



THE MOUNTAIN TOPPER

The Mountain Top Welcome Club Newsletter

JANUARY 2011

Mini-Update



Word from the President:

Hello, Everyone! I know we will have the February Newsletter out in about 2 weeks, but with so much happening right now, I wanted to send out a mini-update. Please also review the information in the Newsletter which sent out just prior to Christmas. That issue contains information related to this month, most of which will not be repeated here for space reasons.

1. **Night at the Races** (Friday, February 18th @ 6:30 pm, Wright Township Fire Hall). Based on the success of last year's event, we have again selected a Night at the Races as our annual fundraiser. It is a wonderful evening, and definitely a husband-friendly event. ***Because this is our only fundraiser of the year and our major community event, it is critical to have 100% member participation.*** There are many ways to contribute, none of which involve an enormous amount of time or money. ***At minimum, we expect each member to purchase at least one horse, and then contribute in some additional way.*** The additional contribution can be in the form of more horses sales, a raffle donation, or volunteering your time to help before or during the event. Please watch your email for more specific information, or contact our Ways and Means Chairs, **Mary-Ellen McFarland (mcfarland12@epix.net, 868-6467)** or **Pam McGovern (pam.mcGovern@century21.com, 905-4098)**. Thank you!
2. **Charity Voting Results**. As you know, all members had the opportunity to vote for the charities that the Welcome Club will support this year. By a clear consensus, the following organizations were chosen as ***Primary Charities: Wright Township Park, Marian Sutherland Kirby Library, and Candy's Place.*** Additionally, the group voted to create a "Runner-Up" category, in which some additional charities will receive a smaller contribution. Stay tuned for more information on that.
3. **Wright Township Park Expansion Update**. Due, in part, to the hard work of our club members over the past several years, the ***Wright Township Park opened its Ice Rink on Friday! Hooray!!!!*** At least one of our members has already skated on it as of this writing. Welcome Club has donated over \$12,000 in total to the Phase II Park Expansion, so it is awesome to see our fundraising dollars accomplishing such wonderful things in our community. Supervisor Dan Frascella gave Welcome Club ***special mention and thanks*** during the Ribbon-Cutting ceremony, and also asked me to personally extend his appreciation to all of you.
4. **Interim President**. I write this portion with a heavy heart; however, I want to announce that current ***First Vice-President, Lisa East, will take over as Welcome Club's Interim President on February 1st.*** As many of you know, my family is currently in the process of relocating to Harrisburg and already spending several days per month in our temporary



President's Message (cont'd):

residence there. Although I hope to be able to be involved with Welcome Club for several more months, I am no longer able to serve as the position of President requires. Of course, you all must expect by now that I have lots more to say; however, I will leave that for an upcoming newsletter. For this column, I will just say thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in this role. It has been life-changing. Love and Happy New Year, Elaine 😊

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary's Note:

I have received a couple of corrections to the all-member list already. If there are any more, please get those in to amybrianrhodes@mac.com or call Amy @ 261-5058 ASAP. The official directory will go out shortly.

Welcome Club Night Out:

The Welcome Club is forming a new "group" - Welcome Club Night Out.

We will be planning a night out for anyone who is interested in attending. Our nights out will vary to include movies, shows, dinners, drinks at a local bar even casual get-togethers at someone's home (or in their yard). The idea is to have a night out, socialize and have some fun. Suggestions are always welcome.

This type of event will be good for those who for one reason or another cannot make meetings and will open the club to new members. Our Nights Out will also change to include girls night out, bring your spouse/friend and family events.

Our first official night out will be The Night at the Races, February 18th at 6:30 p.m. Wright Township Fire Hall.

We look forward to seeing you and to hearing your thoughts. For more information or if you have suggestions please contact Amy Rhodes (amybrianrhodes@mac.com or at 261-5058) or Mary-Ellen McFarland (mcfarland12@epix.net, or 868-6467).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D:

Moms & Tots:

Come join us this month! We're going to go see "If You Give A Mouse A Cookie"!

DATE: Thursday, January 27, 2011

TIME: 10:00AM

PLACE: Kirby Center, 71 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre

COST: \$6.50 per person

RSVP: Please call or email me by 1/20. At this time I have a reservation for 20 seats. If we have more than 20, I will see if additional seats are available.

The performance is 60 minutes long.

Join us for lunch at Rodano's on Public Square following the show!

Newsletter Submissions:

If you have any information or announcements you would like published in the newsletter, please contact Jennifer Moore at jenniferblount@hotmail.com or at (570) 708-0338.

