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## **Christmas Party**

Date: Friday December 5, 2003

Reservation: by Wednesday, December 5, 2003

Place: Racquet Club of Memphis  
5111 Sanderlin Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38117

Time: Social Hour 6:00 to 7:00 pm  
Dinner 7:00 pm  
Cash bar from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Menu: Mixed greens with a selection of dressings  
Chicken piccata  
Oven roasted potatoes  
Key lime or southern pecan pie  
Ice tea, coffee, and water

Tariff: \$30.00 for members and guests

***Tis the season to be jolly.*** This month will be our annual Christmas party. We will be collecting donations for Porter-Leath Children's Center. Your donation will automatically make you eligible for door prizes given away at the party. There will also be an ornament exchange for those interested.

**This Month's Quote:** Christian life consists of faith and charity. --- Martin Luther

## **President's Message**

I wanted to thank the membership of the club as well as the board for bestowing the honor on me of President of the Traffic Club of Memphis. I also want to congratulate the newly elected board members:

<b>Marty Morelli</b>	Vice president
<b>Sandra Cole</b>	Speakers
<b>Bob Anno</b>	Member relations
<b>Bill Lockwood</b>	Membership
<b>Dan Pallme</b>	Scholarship/TCI
<b>Leslie James</b>	Golf programs
<b>Larry Mays</b>	Media relations

Also appointed by the board:

<b>Wendell Miller</b>	Secretary-treasurer
<b>Ted Barham</b>	Editor

Also **Ken Opperman**, last year's president returns as Advisor to the Board.

The board welcomes any assistance that the membership can provide. If you have any ideas or suggestions or just want to lend a hand, please contact one of the Board Members.

We are coming upon the Christmas season and that means the annual Christmas party. This year's event will be held at the Racquet Club of Memphis. This promises to be a great social event with good food, entertainment, and door prizes. This year the Club will be contributing to the Porter-Leath Children's Center, an organization that helps at-risk children in the Memphis area. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. In addition, we will have our traditional ornament exchange.

We are lining up some interesting events for the upcoming year and are hoping that we have the continued growth in participation that our membership has provided in the past.

Here's wishing the members of the club a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

---Dennis Sweeney

## **Porter Leath Children's Center**

This year's charity that the Traffic Club will support at our annual Christmas party will be Porter Leath children's center. Porter-Leath was founded by Sarah Leath and local church ladies in 1850 as an orphan asylum and moved to the current site at 868 North Manassas in 1854. After the civil war, the South was hit with the Yellow Fever epidemic that left many children orphaned. Responding to this crisis in 1875, the Odd Fellows provided funds to erect a second building. In 1904 the Porter name was added in recognition of the generosity of Dr. David T. Porter's family. Porter-Leath continued to be an orphanage until 1969 when it became a multi-service agency to serve more children and families in need in the inner city communities of Memphis.

Sadly, today the number of children and families needing social services is increasing. In addition to foster care, adoption and residential services, PLCC is counteracting social challenges by focusing on prevention and early intervention. PLCC believes it is time to cease treating symptoms and begin attacking the root of the problem. Helping at-risk families and ensuring that very young children pre-natal to age five are safe, developmentally stimulated, nurtured and ready for school is the only solution to interrupt the vicious cycles of poverty, violence and despair.

### Some of the programs of Porter Leath:

- Early head start
- Douglas and American Way Head Start
- Early intervention program
- Residential continuum of care
- Foster care and adoption
- Foster grandparents
- Child and adult care food program



**HELP US BRING HOLIDAY CHEER AND YEAR-ROUND SUPPORT TO THE CHILDREN AND SENIORS OF PORTER-LEATH.**

### **Holiday Wish List**

The following list represents items that Porter-Leath uses routinely and must be purchased from tight operating budgets. The items are used for young (birth to age 5) and school age children Porter-Leath serves as well as seniors in the Foster Grandparent program. Your donation will help stretch agency operating dollars and meet the immediate needs of a child or a senior.

#### **Cash donations are always needed and welcomed**

**Target/Wal-Mart gift cards for school uniforms and supplies (\$25.00)**

Holiday Gifts or Toys for – children, teenagers and seniors

Pool table for Sarah's Place

New Coats – teenage boys, girls and adults

Disposable Gloves

Towels & Washcloths

Blankets – Twin or Double

Sheets – Twin or Double

Boys & Girls Underwear – toddlers to teenagers

School Supplies

Watches (digital – not expensive)

Belts – boys 24 to 38 inches

Porter-Leath Children's Center  
868 North Manassas  
Memphis, TN 38107  
901-577-2500  
[www.porter-leath.org](http://www.porter-leath.org)

Thank you for your support.

## **New Members**

Welcome to the following new members:

Brett Moore  
Sales  
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901-289-5733

## **Upcoming Events**

December 5, 2003	Christmas party
January 13, 2004	Lisa Brown of Pfizer
February 10, 2004	TBA
March 9, 2004	TBA
April 13, 2004	TBA
May 11, 2004	Spring golf tournament

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