

January 2012



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Happy New Year

Hello Folks,

We hope that 2012 brings everyone good health and prosperity. Have you made any resolutions yet? The board hopes one resolution may be to get more out of your PWP membership. One way to do that is to come out to more functions. Monday night volleyball is an excellent way to get some exercise in a easy going atmosphere. Tuesday night discussion and dinner-out is held once a month but good friends and good conversation are a great benefit. Thursday night at Weber's has always been a favorite with members.

Dances.

Beginning this month we will hold only one dance every month on the third Saturday. Perhaps a card and conversation night during the week-end could round out your

week, so why not try to attend an event soon.

New Year's Dance

Thank you to everyone that attended the New Year's Eve dance, we had a nice turn out and lots of good food and dancing.

Chapter Elections

Looking forward to the next couple of months you'll notice that the chapter elections will be held in February on the third Saturday. The board is always looking for new people to help out with the running of the chapter. Most positions take only one or two hours a month and are a way to get involved to help the chapter grow.

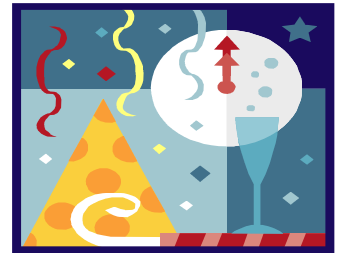
Zone conference

In March the Zone will be hosting ACT (All Chapter Training) week-end in Lima, Ohio. This week-end is filled with lots of good information and is a way to

meet PWP members from all over our five state area. There will be people from our chapter and region attending and every member is invited to go to the training, perhaps a ride-share could be arranged.

Regional Conference.

The Huron Valley Regional Council, which Ann Arbor Chapter is a part, is holding a conference on the third Saturday, Jan 21 at the Grotto. There are interesting speakers coming in and



every member is invited to attend at no cost for the workshops. There is a dinner in the evening (preceding our dance) and you can attend both for only \$25. Be sure to look at the flyer that is included in this newsletter.

Here's hoping you will take advantage of our events and get more involved in 2012.

Your Ann Arbor Board of Directors

Chapter Board of Directors Elections.

The Elections for the Ann Arbor Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, February 18 at 7:30p.m. at the Grotto Club in Ann Arbor. All members are encouraged to attend and make your vote count.

If the election needs to be postponed, we will hold the election on Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grotto Club in Ann Arbor.

ANN ARBOR CHAPTER #38 PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

The Tree

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Chapter Hotline 734-433-1668
Membership: 50/ Circulation: 100

Calendar of Events for January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Weber's Happy Hour 5 pm AA Board meeting 6:30	6	7
8 7:00 Dance Lesson	9	10	11	12 Weber's Happy Hour 5 pm	13	14
15 7:00 Dance Lesson	16	17 ? 6:30 Dinner Discussion	18	19 Weber's Happy Hour 5 pm	20	21 HVRC Regional Conference - All day Dance at the Grotto 8pm to 12am
22 7:00 Dance Lesson	23 6:30 Volleyball	24	25	26 Weber's Happy Hour 5 pm	27	28 WW dance at the Taylor Moose. 8pm to 12am
29 7:00 Dance Lesson	30 6:30 Volleyball	31 6:30 Dance Lesson	1	2 Weber's Happy Hour 5 pm	3	4

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2011

CALENDAR ABBREVIATIONS					
P=Parent	F=Family	M=Meeting	E=Educational	S=Social	R=Recreational
		A=Amigo	CI=Community Involvement		

- Jan 5, Thur **M** **Ann Arbor Board of Directors meeting and Calendar Planning** at Captain Joe's restaurant in Whitmore Lake. All members Welcome. 6:30 to 7:30. Call for directions. 734.214.6449
- Jan 5, Thu **A** **Amigos at Weber's.** New members, non-members or long-term members are welcome to join us for some conversation and laughs at The Habitat from 5:30PM to 8:00 PM at Weber's Bar, 3050 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor. We will gather between the dance floor and the bar by the Piano. Call Dick 734 665-6891 for more information. *Every Thursday in Jan.*
- Jan 8, Sun **E** **Ball Room Dance Lessons** Dance Lessons 7pm to 8pm followed by open dancing. Michigan Union Parking is free at Thomson Street parking structure or the Fletcher Street Structure. For more information and specific time call Laura 734-731-4861 or on the web at umich.edu/~umbdc.
- Jan 12, Thu **A** **Amigo's at the Weber's.** See above
- Jan 15, Sun **E** **Ball Room Dance Lessons.** See above.
- Jan 17, Tue** **E** **Dinner Discussion.** Topic: "What can we do to ensure PWP's future?" We meet at Chili's 3795 Washtenaw at Arborland in Ann Arbor at 6:30pm. Call Linda at 734.214.6449 before 5 p.m. to reserve your seat at the table.
- Jan 19, Thu **A** **Amigo's at the Weber's.** See above
- Jan 21, Sat **O** **General Membership Meeting** 8:00 to 8:15 at the Grotto . 734.214.6449
- Jan 21, Sat **O** **Orientation** Learn about PWP membership at the Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium Ave. in Ann Arbor. 8:30 to 9:00 . Call for directions. 734.214.6449
- Jan 21, Sat **M, E** **Winter Wonderland HVRC Regional Conference** Delegate meeting and election of officers, Interesting workshops, Awards dinner, and a Dance. At the Grotto 2070 W. Stadium Blvd in Ann Arbor. See the flier later in the newsletter.
- Jan 21, Sat **PS** **Frosty Night Dance** Join us for an enjoyable evening of dancing and conversation at the Grotto Music by DJ. Bring a friend. Cost: \$6 Members/\$8 Guests. 8:00 pm - 12:00 am.
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- Jan 22, Sun **E** **Ball Room Dance Lessons.** See above.
- Jan 23, Mon **R** **Volleyball at Pittsfield Elementary School.** Let's get some exercise and have some fun playing volleyball at Pittsfield School from 6:30 to 9 pm, cost \$3. Call Linda for more information (734) 214-6449.
- Jan 26, Thu **A** **Amigo's at the Weber's.** See above
- Jan 28, Sat **P** **Starry Nights Dance** hosted by the Wayne-Westland Chapter @Taylor Moose, 9981 S. Telegraph, Taylor, MI 8pm-12am.
- Jan 29, Sun **E** **Ball Room Dance Lessons.** See above.
- Jan 30, Mon **R** **Volleyball at Pittsfield Elementary School.** Let's get some exercise and have some fun playing volleyball at Pittsfield School from 6:30 to 9 pm, cost \$3. Call Linda for more information (734) 214-6449.

From other Chapters in the Area (See their newsletters for their complete calendar.)

Note: We reserve the right to cancel any event that does not get an RSVP by (at least) a day before the event

Happy New Year's from Toys for Tots!!!!

Ladies and Gentleman: I have the final report for this year's Toys For Tots Campaign in Washtenaw County. Just like last year, we have increased the number of families and children we served, along with other organizations we were able to help.

Total Families : 883

Total Boys: 1,058

Total Girls: 949

Total Children Served: 2007

Total Toys Distributed: 24,084, from our location on Arnet Street in Ypsilanti.

I am proud to say that this could not have been done without each of you dedicating your energies towards a great Christmas for our children needing our help. My team and I look forward to working with all of you next year, so have a blessed year and we hope to talk to you next October.

Tony Gillum, Coordinator
Toys for Tots
Washtenaw County

NOTE: Ann Arbor Parents Without Partners contributed 25 toys during the 2011 Toys for Tots Campaign. Thanks to those of you who donated toys! Our Toys for Tots collection is just one of the Community Service projects done each year by the Ann Arbor Chapter of PWP.

Thank you!

Lois Crawford -VP, Public Relations

"SPLINTERS" FROM THE Dec 16 BOARD MEETING

The Board is looking for "a few good men (or women") for Board positions next year. Elections are coming up in February. Some board positions may be combined in the future.

Plans for the New Year's Eve Dance are full steam ahead. Cost: \$15 for pre-ordered tickets and \$20 at the door.

The Regional Conference is coming up on January 21st.

Nancy Beck, Secretary

Singles!

Lend a helping hand in your community!
Learn about volunteer opportunities
through the

Professional Volunteer Corps!



Visit a2pvc.org

Special Announcement

The Election for the Ann Arbor Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 7:30 at the Grotto. The alternate date, if necessary is Saturday, March 17 at 8:30 at the Grotto.

Help.

We need help from the members.

Please consider taking part in the administration of the chapter. Below is a summary of the different positions that are available. If you don't feel you have the time or skill to take a position, please consider being on a committee.

Here is a list of the positions that are up for election. I have added *my* estimate of the approximate time responsibilities for each position, not including the time for attending the functions. If you are interested in any of these positions call me or any one of the board members for more information. – Lou 734 994-0587

SUMMARY OF OFFICER DUTIES

All officers are required to attend regular end special board meetings (usually one per month) and to recruit members for committees to handling the responsibilities of their offices. They are also responsible for training their successors.

PRESIDENT: Presides at general and board meetings; attends committee meetings (as ex-officio member) except Nominating and Ethics & Grievance committees; appoints chairpersons for special committees, with board approval attends regional council meetings and serves as a voting director on the regional council board; writes a positive message for each newsletter; sees that all International and Chapter directives and resolutions are put into effect; is responsible for reading all International mailings and distributing material to appropriate Chapter Board members. (10 to 40 hour per month)

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT: Assumes the President's duties in the case of absence or illness; oversees administrative activities and committees delegated by the President; assists in preparing agendas; attends regional meetings in the absence of the President; assumes duties of vacant board positions until the vacancy is filled. (10 to 20 hours per month)

VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS & EDUCATION: Provides meaningful programs at general meetings, discussion groups, and discussion moderators training programs; assures that the Chapter provides balanced programming oversees and coordinates all programming activities; attends monthly calendar planning meetings; provides clear, copy write-ups for the newsletter by the designated deadline; furnishes topics and moderators for discussion groups; other locations for discussions and seminars. (5 to 15 hours a month)

SECRETARY: Maintains accurate records of all Board of Director and Business Meetings, both regular and special, maintains records of Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules, and changes; secures an alternate to take minutes when absent; prepares agendas for meetings; is custodian for all records, except those assigned to others; maintains Manual. (3 to 8 hours a month)

TREASURER: Maintains accurate records of receipts and disbursements; makes all deposits and withdrawals; prepares monthly financial reports; balances monthly bank statement and retains all financial records; prepares annual tax forms (has not been necessary for many years-Lou) and financial statements; serves on the Budget & Finance Committee. (3 to 8 hours per month)

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP: Processes new membership applications; collects dues which are turned over to the Treasurer; prepares receipts and sends international office dues and member Information on the appropriate forms keeps adequate stock of membership materials on hand; prepares list of new and renewing members for the newsletter, provides newsletter editor with updated addresses of new and renewing members. (3 to 8 hours per month)

VICE PRESIDENT OF FAMILY & YOUTH: Plans and carries out all family and youth activities; attends all calendar planning meetings and coordinates with other directors to avoid overlapping of programs; obtains funds from the Chapter Board to help finance activities; submits moneys and vouchers to the Treasurer in a timely fashion; prepares write-ups for the newsletter by the designated deadline. (5 to 10 hours per month)

ADULT ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: Plans and carries out all adult social activities; obtains locations for activities prepares concise write-ups for the newsletter by the designated deadline; attends all calendar planning meetings coordinates with other directors to assure a balanced program; submits moneys and vouchers to the Treasurer in a timely fashion; must receive Board approval prior to making binding commitments. (2 to 5 hours each month)

AMIGO DIRECTOR: Provides orientation for new and prospective members; welcomes new members and provides them with information regarding policies and activities; schedules monthly social functions and helps them become acquainted with the membership. (2 to 5 hours per month)

VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Responsible for presenting a favorable Image of PWP to its members and community through various media; provides Chapter Board and international VP of Public Relations with copies of all media releases about the Chapter; plans functions and programs to involve members in charitable help for the community; prepares flyers for chapter functions for timely distribution. (3 to 10 hours a month)

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Plans, composes, and prepares newsletter; sets and meets deadlines; verifies and edits contents of newsletter to conform to International standards; presents PWP in a positive manner; collects information and verifies that it is correct; handles newsletter advertising; arranges for printing and distribution. (3 to 10 hours a month)

ETHICS & GRIEVANCE CHAIRPERSON: Heads the E & G Committee which receives reports of unresolved complaints from any source regarding the ethics or behavior of any member where it may effect the welfare of another member or organization as a whole; presides over the meetings of the committee and any proceedings dealing with the disciplining members; reports committee findings to the Chapter Board and makes recommendations for action. (over the last six years, less than an hour a month.)

ETHICS & GRIEVANCE VICE CHAIRPERSON: Assists the chair in the selections of the remaining members of the committee; assumes the chair's duties in care of absence; assists chair as requested. (over the last six years, less than an hour a month.)

Parents Without Partners, Inc.
"Where New Friendships Begins"
Huron Valley Regional Council #34
Winter Wonderland Regional Conference

January 21, 2012

8:45 – 9:00 am

Registration for Conference

9:00 – 11:30 am

Delegates Meeting—Members will represent their chapters at this meeting, get up-dated on what's going on. The election of officers will take place today. Remember to bring your membership card as it is required for admission.

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch—Join your PWP friends for an enjoyable meal at a nearby restaurant.

1:00 pm – 2:10 pm

Main Room

Workshop I—

Ozone House—is a nonprofit agency that helps young people lead safe, healthy lives through intervention and prevention services. They offer individual and family counseling services. Heather Steenrod, development director will speak to us about their various free of charge services.

OR

Small Room

Chapter Elections—Easy as 1, 2, 3—Harriet West explains how easily chapter elections can be held. Bring questions so you can help your chapter prosper.

2:20 pm – 3:30 pm

Main Room

Workshop II— Bonnie Hilberer, PWP alumni and Toastmaster member, will speak on "Overcoming Obstacles". We all have things that hold us back from being a better person and obtaining higher goals. Bonnie will tell us her experiences to guide us down the path of life.

OR

Small Room

Effective Newsletters—Learn what is required to have a quality, informative newsletter to benefit your membership. Harriet West, Regional Newsletter Editor will lead the discussion.

3:40 pm – 4:10 pm

Ask It Basket—

Let's get together and review the conference; what did you like or wish to improve upon. All comments welcome.

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Banquet & Installation--Join us for a delicious meal, members not attending dinner are welcome to join us at 6:30 pm for the awards presentation and installation of officers.

8:00 pm – Midnight

Frost Night Dance. Music by Mike Jackson DJ. Cash bar.
Admission: Members \$6 – Married Alumni \$7 – Guests \$8

--Please Note: Schedule Subject to Change--

Huron Valley Regional Council #34
Parents Without Partners, Inc.
Presents

WINTER WONDERLAND
Regional Conference

Saturday
January 21, 2012

Public Invited
for workshops & dance

~Conference Location~

The Grotto Club
2070 W. Stadium Blvd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103



Saturday Schedule of Events

- 9:00 am to 11:30 am —Delegate's Meeting with elections
 - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm —Lunch break
 - 1:05 pm to 4:00 pm —Workshops--Open to Public
 - 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm —Dinner & Installation
 - 8:00 pm to Midnight —Frosty Night Dance
- Music by DJ Cash Bar
Members \$6/Married Alumni \$7/Guests \$8

Mail completed form with check for \$25 made out to HVRC #34
\$25 includes dinner and dance

Send to: Kathy Hubbard, 6798 Cheddar Valley, Brighton, MI 48116

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Chapter Delegate? Yes No



**Ann Arbor Chapter 38 Parents Without Partners
2012 Dance Schedule**



***Dances will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight
on the third Saturday of each month in 2012:***

January 21

*Frosty Night Regional Conference Dance
Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor*

February 18

*Warm Hearts Dance
Election of Officers*

March 17

Shamrock Swing Dance

April 21

*Meet & Greet Singles Mixer (6-8 p.m.)
Single Connections Dance*

May 19

Spring Fling Dance

June 16

*Father's Day Potluck (6-8 pm)
Beach Party Dance*

July 21

Sizzlin' Summer Dance

August 18

Keepin' Cool Dance & Ice Cream Social

September 15

*Meet & Greet Singles Mixer (6-8 p.m.)
New Beginnings Dance*

October 20

*Ghouls & Goblins Halloween Dance
Contest for best costumes*

November 17

Autumn Treasures Dance

December 15

*Holiday Potluck (6-8 pm)
Silver Bells Dance
FITAP judging*

Ring in the New Year with PWP:

***December 31 (Monday) (8:30 pm-1:30 am)
Puttin' on the Glitz New Year's Dance***

**PLEASE NOTE: Dance dates, times and details are subject to change.
Visit aapwp.org or call 734.578.3664 for the latest information.**

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Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Meets 3rd Saturday 7:30 pm
Grotto Club 2070 W.
Stadium, Ann Arbor, MI
Phone—734-433-1668

Flint #110,

PO Box 7645
Flint 48507
810-422-5283

Monroe #781

P.O. Box 43
Monroe, MI 48161
Meets 4th Friday 7:00 pm
Panera Bread, Monroe, MI
Phone: 734 625-3773

Wayne-Westland #340

P.O. Box 850215
Meets 4th Friday 8:30 pm
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WHAT IS PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS?

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, INC. is an international, non-profit and non-sectarian organization of single parents widowed, divorced, separated, and never married—who are raising their children alone.

PREAMBLE TO OUR CONSTITUTION

AS CONSCIENTIOUS SINGLE PARENTS, it is our primary endeavor to bring our children to healthy maturity, with the full sense of being loved and accepted as persons, and the same prospect for adulthood as children who mature with their two parents together. ADULTS AND CHILDREN in single families face unique and challenging circumstances. For children to mature and flourish in the absence of either parent requires an added measure of love, understanding, and sound guidance. To provide these needs is a responsibility inherent in parenthood, regardless of marital status.

THE CHALLENGE of providing for both ourselves and our children a nurturing family life is often complicated by established patterns of community life. Consequently, a need for community resources to assist single parents in communicating and meeting their special circumstances exists.

THEREFORE, IN THE CONVICTION that we can achieve this end through working together, through the exchange of ideas and through mutual understanding, help, and companionship which we find with one another, we have established "PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, INC." to further our common welfare and the well being of our children.

HOW TO JOIN PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

TO BE ELIGIBLE for membership in PWP, a person must be the parent of one or more living children, and be single by reason of death, divorce, separation, or never married. Custody of children is not a factor.

ORIENTATION MEETINGS for new members are held monthly. Attendance, at a meeting, is mandatory to apply for membership, check the Calendar of Events (in this newsletter) for dates and times.

MEMBERSHIP FEE is \$30 per year (includes Chapter, Regional and International dues). This entitles you to all Ann Arbor chapter privileges, *The Single Parent Magazine* (an International publication), *The Tree* (the chapter newsletter), and associate membership at all other chapters in Parents Without Partners. Applications cannot be processed until dues are paid in full and a reference letter is on file. Allow 12 weeks after applying for members to receive your membership card. Renewals not received by the due date will be deleted from the mailing list; there is no grace period.

ETHICS & GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE handles any complaints pertaining to the behavior of any individual, committee policy, etc. Standards of conduct are governed by a basic principle; each member is expected to refrain from infringement on the privacy of persons or right of other members.

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