



President's Message...

Happy Holidays Club Members,

It's that time of the year to get ready for the Christmas holidays, trim the tree, Christmas lights and decorations all over the house. With that being said, don't forget the **Christmas Party at Anthony's on Thursday December 14.**

Speaking of parties, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the Kick Off Party. We had many basket winners and two 50/50 winners. A great time was had by all with music by DJ Brian Lynch and great food from the Ace's crew. Thank you to everyone that had a hand in putting this event together.

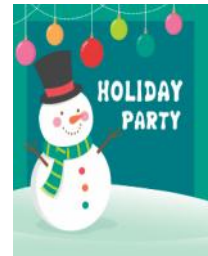
Make sure to read your newsletter for the up and coming events, including the next mixer, clothing drive and so much more.

My wife and I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous Christmas Holiday!

Randy



READ YOUR NEWSLETTER
for ALL the DETAILS on UPCOMING !!



Christmas Social
at Anthony's (Richland)
Thursday, December 14,
at 6-9pm
Now closed *Last day was Dec 4.*

Our annual Christmas Social which will be held at Anthony's (located at 725 Scalp Avenue in Richland on Thursday December 14 at 6pm in the upstairs banquet room). Current members only. **YOU NEEDED TO PURCHASE a TICKET TO ATTEND. No walk-ins. NO GUESTS!** *If you have to cancel, PLEASE call Annette back ASAP at 814.241.0571.*

We will enjoy light fare, **CASH BAR**, door prizes, plenty of basket raffles (\$10 for 26 chances) along with the two BIG ticket items (\$5 a ticket), and a great chance to mingle with our new and old members!

Please write your name on the back of your ticket. Bring it to the Party. And then you are eligible for door prizes.

Dress is holiday casual attire, but get in the **holiday festive spirit and wear your best Ugly (or Pretty) X-mas sweater.**



Once again,* we will be doing two charity holiday drives. In the spirit of giving, we will be taking monetary donations for the **Salvation Army and collecting **winter clothing for Franklin Street Methodist Church.** Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. *

Refer to [page 2](#) for more info.

Dates to Remember....



12/14 Thurs: **Christmas Social**
Anthony's
Now Closed



12/25 Sun: **Merry Christmas**



1/1/24 Sun: **Happy New Year**

1/18 Thurs **Club Mixer**
TNC's Lounge

7/21 Sun **Annual Picnic**

11/9/24 Sat **46th Annual Kick-Off Party**
Ace's



Wishing all our members Happy Holidays!!



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♦ **Monday, Tuesday, and/or Thursday – \$50 (\$10-\$23 savings)**, open to close on **Monday or Tuesday** (10am-7pm). On **Thursdays**, that rate will be good for a day session (10 am - 7pm) or twilight session (1pm-close).

Need to show 2023-24 Ski Club Membership Card and ID at Ticket Sales.



Thursday, December 14, at 6-9pm

Christmas Social

at Anthony's (Richland)

Now closed

Make your calendar for Thursday December 14. This is the date for our Annual Christmas Social. Sorry-members only. Reservations for our Christmas Social were required! You must have purchase a ticket to attend prior to the party! There will be no walk-ins at the door. *If you have to cancel*, PLEASE call Annette back ASAP (814.241.0571).

Our Social will be held upstairs in the ballroom at Anthony's restaurant at 725 Scalp Ave in Richland. It is a great time to get together with your club friends before the holidays.

Cash bar. Light fare. We will have door prizes, that big 50/50 and our raffle baskets (again we will be selling sheets of 26 tickets for \$10 each for all of our baskets, along with 2 big ticket items for \$5 each to be raffled off at this Party (see page 5).

We will be doing two holiday charity drives this year:

1) We will be taking monetary donations for the Salvation Army, and

2) We will also be doing a cold weather clothing drive for the Franklin Street United Methodist Church. Bring your gently-used clean jackets, sweatshirts, coats, hoodies, gloves, hats, etc to the Party. We will have collection boxes at the Social. *So clean out your closets before the snow flies for a good cause!*

Dress is holiday casual. We are bringing back our Ugly (or Pretty) Christmas Sweater Contest. We will select the "Most Festive Outfit" for guys and gals *this is an optional contest*.

Parking is limited, so please Try to carpool.



Thursday, January 18 at 6pm
Club Mixer / Meeting
at TNC's Lounge

Meet at TNC's on Thursday, January 18 at 6pm for our first 2024 Club Mixer/Meeting. TNC's is located at 640 Bedford Street in the Hornerstown/Dale section of Johnstown. For our monthly mixers *are usually held on the third Thursday of each month at 6pm*. No need to call, just show up, relax, be patience with the wait staff, and enjoy the great hospitality of Terry and Chuck at their Lounge.

Please be patient with the wait staff and service as the establishment is given an approximate attendance number. See you there!

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And a Good Time was had by All ...

45th Annual Kick-Off Party at Ace's on Sunday, November 5:

Kick-Off Party for our 45th Ski Club Year was a HUGE success! A good time was definitely had by all!!! Again this year, we had a VERY great attendance (147 attending) with every one catching up with members and meeting new club members. With Ace's looking very impressive along with their special touches (including their coffee/tea/hot apple cider beverage table), it was a special night filled with terrific food, great music by DJ Brian Lynch who kept the dance floor moving, and those cool raffle baskets. Everyone liked our streaming slide show of 45 years of photos of club events and members (*And we all still look good!*) that Ace's streamed continually on their two walls. And with the lottery ticket we each received, some of us were winners!



Congrats to our BIG 50/25/25 winners: **Emilie Sprincz** and **Karen Hogue**.

Free 2023-24 membership: **Kurt Kushner**. A special thanks for his donation back to the club!

Congrats to our **basket winners:**

Our lucky winners:



1. "Take a Break" - **Lenore Beck**
2. "Evening in" - **Matt Bodziak**
3. "Ready for Skiing" - **Emily Tercek**
(*the winning streak continues!*)
4. "Men's Gear" - **Charles Fenchak**
5. "Let's Fiesta" - **Janet Isman**
6. "Wine Party" - **Marianne Locher**
7. "Fall Floral" - **Mary Jane Verbiar**
8. "Brighten Your Evening" - **Darlene Dilla**
9. "Emerich Place" - **Suzie Brett**

10. "Zoo" - **Terry Naworol**
11. "Symphony" - **Nancy Gjurich**
12. "Steeler" - **Mindy Greer**
13. "Visit Johnstown" - **Sue Lee**
14. "Made in Somerset" - **Larry Spisak**
15. "Stocking Lottery" - **Mary Koval**
(*how much did you win?*)
16. "Ready for Christmas" - **Linda Mauzy**
17. "Wine and Chocolate" - **Vicki Williams**



SPECIAL Thanks to:

1. Those who made or gave items for our great baskets that we were able to raffle off (*see [page 6 & 7](#)*).
2. Thanks to club members, **Linda Lear, Betty & Bruce McPherson, Vicki Snoby**, who helped at the Party. Also thanks to everyone who stayed afterwards and helped clean-up. The officers appreciate all who volunteered in *any* way to make this special event so successful!
3. Thanks to **Beth Layton** who submitted our photos to the *Johnstown Magazine*. The officers appreciate all who volunteered in *any* way to make this special event so successful!

This is our biggest party of the year! There is a great deal of planning and organizing needed (especially by the club's Executive Board) to make this Party a very enjoyable evening for our members. Anyone attending could see why this club continues to thrive into its 45h year — we have really great people in this organization!

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### Support our Sponsors...

Please support the fine establishments that generously gave us a donation or donated a door prizes. Please refer to [page 6](#) for our full list of our sponsors who made a donation or donated door prizes.



# Welcome....



The club would like to welcome all our new and returning members. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events especially the Christmas Social on Thursday, December 14. Don't forget to introduce yourselves to our new members. Thanks for joining our club! Check out the list below.



## NEW MEMBERS

- KENNETH BAILEY II
- KENNETH BAILEY SR.
- MARION BANTA
- CARL BISS
- PATTI CARPENTER
- SAM CARPENTER
- TERRI DENK
- AMY DUPPSTADT
- CHARLES FENCHAK
- AURORA GILMOUR
- ANDREA GRAY
- JANET HAMMETT
- PAT HAMMETT
- LINDA HOWARD
- BARBARA JONES
- MARY KLINE
- LYNETTE PONCHIONE-GRUCA
- CHRISTINA SMITH
- MATT SMITH
- LARRY SPISAK
- EMILIE SPRINCZ
- KAREN WALKER
- JANICE YURSKY
- MARY ZNIDARSIC

## WELCOME BACK

- JEFF CAREY
- DAVE HARRISON
- JANET ISMAN
- RON KODGIS
- TERRI KODGIS
- MATTHEW PERKOSKY
- KIM SPANGLER
- BILL THWING
- JOY THWING
- VICKI WILLIAMS
- STACEY WYANDT



## REFERRED 3 NEW MEMBERS



- LAURA MIKESIC
- JANET YURSKY

Thus they receives their 2023-24 membership for free!



## Great News!



Sam Carpenter...

is our 200<sup>th</sup> member for 2023-24!  
*Woo Hoo!*

As per our November newsletter, congrats to **Janice Yursky** who had 3 new members listing her as their referral on their applications plus three more new members this past month for total of six. Way to go!!

# Did You Know ?? (Continued)

## Western PA Ski Council...

Our club along with 15 other ski clubs is a member of the Western Pa Ski Council. Each year Council along with some ski clubs offers ski clubs. Check out their web site [www.wpaskicouncil.com](http://www.wpaskicouncil.com).

## Whiteface, NY Ski Resort...

Whiteface Ski Resort (near Lake Placid, NY) is offering Ski Council Appreciation days during this ski season. Refer to [page 9](#) for more information.

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Thanks to our Club Members...

Please refer to [page 7](#) for our full list of club members who donated items for our Kick-Off Party and/or Christmas Social.

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## Hope you are feeling better...

To Club members **Larry Neal,**  
**Joe Silvestri, and**  
**Christina Smith.**



Hope you all are feeling better and on the mend each day!

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Our Raffle for Two Big Ticket Items:



At our Christmas Social, we will be selling \$5 tickets for these items:

- 1) **Overnight Stay at Holiday Valley, NY:**
One mid-week room at the Inn at Holiday Valley, NY along with two lift tickets. Good until 3/31/2024.
Value: **Approx: \$350.**
- 2) **Golfing at Champion Lakes Golf Resort**
Bolivar, PA Golfing for 4 with carts:
Value: **Approx \$220.**

Drawing will be at the Christmas Social. Winner does not need to be present.


Canceling for an Event...

When you RSVP'd one of our four major parties (Kick-Off Party, Christmas Social, Spring Party, or Summer Picnic) and **then cannot attend, please call the club officer in charge of that party to cancel ASAP.** For some of these events, tickets may be limited due to the venue.

For each event, we have to give a head count to the venue and/or caterer (the reason for using Eventbrite) and pay for that amount of meals — **yes, just like a wedding.** So please be considerate and call us that you are cancelling. Thank you for your help.

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## GJASC Communications...

- 1).  **Find us on: facebook.** **GJASC is on Facebook!**  
Check us out on Facebook. You can communicate with other members, check out upcoming events, up-to-date news, and view photos. Some of our events are last-minute events or spur-of-the-moment activities (such as “fresh” snow cross-country outings, hikes). Let GJASC “friend” you!
- 2). **Via emails.** Club member **Judy Crookston** sends out “e-blasts” thru our emails. It will be listed as “**Judy Crookston**” and/or “**Johnstown Ski Club**”. Make sure we have your correct email address. Our **monthly newsletter** is sent via email.
- 3). **Web site.** Our newsletter is also posted on our web site: [www.johnstownskiclub.com](http://www.johnstownskiclub.com).

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Bus Trip to Pittsburgh Penguin Games:

Interested in going to see the Penguins Hockey live at the PPG Paints Arena?? Bus company McIlwain’s has two buses going to see the Penguins play (with nice seating.). See more info on [page 8](#).



First one is on **Dec 31** with the Pens playing NY Islanders (Makes at great Christmas present).
The second one is **March 10, 2024** playing against Edmonton Oilers.
Why drive all the way to downtown Pittsburgh? And then try to find parking? When you can just let McIlwain’s bus take care of it all??
Grab your friends, your Penguin fanatics, your sport lovers and cheer on the Penguins! *Hurry before the buses are filled.*



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Lenore Beck

Suzie Brett

Gil Demos

Pam Doyno

Marsha & Christina Flower

Ann Franze

Harry & Sue Graham

Karen Hogue

Annette Kamzik

Lary & Mary Koval

Beth Layton

Kathy Miller

Andrea Nosko

Bob Rauch

Bob & Vicki Snoby

Marsha Swansboro

AJ Stumpo

Barbara Visnovsky

Stacey Wyandt

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS
PPG Paints Arena - Pittsburgh, PA
Section 119

WE WISH *new year* YOU A HAPPY
2024

Pens vs. New York Islanders
Sunday December 31, 2023

\$155 per person*

Come and celebrate New Year's Eve with McIlwain Charters and the Pittsburgh Penguins as they take on the NY Islanders. Only 40 tickets available – Order now before they're gone!
Must reserve and pay deposit or in full by November 21, 2023

2:30 PM	Board at the Home Depot (Richland)
3:00 PM	Depart Home Depot
5:30 PM	Approximate arrival at the PPG Paints Arena
6:00 PM	Game Time
	Return after game

*Early deposit required to guarantee seats.



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PITTSBURGH PENGUINS
PPG Paints Arena - Pittsburgh, PA
Section 119

Pens vs. Edmonton Oilers
Sunday, March 10, 2024

\$175 per person*

Come cheer on our Pittsburgh Penguins as they take on the Edmonton Oilers
Only 40 tickets available – Order now before they're gone!
Must reserve and pay deposit or in full by February 2, 2024

9:30 AM	Board at the Home Depot (Richland)
10:00 AM	Depart Home Depot
12:30 PM	Approximate arrival at the PPG Paints Arena
1:00 PM	Game Time
	Return after game

*Early deposit required to guarantee seats.



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WHITEFACE

2023/24 Ski Club/Council Appreciation Days

We want to show our appreciation to all of the Ski Councils and Ski Clubs and what better way to do that than by offering a great deal on a day (or more) on the slopes!!

- **December 7 & 8, 2023 (Thursday/Friday)**
- **January 5, 2024 (Friday)**
- **February 5, 2024 (Monday)**
- **March 8, 2024 (Friday)**
- **April 4 & 5, 2024 (Thursday/Friday)**

Simply come to Whiteface on any of the dates listed above, show your Ski Council or Club ID as well as a photo ID and get a lift ticket for only \$59.

Pre-registration is required by an officer of the Ski Council or Club, please contact us at groups@whiteface.com or by calling 518-946-8414.