although it was a very cold night, we had a huge turnout of community members to enjoy the festivities. It was a terrific night had by all.



Sheraden Spooktacular

Was held on Saturday, October 26 at the Kiwanis Korner in Sheraden and was a tremendous success! The weather was perfect for this event.

A count was established of 96 children attending, plus parents and grandparents. Everyone was well-behaved, the crafts were busy, all of our books and many early learning guides were taken by attendees, and the treat distribution went smoothly, with most of the treats given away as well.



Special thanks to Cindy and Doug Woods as project co-chairs, Aimee Wysocki as the liaison with Sheraden Community Council, Shawn Smith as master of ceremonies, and to all the members who were there to help out. Looking forward to next year to a larger event that would collaborate with the Truck-or-Treat event.



Kiwanis Builders Club®

Building Leaders

Langley Builders Club

We are strictly a service club. Each meeting we complete at least one service project to benefit the residents at the VA Hospital/Residence in Aspinwall PA. In the months of October through January we were quite busy!!

October

- Made 100 Autumn Poem Cards
- Made 100 Halloween Cards with their own designed pumpkins on the front

November

- Made 100 Thanksgiving Day cards with their own designed turkeys

December

- Made 100 snowman holiday cards
- Made 100 Christmas decorated dinner placemats
- Filled 130 Snowman Soup bags filled with an instructional poem, a packet of hot chocolate, bag of marshmallow and a candy cane for the children in the Pre-school and kindergarten classes at Langley PreK-8 School.

January

- Made 100 winter poem cards decorated cans for collecting aluminum pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald Houses
- We look forward to working with the students and making service oriented memories for them.

PCA Builders Club

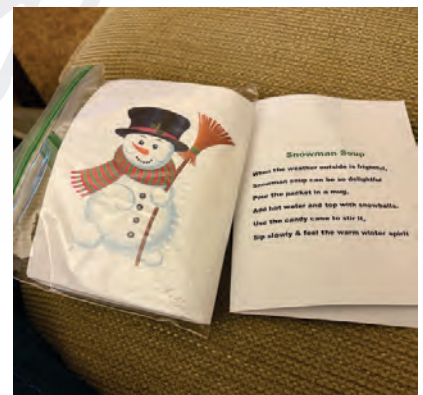
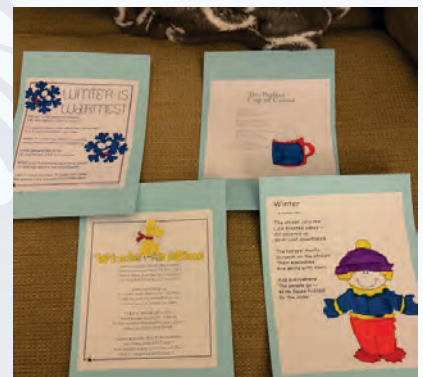
The 2024-2025 PCA Builders Club is off to a good start. We have Di Stoehr, Maureen Reynolds, Tracy Smith, Marianne Muraska and Keith Smith helping out this year as each is able. We are meeting bi-weekly if the school and our schedule allows. Besides our members, there are usually 3-4 teachers to help out also.

We have approximately 17 students participating and they are very excited that we are continuing to have a Builder's Club again this year.

Most of the projects we are doing include some type of artwork or cutting and pasting of items on cards, posters or other items as we see fit at each meeting. Our projects so far have been Thanksgiving cards, Christmas cards, welcome back posters, holiday placemats, Snowman soup bags, Veterans cards, etc. These items are distributed to the Meals on Wheels program or the VA Hospital and to some of the early learning childhood students. Each time we do a project with the students, we also provide them with some type of snack/candy at the end of the workshop. (Which they look forward to)

In addition to these activities with the Builders Club, the Social Worker at the school has asked us if we would be able to participate in a program for other students which we have decided on a "Terrific Kids" program. We are working out the details and hope this will promote perfect attendance at the school, which is Langley PreK-8.

Kiwanis
TERRIFIC KIDS





Fall Pancake Breakfast

Our fall pancake breakfast was held on Saturday November 9, 2024. There were wonderful raffle baskets to try and win and also had our bake sale to select sweet treats! The crowd was steady starting at 7:30 with our early birds! We had a great turnout also from our club members to work that morning; which helps make the day go very smoothly!



On February 6th, Community Connections celebrated Valentine's Day a little early. The Pittsburgh Public School District provided lunch that consisted of chicken sandwiches, Mac and cheese, salad and desserts. Other PPS special needs students were invited to attend in the celebrations as well. The students love to see friends that they do not see on a daily basis due to them attending school at a different site. All students received a Valentine's gift of candy from Aktion Club Leaders and also were entertained by one of the students who was excellent impersonating Michael Jackson. He nailed it.



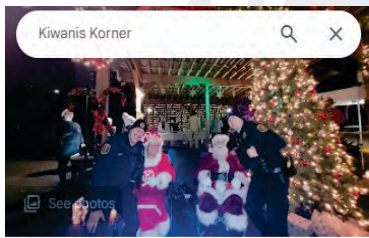


**Foundation President
Debbie Whitfield**

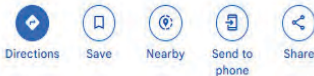
Foundation News

On December 6, 2024, the Sheraden Kiwanis Foundation cut the ribbon on our new acquisition, Kiwanis Korner. Thanks to the generosity of Cozza Enterprises, who gifted the property to the foundation, we now have a physical presence in the Sheraden community for Kiwanis. The celebration was part of our Sheraden Shines festivity and was celebrated with many families from the neighborhood. In addition to hot cocoa, pizza and cookies, the kids enjoyed making ornaments and meeting Santa. The community council partnered with the Kiwanis club on the event and provided the food for the evening. Councilwoman Theresa Kail Smith presented the foundation with a proclamation from the city, naming December 6, 2024 to be Sheraden Kiwanis Foundation Day in the city of Pittsburgh.

The foundation has plans for Kiwanis Korner, beginning with sealing both the pavilion and the grounds and looking at the possibility of raised flower beds to make Kiwanis Korner a beautiful corner in the community. We are also raising money with a brick sale for funds to bring additional improvements to the area. If you would like to purchase a brick, please see any foundation member.



Kiwanis Korner
Park



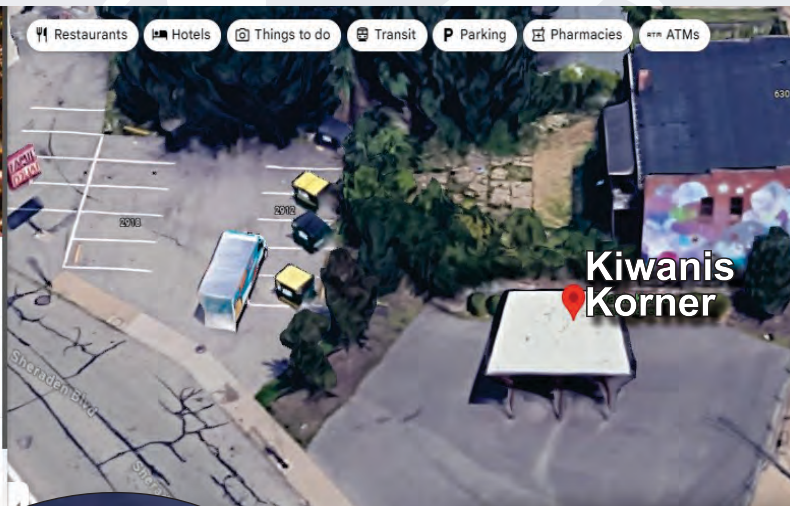
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Popular times Wednesdays



**Kiwanis
Korner**



Buy a BRICK support the **Kiwanis CLUB OF SHERADEN FOUNDATION**

Do you want an opportunity to leave your mark on Sheraden while helping the Kiwanis Club of Sheraden Foundation's mission of supporting the Sheraden Community and Greater West-Pittsburgh Area? Purchase a brick to be installed at the new Kiwanis Korner Pavilion! Personalize a brick for yourself, your family, in honor or memory of a loved one, celebrate a milestone or thank someone that has made an impact in your life or the life of the Sheraden Community. This is the perfect way to tie the old with the new, commemorating lifetime residents with our new neighbors, and celebrating the new hubs of community events, The Pavilion at Kiwanis Korner! Don't miss this opportunity to become part of the legacy of Sheraden and help create a space for many to enjoy in the future!

Bricks will be installed at The Pavilion at Kiwanis Korner in the Spring of 2025!

NAME: _____
PHONE #: _____
ADDRESS: _____
EMAIL: _____

CHOOSE ONE: ☐ One Brick ☐ Two Bricks (Small One Brick commitment is an investment) ☐ With Artwork/Logo ☐ Without Artwork/Logo

Top Line: []
Middle Line: []
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Artwork Code Number: [] [] [] [] ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Venmo - Coming Soon ☐ Credit Card - Coming Soon

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Three Lines of Text 20 Characters Per Line Without Artwork
One Brick - \$75
Two Bricks - \$125
(Save \$25 and make an even bigger impact!)

Three Lines of Text 15 Characters Per Line With Artwork/Logo
One Brick - \$75
Two Bricks - \$125
(Save \$25 and make an even bigger impact!)

For more information, reach out to us at kiwanisheradenfoundation@gmail.com
Please mail checks to: "KOS Bricks" c/o Aimee Wysocki, 534 Hammond St., Pgh., PA 15204

Message from Lt. Governor Wayne Meyer

I stated in my last post, I want to highlight the clubs in our Division. This month is the Kiwanis club of Sewickley. The club itself was chartered on Wednesday October 23, 1926. So next year they will be celebrating their 100th anniversary.



Wayne D. Meyer
Lt. Gov. Division 5
District Chair, Human
and Spiritual Values

Their President is Lucas Myslinski; Vice President, Allen Gleason; Secretary, Bob Marko and Treasurer, Dennis Shea. Although they are a small club and mostly seniors, they meet regularly and try to stay as active as possible.

First and foremost, they sponsor 8 SLP's, a true feat in itself. They stay in contact with these groups and visit as much as possible. Their biggest fund raiser is their fall vendor fair. They literally take up a large portion of downtown Sewickley and if you have never had the opportunity to go to the three-day event you have to go and experience all the excitement and purchase some wonderful crafts.

This year they made a donation to the Governor's project, "Bucks for Babies" and donated 48 play-dough cans to "Kaitlin Smiles." At the last meeting I attended, they were brainstorming about how they could increase their membership.

Bob and Sylvia Marko support the activities of other clubs and attend Mid-Year and District Conventions. They meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, usually at an Eat 'n Park where they proudly display their banner! If you have the opportunity, go and visit with this small but wonderful group of men and women!



This special recognition is made to members of the community who through their dedication to service for others is outstanding. Each month we look to members of the community who are not members of our Kiwanis Club of Sheraden and exemplify service. The following people were recognized by our club this Kiwanis Year.



NOVEMBER: SUE TRESATTI

Who has generously donated time, food and gifts to many volunteer organizations as a former owner of the Crafton-Ingram Giant Eagle (including our club); who has volunteered her own time and personal donations as a member of the Crafton-Ingram Rotary and now as President; and who continues to educate communities about the history and her personal knowledge of the Holocaust. Thank you for your service to our local communities and to our brothers and sisters in Rotary!

DECEMBER: SUSAN GRAB

Who has generously donated her time making hat, scarf and glove sets, filling mugs with candies, collecting themed books and stuffed animals, donating assorted Hershey candy for various club events, donating raffle basket prizes for our fundraisers and demonstrating the 6 Objects of Kiwanis. Our club is blessed to have you as a friend and supporter.

FLAGS OVER SHERADEN

**IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT OUR
FLAGS OVER SHERADEN PROGRAM
IS CELEBRATING ITS
20TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR.**

**Thank you to all our community
and club members in keeping this event
going through out the years.**



To show some pride in our neighborhood, the Kiwanis Club of Sheraden has rolled up our sleeves and gotten our hands a little dirty. Throughout the summer and fall seasons, the Kiwanis Club of Sheraden helped the Sheraden Neighbors Group clean up the neighborhood.

Sheraden Neighbors held a few cleanup events which included the City-wide Garbage Olympics, as well as partnering with the University of Pittsburgh on their Day of Giving. At each of those events, we had both community and club members walking the streets and alleys collecting bags and bags of trash. The City of Pittsburgh crews then had to come with dump trucks to remove all the collected waste.

Sheraden Neighbors also has some decorated garbage cans placed through the neighborhood. These cans have been painted by kids from Hope for Tomorrow and have also been decorated by the community at the Kiwanis Kids Day Event. A number of Kiwanis Members have adopted a can or two and have committed to maintaining and emptying the cans each week to keep up on the trash.

Every little bit helps to keep up on the trash, and the Kiwanis Club of Sheraden sure is doing a big part in that effort.



It is always great to bring new friends into our Sheraden Kiwanis family.



Welcome

Let's Meet Our New Members

We inducted Fran Ulrich and Emma Galiardi as new members at our Annual Banquet in October! On February 13, we unanimously inducted Jennie Miller as new a member into the club.



FRAN ULRICH

is a lifelong Sheraden resident, living now in the same house where he grew up. He holds a Master's degree in Sociology from Duquesne University, and a Master's Degree in Health Administration from the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health. In his career he has been a counselor, team leader, Program Director, Executive Director, and Governing Board member, along with opportunities to serve on local, county and state advisory committees and task force initiatives focused on the needs of persons with disabilities. He has also served as a Clinical Instructor and full-time faculty member in the Division of Continuing Mental Health Education, Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute at Drexel University and as Assistant Professor, and full-time faculty member in the Department of Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Counseling Professions, School of Health Professions at Rutgers University. Now retired, Fran hopes to find time to restore

the family home to its original splendor, and to be an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Sheraden and the Sheraden Community Council. He also is involved with Age Friendly Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Regional Transit Authority.



EMMA GALIARDI

Comes to us with a K family pedigree that few of us have. Emma attended Thiel College in Greenville, PA where she was an active member and officer of the Circle K club there. While there she was elected as Circle K Governor for the PA District. After graduation, she accepted a position at the Bradley Center in Pittsburgh working with children and families affected by trauma, mental illness, and behavioral health challenges. Emma knew she wanted to become a Kiwanis member so she visited our Club this past summer at our outing at Jan Schubert's home, and decided there that the Kiwanis Club of Sheraden was THE Kiwanis Club to join.



JENNIE MILLER

is a newer resident to the area, she moved to Crafton Heights from Squirrel Hill one year ago. Since her move, Jennie has been looking for opportunities to get involved in the community. Jennie grew up in West Middlesex, PA and went to college at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY for Biomechanical Engineering. After graduating, she moved to Pittsburgh and worked as a Biomedical Engineer for the UPMC Artificial Heart Program and as a Lab Manager at Carnegie Mellon University. After recognizing these career paths weren't the right fit for her, Jennie pursued a Master in Health Administration (MHA) at the University of Pittsburgh. During that time, she worked as an Administrative Resident for the President of UPMC Western Behavioral Health. Jennie loves to travel and explore the outdoors. Post-MHA graduation, Jennie went on a six-month journey that changed her life and career trajectory. Jennie currently works as a

private equity investor, providing homeownership opportunities within the Greater Pittsburgh Area, and as a Value-Based Reimbursement Strategist at UPMC Health Plan. Jennie became interested in joining Kiwanis after hearing about her mother's positive experiences with the Shenango Valley Kiwanis Club. Jennie was drawn to THATClub because of its large involvement in the community. Jennie is excited and eager to get involved!

Congratulations all. Please take the time to chat with Fran, Emma and Jennie to get to know them.

Did you know that 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 13 boys experience abuse? This sad statistic spans worldwide, across all ages and socioeconomic levels, ethnicities, genders and within big and small communities. 89% of abusers are people that the children knows, loves and trusts. What's even worse, is that it is believed that 85% of child abuse victims never report their abuse. Abuse, whether it's sexual, emotional or physical, leads to damaging effects that can last an entire lifetime. Every year, Kiwanians interact with more than 300,000 members of Kiwanis youth programs.



Because of this, the Sheraden club held our Annual Youth Protection Training on December 12th. The goal of the training is to prevent adult-to-youth and peer-to-peer abuse. Our members were educated on the following: 1) How to Identify Concerning Behaviors; 2) How to Monitor and Supervise Youth; 3) How to Report Emergencies or Red Flag Incidents; and 4) How to Model Safe and Appropriate Behaviors.

If you didn't have a chance to sit in on the training or have any questions, please reach out to **Andrea Cuda**, the Sheraden club's Youth Protection Chair. OR, you can check out Kiwanis International's Youth Protection Page with lots of additional information here: <https://www.kiwanis.org/who-we-are/youth-protection/>



Barb Carter created a Zoom link for our club meetings. This will give the opportunity for members not able to attend in person at the meeting to participate virtually. The same link will be used for each club meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89332550179?pwd=FGAaaQBJ3EFxm1QIASengaliAgrRco.1>

Meeting ID: 893 3255 0179

Passcode: 300658

Please feel free to contact Barb with any questions via email or phone (412-337-9656)

After Christmas-Christmas Party

if you did not get that special something you were wishing for under your tree and were hoping to get it here...

Well, there is always next year...Cause it just got swiped!

We had our annual After Christmas-Christmas party on January 9th at our home! We had 23 in attendance and everyone brought a side to share with the crowd! We then gathered in the family room where we had our annual grab bag!

As usual it was a fun event...and this year it seemed that it was a tie for people stealing Rob's gift and Michael's gift!

I think everyone went away with a great gift!

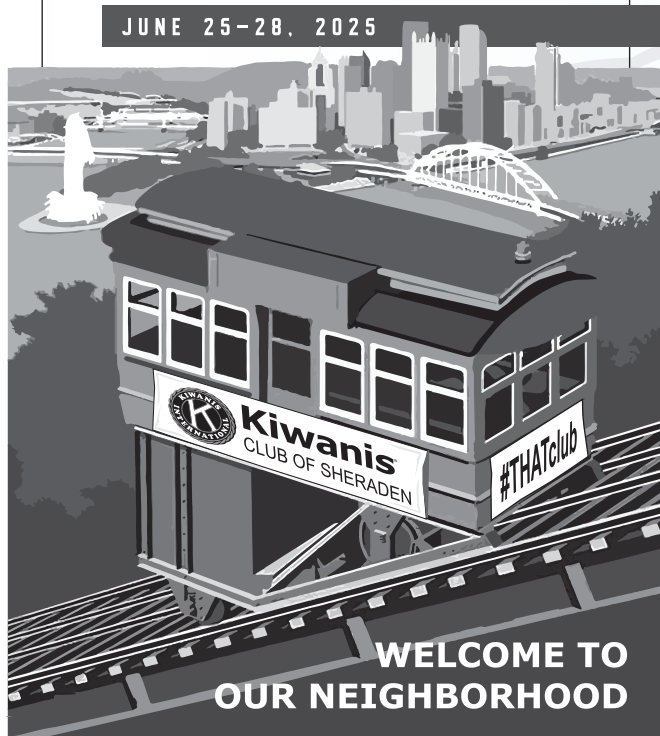
-Tracy



Make it a POINT to be INCLINED

Attend the Kiwanis International
Convention in PITTSBURGH

JUNE 25-28, 2025



As a reminder, ICON is scheduled June 25-28 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Downtown. The Club Board is interested in knowing who is interested/planning to attend the ICON as there may be an opportunity for some reimbursement for attendance.

As you know, this is the FIRST time Kiwanis International Convention has ever been held in PA and Pittsburgh was selected (sorry Philly..). There will be opportunities for learning, celebrating and meeting fellow Kiwanians from around the world! We will have an opportunity to showcase our awesome city and will need some volunteers to assist in our District Lounge area in the Kiwanis Marketplace as well as several other volunteer opportunities. Below is the link for the International Convention for information, convention registration, hotel information, etc.

<https://www.kiwanis.org/members/kiwanis-international-convention-pittsburgh/>

If you could respond by Wednesday, 3/19 regarding your thoughts about ICON attendance, Please feel free to reach out with questions anytime.

**~In Service,
~Barb Carter. President-Elect
~Kiwanis Club of Sheraden**

The Kiwanis Mission & Vision

Kiwanis empowers communities to improve the world by making lasting differences in the lives of children. Kiwanis strives to be a positive influence in communities worldwide — so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive. Our Kiwanis club fulfills the Kiwanis mission by serving our community through community service projects.

Interested in helping our children and our community or just learning more about what we do as Kiwanians?

Contact us by phone, letter, E-mail, or simply visit our Facebook page!

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