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CHRISTMAS PARTY—DANCE— **ORNAMENT EXCHANGE**

- Date:** Friday, December 9, 2005
RSVP: Required by Wednesday December 7, 2005
- Place:** Racquet Club of Memphis
5111 Sanderlin Avenue
Memphis, TN 37117
- Time:** Social Hour 6:00 to 7:00 PM (Cash Bar)
Dinner 7:00 PM
DJ Dance Music 8:00 PM until 10:00 PM
- Menu:** Champagne Chicken, Dinner Salad, Long Grain & Wild Rice, Medley of Market Vegetable, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee and Tea
- Tariff:** \$30.00 per person for everyone

Event: Christmas Dinner Charity Recipient: Attire- Church Clothes. Porter Leath Children's Center will again be our charity at this special time of the year. To be eligible for door prizes after dinner, a \$10.00 minimum per person donation, or a gift for children at the home is required. The home has specifically asked for baby products, or toys. You will be given a numbered ticket at the check-in table after your donation has been received.

Ornament Exchange: Anyone interested in an ornament exchange is asked to bring a wrapped ornament and surrender it at the check-in table. You will be given a numbered ticket that you will exchange for an ornament at the dinner.

Dance: We have arranged to have a DJ after dinner again this year that will play all types of music, and will also take requests for your dancing pleasure.

Mission Statement:

The fostering of professionalism of its members by providing a networking system and a forum for presentation of transportation, distribution, and logistic topics.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I am truly honored to be your Traffic Club of Memphis President for 2005 – 2006. I only hope that I can live up to the standard set by all of those who have led the Club before me. First, I would like to take a moment and commend the club members and Board for such an exciting year. We had great speakers such as Al Burba (DHL), Glen Sessoms (Fed Ex), Stan Delikat (Knight Transportation), and Paul Fanelli (API) just to name a few. We had two very successful golf tournaments, which enabled us to hand out \$5000.00 in scholarships. Also, we continued our growth of the Club's Educational Foundation. These are some awesome accomplishments and without the commitment and participation of you, the club members, none of this would have been possible.

This year's board has a good mix of seasoned board members as well as newcomers with fresh ideas. I invite each and every one of you to meet your Board and offer any suggestions or improvements you may have. The Traffic Club of Memphis is only as good as its membership. I am confident that we will be able to take the torch passed on to us from the previous board and carry it into the future.

With the holiday season fast approaching, our thoughts turn toward giving to others. One way we accomplish this is by giving our time to trade organizations such as the Traffic Club or professional mentoring programs to give back to an industry, which has taken care of our families and us. Another way is to spend time with churches or charitable organizations donating our time and resources to help those that may not necessarily have it as good as we do. We do all these things in the spirit of the season and both the giver and receiver receive a blessing. This year, the Traffic Club has named Porter Leath as its sponsored charity during our Christmas party. Whether you bring a toy or donate money, you will know that this is going to a worthy cause. I would like to personally invite you to our annual Christmas party (Dec 9th at the Racquet Club) to have fun and share the spirit of giving with family and friends.

Here's wishing you a happy, safe and blessed holiday season.

John R. Brewer

Charity for this Year's Christmas Party

Once again, this year's charity that the Traffic Club will support 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 experienced the Yellow Fever epidemic that left many children orphaned. Responding to the 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.

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. Therefore, PLCC is attempting to attack the root of the problem by helping at-risk families, and by ensuring that pre-natal to age five children are safe, developmentally stimulated, nurtured and ready for school. This is one solution to minimize the vicious cycle of poverty, violence and despair for many families and their children.

Items requested for this year's donation at our upcoming Christmas Party: Baby products, toys, and as always, a monetary gift.

DUES Reminder

Membership dues for the 2005-2006 term are now due. Please renew or join our club as soon as possible. You may pay the \$25.00 dues via one of three ways:

- 1) Pay with a credit card at our website via Pay Pal. Credit card payments are ONLY ACCEPTED VIA OUR WEBSITE!**
- 2) Pay with check or cash at our next meeting on December 9!**
- 3) Mail a check to the club's P. O. Box!**

Please also take a few minutes to ensure that your listing on our roster is up-to-date. Thanks for your continued support and membership for 2006!

Congratulations to New Board and Officers

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ATTENDANCE DOOR PRIZE!

In order for your board to show our appreciation for your attendance at our monthly meetings, we will continue to award one door prize with a value of at least \$50.00 at each monthly speaker/tour meeting. Each attendee at our monthly speaker meeting will be issued a numbered ticket and we will draw the winning ticket at the conclusion of our meeting. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!** We will recognize the company that sponsors this award both in the MTT newsletter and also announcing their support at our monthly meeting. Companies that are interested in sponsoring this monthly prize please contact our membership director, Sherri Tipton @ 842-1050 or stipton@cornerstone-systems.com and enter on the subject line DOOR PRIZE to get signed up on the list. There are only seven (7) meetings per year that are available for sponsorship. Sign up now!

2006:

January 10	Sponsorship Available
February 14	Sponsorship Available
March 14	Sponsorship Available
April 11	Sponsorship Available
May 9	Spring Golf Tourney, No sponsor needed.
June 13	Sponsorship Available
Sept 12	Fall Golf Tourney, No sponsor needed.
Oct 10	Sponsorship Available
Nov 14	Sponsorship Available
Dec 1	Christmas Party, No sponsor needed.

2006 Event Calendar

January 10-	Dave Nelson, Aims Logistics, Inc.
February 14-	Rick Rodell, Cornerstone Systems
March 14-	FEDEX WORLD HEADQUARTERS
April 11-	Speaker Meeting
May 9-	Spring Golf Scramble (tentative date)
June 13-	Speaker Meeting
September 12-	Fall Golf Scramble (tentative date)
October 10-	Speaker Meeting
November 14-	Speaker Meeting/Election Night
December 1-	Christmas Party (tentative date)

Please RSVP for each meeting. This will ensure that we have the proper number planned for dinner, and that we do not incur additional costs for extra seating. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

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