

Holiday Craft Show



On Saturday, October 13th, with beautiful weather outside and gorgeous crafts inside, at their craft show. Many talented crafters and vendors created beautiful displays and turned the back hall into a Holiday Fair. Those who attended had many items to choose from, to purchase either for themselves or as gifts for lucky friends and family.

Thanks to all who came and supported the Ladies Auxiliary and to **Margie Schnelle** for coordinating this event!

Support the Troops

Ladies Auxiliary members gathered on Tuesday, November 27, to fill the last round of Support the Troops boxes for 2012. Donations were received from St. Catherine's CCD class and some of the kids volunteered to help fill boxes.

The next shipment will take place shortly after the new year. To make a donation, add a deployed friend or relative to the list, or provide updates to the existing list of addresses, please contact **Karen Merman at (859) 630-1336** or kmerman@insightbb.com

VA Hospital Visit

Members of the Auxiliary teamed up with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and his elves to brighten the holiday season for Veteran patients at the **Ft. Thomas VA Hospital** on **Saturday-December 1st**. Activities for the day included cookie decorating, caroling, bingo, and photos with Santa and his bride. Gifts were also distributed in the spirit of holiday giving.

Thanks to **Tracy Farrell** for coordinating this holiday event and all of her helpers!!!

Casino Night

Thanks to all who helped out with Casino Night, Saturday, December 1st. Preliminary profits from gaming show a profit of just over \$700.

Lucky winners of the raffle to benefit Christmas Relief drawn that night include: Randy Pollitt - \$500 (he donated \$100 back to the cause), Bob Linkugal - \$200, Stanley Friemuth, Bill & Nancy Kaelin, and Rick and Karen Craddock - \$100 each. After expenses and payouts, the raffle netted more than \$800 for the club's Christmas Relief efforts.

Kudos to Terry Hatton and Jim Hurtt for coordinating these efforts on behalf of the club!

Benefit for Janet Sanzenbacker

Earlier this year, Ladies Auxiliary member, Janet Sanzenbacker was diagnosed with cervical cancer. The medical expenses from the chemo and radiation have taken a toll on her as she is retired on Social Security. The only other income she has is her husband, Ron's, and he is a retired Veteran on Social Security, as well.

Family and friends are hosting a benefit dance on Friday, December 7th in the back hall to help raise money for medical and other incidental expenses. Admission is \$10 per person, with a cash bar. Entertainment, food and door prizes included.

Donations can also be made at any Fifth Third Bank location - Attn: Ruth Richardson, C/O Janet Sanzenbacker.

Please come out and support this event for one of our own in need of assistance. Admission is \$10/person - cash bar.

To make a donation or inquire about this event, contact **Tracy Farrell at (859) 442-5199** or tracy.farrell@53.com.

Children's Christmas Party

It's time for Santa to visit the Bellevue Vets children and grandchildren again on Sunday, December 9th for the Annual Christmas Party. Invited are the children of veteran, associate, and auxiliary members, and up to four of their grandchildren, ages 0-8. Children must not have reached their 9th birthday by the date of the party. Anyone with children ages 9 and up who wish to have Santa present their child with a gift, may bring a wrapped gift for them the day of the party.

If your children/grandchildren are not planning on attending the party, please do not register them. All leftover gifts will be donated to the Christmas Relief Committee that day to include with the food deliveries to less fortunate families in Bellevue and Dayton.

Santa's elves will be wrapping gifts on Thursday, December 6th at 6 p.m. and anyone is welcome to help out. If you have any spare wrapping paper, please drop it off at the bar. The elves will stop in weekly to pick it up. Any and all donations are appreciated.

To register your child/grandchild or inquire about this event, please contact Karen Toll at (859) 441-8667 or kktoll@yahoo.com.



Special Invitation

Members of the **Auxiliary** are invited to attend the December 10th meeting of the **Bellevue Veterans Club**. Meeting will start at 7:30. This will be the final meeting for the Veterans Club in 2012 .

Auxiliary Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, December 11 the final Ladies Auxiliary Trustee meeting for 2012 will be held. Newly elected officers for 2013 are encouraged to attend.

Adult Christmas Party

Santa will return to the Bellevue Vets **December 15th** for the adult party. Cost is **\$10/person** and includes entertainment, food, door prizes, photos with Santa, and up to 10 drink tickets, good for beer, wine or well drinks. This event will be **NON-SMOKING** as voted by the Veterans Club members.

Contact: Denise Buschle at **(859) 635-6317** or denise.buschle@century21.com.

Auxiliary Christmas Party

The Auxiliary Christmas Party will be held at the **December 18th floor meeting**. As in the past, a brief business meeting will be conducted followed by the festivities.

With the holiday season upon us, it was voted at the November floor meeting that in lieu of our usual \$10 gift exchange, we would help brighten the holidays for those less fortunate. In place of the \$10 gift, members are being asked to bring a Wal-Mart or a gas gift card, and/or non-perishable food items to support the following two initiatives:

- 1) The Alpha Company, Warrior Transition Batttallion, Fort Bragg, NC, treats Soldiers in Transition that have been wounded or injured while serving in the Army. They currently have two soldiers, one back from Afghanistan with severe injuries, and the other back from Germany in need of medical treatment and several surgeries. Both have families and are struggling to make ends meet. The Executive Officer of the Program, 1LT, AG, Devon Smith, has asked for our assistance in providing Wal-Mart or gas gift cards to assist these soldiers and their families during this difficult period. Non-perishable food items are also welcome.
- 2) Non-perishable food items are also being solicited to support Veterans Club Annual Christmas Relief effort.

Members of the Veterans Club who would like to contribute to either of these initiatives are welcome to bring a gift card or non-perishable food item the night of the Auxiliary meeting or drop it off at the bar.

So as not to take away from our own fun, Ladies, the \$10 gift exchange will be replaced by a "White Elephant" gift exchanged. A "White Elephant" gift can be a joke or gag gift, a used gift, or a second hand gift. Here's your chance to "re-gift" and clear out some of the items you've been dying to get rid of.

Please **RSVP** to **Tracy Farrell: (859) 442-5199** or tracy.farrell@53.com or **Barb Frede:: (859) 781-3582** or queen@zoomtown.com,



Charity Night

On **Wednesday, December 19th**, the Ladies Auxiliary will again be participating in the **Buckhead Charity Program**. For every person who **provides** one of our **flyers on that day**, the Auxiliary will receive **20%** of their **total bill**.

Help support your club by marking your calendars to **have lunch or dinner at Buckhead on the 19th**, and **sharing** this information **with your friends**. **To date**, we have **raised** roughly **\$350** thru this program.

Flyers will be **available at the December 18th Floor Meeting and in the bar**.

Questions can be directed to **Tracy Farrell** at **(859) 991-7362**.

Christmas Relief

Planning for **2012 Christmas Relief** is underway. The committee will again **work with** the **Bellevue and Dayton Family Resource Centers** to **coordinate the names of families in need of groceries** this holiday season. **Members** may also **submit families in need and/or shut-ins** to receive fruit baskets **by completing a request form**, which are **available at** the Bellevue Vets **Bar**.

Volunteers are welcome to help pack boxes and/or deliver. **Boxes** will be **packed Friday-December 21st at 6:00 p.m.** in the back hall. **Boxes** will be **delivered Saturday-December 22nd beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

Contacts: **Rick Craddock - (513) 319-6106 / rick.craddock@hotmail.com** or **Bob Linkugel - (859) 409-6940 / robert.linkugel@ae.ge.com**

Bar News

With the holiday season in full swing, the Bellevue Vets Bar is planning many fun activities and special drink prices. Below is a list of dates:

- Dec 12 – Bellevue Veterans Club 67th Birthday Celebration featuring \$1.00 beer and well drinks.
- Dec 21 – “End of the World Party” – Is the Mayan Calendar accurate? Will the world end on December 21st?
- Dec 24 – Customer Appreciation party featuring \$1.00 beer and well drinks, as well as light appetizers.
- Dec 31 – New Year’s Eve Celebration featuring a free Champaign toast at midnight
- UK Games - \$10 buckets on domestic beers during all Wildcat games.

Get Well Wishes

Please keep **Janet Sanzenbacker, Doug Miller, Connie Lovell, Bob Merman, and Tracy Farrell,** as well as their families, in your prayers.

Message from the Editor

I hope everyone has found the information in this newsletter informative. To help reduce costs, and keep our members better informed between newsletters, we are collecting e-mail addresses.

If you have an e-mail account, please send it to me at karen.craddock@hotmail.com.

2013 Election Results

Congratulations to the following **slates of officers** who will take over the leadership of the respective clubs for 2013. All incoming officers will be sworn in at **the Installation Dinner on January 5th** -- **details to follow in the mail soon.**

VETERANS CLUB

President	Terry Hatton
Vice President	Grady Jobe
Sr. Club Trustee	Kris Kaelin
Jr. Club Trustee	Stanley Friemuth
1 Yr. Trustee	Randy Pollitt
1 Yr. Trustee	Patrick Dowling
Treasurer	Jim Hurtt
Corr. Secretary	Dave Slater
Rec. Secretary	Dave Slater
Sgt. at Arms	Joe Stahlkamp

LADIES AUXILIARY

President	Lee Ann Schwierjohann
Vice President	Karen Craddock
Sr. Trustee	Margie Schnelle
Jr. Trustee	Myra Heck
1 Yr. Trustee	Rhonda Scott
1 Yr. Trustee	Marie Friemuth
Treasurer	Shirley Kibler
Corr. Secretary	<i>to be appointed</i>
Rec. Secretary	<i>to be appointed</i>
Sgt. at Arms	Claire Merman

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- Thursday – December 6th**
 - Wrap gifts for Kids Christmas Party
- Friday – December 7th**
 - Fundraiser for Janet Sanzenbacker
- Sunday – December 9th**
 - Kids Christmas Party
- Monday – December 10th**
 - Auxiliary Invited to Veterans Club Mtg.
- Tuesday – December 11th**
 - Ladies Auxiliary Trustee Meeting
- Wednesday – December 12th**
 - Bar – Bellevue Vets 67th Birthday Bash
- Saturday – December 15th**
 - Adult Christmas Party
 - Christmas Relief Forms Due
- Tuesday – December 18th**
 - Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party
- Wednesday – December 19th**
 - Ladies Auxiliary Buckhead Charity Day
- Friday – December 21st**
 - Christmas Relief – fill boxes
 - Bar – “End of the World” Party
- Saturday – December 22nd**
 - Christmas Relief – deliver baskets
- Monday – December 24th**
 - Bar – Customer Appreciation
- Monday – December 31st**
 - Bar – New Year’s Eve Champaign Toast

JANUARY

- Saturday – January 5th**
 - Installation Dinner

***Volunteers are seldom paid;
not because they are worthless,
but because they are PRICELESS!***

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