

APKC Minutes - Nov. 4

The meeting was held at Deena's office. Opened by Joanne, seconded by Karen.

Community Karma: Celia spoke to the group reviewing the results of the backpack give away/community day when 1500 backpacks were given out. She reported that there are extra school supplies available if anyone knows of schools in need.

She thanked the club and offered help with restaurant recruitment for the 2025 Eat.Here.Now booklet.

Toy Drive Kickoff: Celia also said the toy drive kickoff is about to begin and registration forms will be out at the end of the week. She said last year they closed registration at 500 families and ended up supporting 700 families.

The initial launch will be on their Facebook page.

Thanksgiving week major toy donations will begin.

She also invited all to Ada's Gojo, Wed., Nov. 13 for a volunteer appreciation event, hosted by Community Karma.

Santa Station: Celia said they will start Black Friday with a shift from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sat/Sun shifts will be noon to 5 p.m. with 2 overlapping 3 hour shifts.

There will be no charge for kids/pets pictures.

She asked to have 5 to 6 volunteers per shift. Candy canes/ dog treats will be given out.

Georgies: Kickoff fundraiser set for Sun., Dec. 8.

The toy giveaway may be held at MLK Middle School, Bangs Ave., Sun., Dec. 21, pending the fee by the BOE.

The Logistical Center will be at St. Stephen's Church, Dec. 10 to 21st, when massive shopping trips will be ongoing.

People will have the opportunity to adopt a family once again. There were 100 families adopted last year.

Donations will be collected and a registry will be set up at Walmart for online shopping.

Info on the Community Karma website. Also Sign Up Genius will be up as well.

Tips 4 Toys: Local bartenders will donate percent of tips during the one day event.

Covenant House: Painted/renovated 3 rooms, 2 to go.

Harbor House Walk for Youth Homelessness: Alex coordinated, several members participated 11/3.

New Members: 2 new members were introduced. Nathan Demmings from the Salvation Army and Debbie who recently moved to downtown AP.

Key Club: Carina from the AAHHS attended the meeting and said she will recruit volunteers to help at the Santa stand.

Salvation Army Bucket Drive: Volunteers are needed to ring the bell at various locations. Steve said Kiwanis can take one day and take shifts. Info will be sent.

EHN: Steve sent out spreadsheets for people to sign up to solicit restaurants and asked everyone to contact the restaurants they brought in last year.

A discussion was held about expanding to venues close to the AP border in Ocean Grove and Deal Lake Bar and Co.

The 2024 book had 43 restaurants up from 33 the year before.

All members are welcome to help with this project.

Motion to close Karen, seconded by Cori.