

HAPPY
New
Year
2022



Kiwaniis
CLUB OF EDINBORO

January 2022

Edinboro *KIWANIAN*

Message from President Rick

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MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday,
7:30 a.m. at Perkins
4th Tuesday, 7 p.m., Zoom

*Kiwaniis is a global organization
of volunteers dedicated to
improving the world one child
and one community at a time.*

“Every dog owner believes they have the best dog and none of them are wrong.” Anyone who owns a ferret, cat, hamster, guinea pig, iguana, cockatoo, turtle, and even a pet rat also believes they have the best. Starting January 3, pet owners will be able to show off their pets in our ‘Sweetest Pet Contest.’ For just one dollar, you download a cute photo of your pet(s). That enters your pet in the contest, and the dollar earns your pet their first vote.

Once entered, you encourage, browbeat, threaten, and beg your family, friends, high school classmates, etc. to cast votes for your pet. Each vote costs a dollar. Just a dollar! The contest will be publicized on social media, the local newspaper, and on the Edinboro Kiwanis web site. We will send you the link where votes are cast. PLEASE share the link and encourage people to vote. Email the link to family and friends, share it on your Facebook page, put up a yard sign in front of your home.

There is one small hurdle people must jump in order to cast votes. You are going to be asked to create an account with a password. That’s necessary for us to collect the thousands of dollars people are going to spend casting their one dollar votes for the pets. There’s no denying this will turn some people off but there is no way for us to get around it. It is what it is and you need to encourage people to overcome their possible reluctance to complete this step.

James Michael Curley was a notorious Boston politician who successfully ran for mayor of Boston several times. One of his campaign slogans was, “Vote early and vote often.” This needs to be our slogan for the Sweetest Pet Contest. To be honest, we need the money. The service projects we all love to do cost money and our next fund raiser isn’t until we see those little ducks go floating down the creek. That’s about seven months until we have any money coming in. We need to have this contest be a success and we need the effort of all of you in order for that to occur.

So, if you have a pet, any pet, enter it/them in the contest and encourage others to do the same. Cast votes yourself and ask others to do so as well. I will cast at least one vote for every pet belonging to a Kiwanis member, and I challenge you to do the same. Show your support for the pets of club members! The contest runs from January 3-February 13 with the winners announced on Valentine’s Day.

Happy New Year!



Thank you from The Dictionary Project

Dear Kiwanis Club,

Thank you for giving so much of your time to organize and implement the Dictionary Project this year. We are proud to be part of the good work you do in your community to improve the quality of life one child at a time.

Please take care of yourselves and those around you. We count you among our blessings.

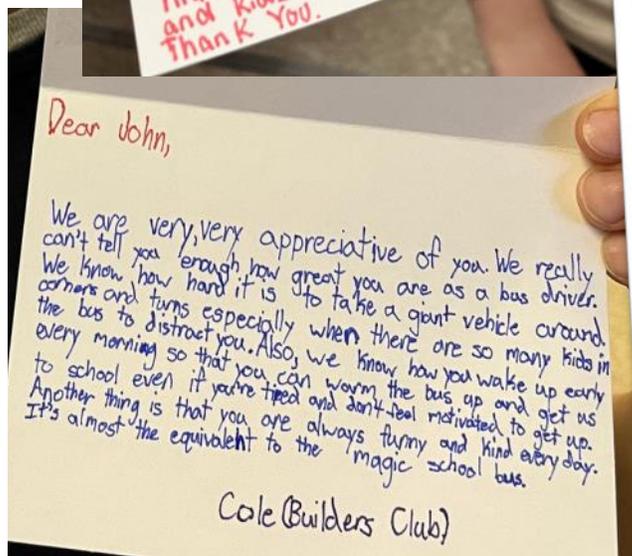
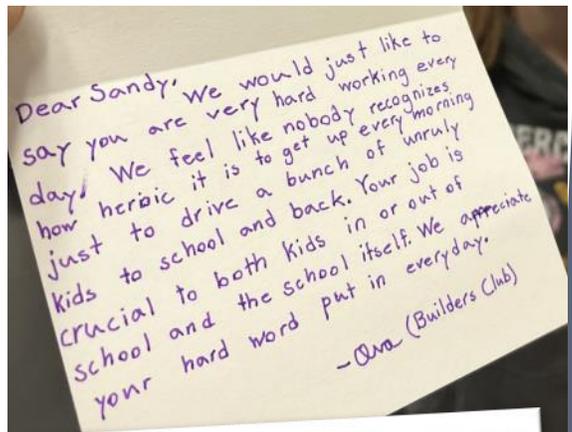
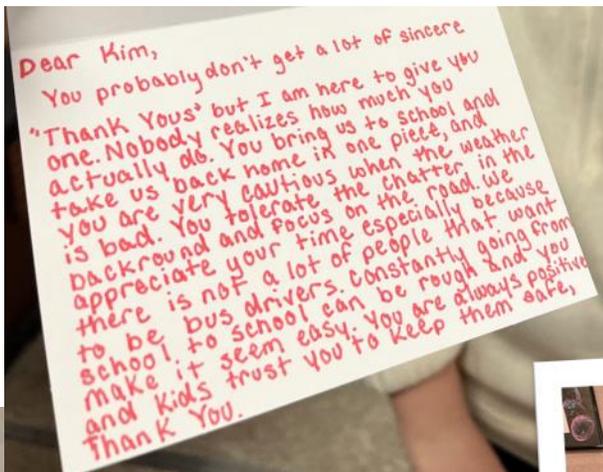
Parker Middle School Builders Club

The James W. Parker Middle School Key Club students embodied their Parker PRIDE as they carried out some of their service project ideas just in time for Christmas.

The 5th and 6th grade Builders Club, with the collaboration of Mrs. Fritts' class, wrote appreciation letters to each bus driver, mechanic, and staff member in the GM transportation center. They also baked over 200 assorted cookies to show their gratitude.

In addition, they surveyed the cafeteria monitors and surprised them with a bag full of their favorite things.

The students truly appreciate these hard-working school employees.





Fun ways to energize your club

1. Offer a hands-on project for one meeting per month. (See the pillowcase project for an idea to get you started!)
2. Cancel a meeting and ask each member to find somewhere in town to do an hour of service instead. See how creative they can get!
3. Offer up surprise challenges. One idea: Give each member at a meeting \$5 and ask them to go make a difference in the community during the ensuing week, using only that \$5. Have them talk at the next meeting about the impact they made.
4. Encourage everyone to have a voice during meetings. Don't make the president stand at a podium and talk for an hour. Open it up for brainstorming. Invite others to lead the meeting once in a while. See what fresh new ideas come from giving other members a chance to lead.



Pillow Party

WHAT YOU NEED: White pillowcases, fabric markers, ribbon or pretty string

HOW TO DO IT:

1. Decide who you want to gift pillowcases to and make sure it's allowed. Shelters, kindergarten classes, nursing homes, etc., are good places to ask.
2. Prep your pillowcases according to the fabric marker instructions.
3. Brainstorm messages that will work best for your audience. Keep messages simple and positive — avoid "Get well soon" messages.
4. Write and draw on the pillowcases. Don't worry about your art skills! Simple colorful shapes, hearts and flowers are just fine. Sign your pillowcases (first name only) and include the name of your Kiwanis club.
5. Wash and dry pillowcases and fold or roll up, tying with ribbon or string.
6. Deliver and make someone smile.





RULES

- ♥ The top FIVE vote-getters will be declared winners, and they will receive gift cards to Pet Supplies Plus
- ♥ The entry period will be 8:00:00 AM (Eastern Time) on Monday, January 3, 2022 – 10:00:00 PM (Eastern Time) on Sunday, February 13, 2022
- ♥ Submit the most adorable photo of your pet(s) that you can find – or take a new one!
- ♥ Entry fee is \$1 which gives your pet its first vote. All subsequent votes are \$1 each.
- ♥ Share your pet's page with friends and family asking them to vote and explain that their votes help support programs for young children. (\$1 donation per vote)
- ♥ You have six weeks to get as many votes as possible!

You will receive an email on January 3 with a link to the contest site and directions for entering and voting

ODDS AND ENDS

- Do you know someone who might make a good Kiwanis member? Is there someone in the community who might appreciate knowing what we do? Just let Patti know, and she can send them a copy of our interesting, informative and attractive monthly newsletter. (either email or USPS)
- If you know any teachers, encourage them to nominate colleagues for our Teachers Honoring Teachers program. Monthly random winners will receive Edinboro gift certificates. Any full-time teacher (classroom, special, special education, counselor, school psychologist, nurse, etc.) in the General McLane School District is eligible. Refer them to our website: www.edinborokiwanis.org



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rob Lowther.....January 30
Rick WymanJanuary 26

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

Brenda Cannell..... 2017

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Judi Pacileo and family on the death of her son, Joe, following a long hard battle with cancer.

AND JUST FOR FUN

National Science Fiction Day.....Jan. 2
National Spaghetti DayJan. 4
National Clean Off Your Desk DayJan. 11
National Hat Day.....Jan. 15
National Squirrel Appreciation DayJan. 21
National Chocolate Cake Day.....Jan. 27
National Puzzle DayJan. 29