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2009 KIRTLAND KIWANIS CITIZEN of the YEAR

Congratulations to Dr. James Porter on being honored as the 2009 Kirtland Kiwanis Citizen of the Year! Dr. Porter has been an active resident within the Kirtland community for over 36 years. His passion for education led him to the Kirtland Schools in 1972. He served as the Superintendent of the Kirtland Schools for many years before being named Superintendent of Lake County Schools. In 1991, the Dr. James H. Porter Center for Science and Mathematics was started. Today, this program serves as a nationally recognized model for educational initiatives in math and science. Dr. Porter has also been active in the Kirtland Kiwanis, is a Past-President of the organization, and has devoted his time and talents to numerous committees. Dr. Porter also serves as Chairman of the Civil Service Commission for the City of Kirtland.

KIRTLAND AREA SERVICE COUNCIL -- ANNUAL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Holiday Baskets

The Kirtland Area Service Council will once again provide holiday food baskets for Kirtland residents in need of assistance. The baskets are filled with groceries, including turkeys, hams and other non-perishable items.

Non-perishable donations are being collected in designated boxes in the lobbies of City Hall (9301 Chillicothe Road), the Kirtland Community and Senior Center (7900 Euclid-Chardon Road) and at the Kirtland Public Library (9267 Chillicothe Road) until Thursday, December 10, 2009. Non-perishable items will also be accepted on Friday, December 11 at the Kirtland Community and Senior Center between 9 a.m. and Noon.

If you would like to donate perishable items (i.e. a turkey or a ham), you may drop them off on Saturday, December 12 between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. at the Kirtland Community and Senior Center. Baskets will be delivered on Saturday, December 12.

Adopt a Family

The Kirtland Area Service Council also offers an “Adopt a Family” program. Through this program, you will have an opportunity to help a family that needs assistance with purchasing gifts or needed items for their children. If you would like to adopt a family for the holidays, please contact Gail Pestich at 256-3455.

Remembering Spouses and Children

The Kirtland Area Service Council also delivers a poinsettia to every family that has lost a spouse or child during the last year.

For more information

Monetary donations are welcome and may be sent to and made payable to the: Kirtland Area Service Council, 9301 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland, OH 44094. If you are in need of assistance, please contact: Gail Pestich at 256-3455, Phil Johnson at 256-3616 or Carole Clutter at 256-8069 for more information.

Thank you for helping the Kirtland Area Service Council to share the spirit of the holiday season with those needing assistance in our community.

PANCAKES with SANTA and COMET

*Saturday, December 5, 2009 -- 10 a.m. till Noon
Kirtland Community and Senior Center*

Santa Claus and his *real live reindeer*, Comet, will be making a special appearance in Kirtland! Bring your camera to capture your visit with Santa and Comet! Join us for music, a craft, and games, as we celebrate the holiday season. All you can eat pancakes and sausage will be available courtesy of the Kirtland Seniors (\$4 for adults; \$2 for kids).

The Kirtland PTA will be hosting a Santa's Secret Shop. The shop will allow children to purchase gifts for family and friends. Items will range in price from \$.25 to \$10. The shop will remain open until 1 p.m.

The Kirtland Community Center welcomes volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested, please contact the Community Center at 256-4711.

We look forward to sharing the holiday festivities with you and your family.

IMAGINATION LIBRARY

The Imagination Library of Kirtland is a FREE early literacy program for children, birth to 5 years of age, who live in the Kirtland School District. The program is intended to aid in the development of reading skills and to encourage a love of reading. Each month a new, carefully selected, hardcover book is mailed directly to a registered child's home. Parents then read with their child as much as possible, showing their child how a book works and associating pictures with words -- all steps along the way to learning to read!

Parents may register their preschool children several ways: on-line at www.imaginationlibrary.com or by completing a registration form at the Kirtland Public Library. For further information, you may also call the Executive Director - Paul Zuberer at (440) 812-7298.

2010 CENSUS

Planning for the 2010 Census is underway. This process is vital to our local community, as it affects long-term community planning, federal funding for local projects and determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts. Everyone counts and your participation in this process is important.

Questionnaires will be mailed in March of 2010. Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all your information and violating this law is a crime with severe penalties. In addition, other federal laws, including the Confidential Statistical Efficiency Act and the Privacy Act reinforce these protections. All Census Bureau employees take the oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. Please note that private information is never published. The information you provide is used to produce statistics. Your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. Additional information is available via the official 2010 Census website: www.2010.census.gov

Warmest Wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and New Year!