



Week of December 21, 2008

Kiwanis Club of Independence
Newsletter
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Dates to Remember

- **Dec. 23**, Roundtable at Ophelia's
- **Dec. 30**, Roundtable at Ophelia's
- **Jan. 6**, Regular Meeting!

Preview of Next Meeting(s)

The last two December meetings will both be roundtables in the main dining room at Ophelias's. While you enjoy the holidays plan to drop in to have lunch with your Kiwanis friends on Dec. 23 and 30.

Having Fun Giving and Receiving

Many club members arrived at the last meeting bringing in boy toys for the Community Services League as well as items for the silent auction, and left with items from their winning bids. Both the club and the CSL benefited from people's generosity.

Other parts of last week's program changed a bit. Mother nature had let loose with a wintry blast of cold and snow that led to numerous school districts in the metro area canceling classes for the day, including Independence. The choral director at Van Horn H.S. was very disappointed that her vocal ensemble wouldn't be singing for us that day and wondered if they could reschedule later in the year, an offer too good to pass up.

The back room at Ophelia's was cheerfully decorated, live piano music added a festive touch during lunch, and a sing-along while last minute bidding wrapped up helped everyone overlook the storm dumping snow outside.

In spite of the change of program plans, a good time was hopefully had by all.



John Freytag ponders whether or not to bid.



Sue Crumpton received a monetary donation along with boy toys for the Community Services League.

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Salvation Army Volunteer Bell Ringers

Many thanks to members and their family and friends who volunteered an hour or more of their time ringing for Salvation Army's red kettle drive on two consecutive Saturdays in December.

Silvia Barrios
Alan (AJ) Bingham
Chyanne Cardarella
Don Coffman
John Freytag
Bob Haas
Joy Haas
Michael Hahn
Dan Jeffers
Barbara Langley
Duane Lewis
Judy Luffman
Fred Mills
Dan Montgomery
Diane Montgomery
Sandy Naylor
Tawna Noftzger
Tom Noftzger
Max Ridings
Sue Ridings
Scott Roberson
Donna Romanzi
Jim Schultz
Pat Taylor
Kay Van Fleet
Ann Winston
Marina Womack
Brian Yarbrough



Our helpful wait staff person, Audrey, was surprised by her monetary gift donated by club members to thank her for her wonderful service.

Happy Holidays



The editor will be out of town the rest of December.
The next newsletter will be sent in January.