



# AOH Division 61 December Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

Philadelphia AOH County Board Meeting  
December 4th 7:00 PM  
AOH 61 Monthly Meeting December 5th 8:00 PM  
Pegasus Riding Academy Fundraiser Dec 7th 1pm  
Christmas is for Giving Party December 13th  
Christmas is for Giving  
Toy Distribution December 14th  
Sacred Heart of Camden Food Unloading  
December 18th  
AOH 61 Monthly Meeting January 2nd 8:00 PM

## DIVISION 61 CLUB HOURS

Sunday Noon-10PM

Monday Noon-Midnight

Tuesday Noon-Midnight

Wednesday Noon-Midnight

Thursday Noon-Midnight

Friday Noon- 2AM

Saturday Noon-2AM

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only friends you haven’t met.”**  
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**AOH DIVISION 61**

**President's Letter**

Brothers

As you all know this will be my last meeting as President of Division 61, I'd like to thank our membership and especially thank all the members who have served as officers over the last 9 years, for their support. I'd also ask that you support Sean Kearns as your new President as you have me in the past. I firmly believe that Sean and the officers that you have already selected and those nominated are prepared to continue the tradition of excellence our Division is known for.

Each year our division provides food and toys to those in need in our community. Much of the corporate support we have relied on for years is just not there anymore. So, I'm asking each member to make a donation to our Christmas is for Giving effort. If you don't have time for shopping please consider a cash donation, again, every little bit helps. Donations can be dropped off at the club or at our December meeting. At the Division 61's Christmas Party (Scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm) we ask each child to "give" Santa an unwrapped toy for those less fortunate than ourselves. On Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 at St. Dominic's Marion Hall we also need volunteers to pack and distribute toys and food, this is a great opportunity to help our community and for anyone required to perform community service to pick up a few hours.

Hopefully, we will see each other at the next meeting on December 5th, as always; I may be reached at 215-920-0910 or [jackfgill@msn.com](mailto:jackfgill@msn.com) with any questions or concerns.

Yours in our motto,  
Jack

At the November meeting we nominated our officers for the 2015-16 term. All positions except for trustee are unopposed. There will be an election at the December meeting for three positions for trustees. The following six members have been nominated and the top three vote getters will be elected to the office of trustee.

Candidates:

Thomas Curran (TC)  
Colin Dempsey  
Brian Kelly  
Tim Murphy  
Tony Smith  
Garry Thomas

Good luck to all the candidates and please remember that your dues for 2014 need to be paid prior to the meeting in order to be eligible to vote. Please bring your travelling (membership card)

**QUIZZO is BACK**

Starting on the third Friday of the month December 19th @ 7 pm Quizzo is back with our New Quiz Master **TC Curran !!!** Members and guests are welcome. Remember to sign in your guests

## AOH Division 61 College Bowl Pool

As the holidays are quickly approaching it can mean one thing...college bowl season. This year there will be 39 games, beginning with the New Orleans Bowl on December 20th and concluding with the new National Championship Playoff game on January 12th. Forms will be available at the bar beginning on Monday, December 8th and have to be turned in by Saturday December 20th. Entry is \$10 to pick all 39 game and half of each entry fee goes to the AOH Division 61 Scholarship Fund. For more questions or to sign up please contact Sean Campbell via [soupy07@comcast.net](mailto:soupy07@comcast.net)

### The Steward's message:

The holiday season is upon us while the Flyers are in full swing and the Eagles are prepping for their playoff push. That's plenty of opportunities to stop by the club and catch a game and a drink special or relieve some of that shopping stress. Don't forget to support our Pegasus and "Christmas is for Giving" fundraisers as well. Have a safe, happy, and merry Christmas!

### Saint Malachy Parish Food Drive

Our Chaplain Msr. Kevin Lawrence is also the Pastor of Saint Malachy Parish. St. Malachy's maintains a food pantry to help those in need in the community. To help Saint Malachy Parish replenish their community food pantry. We need food donations that do not require refrigeration or special handling such as bread, fresh fruit, etc. Donations can be dropped off at the club or at meetings.

### Irish Music

Irish Music has returned! On Fourth Friday of the Month  
On January 23rd the



Division will be presenting the best in local Irish Music in our bar area.

### Welcome

On behalf of AOH Division 61, we extend a warm welcome to the newest member of our family:

**Bob Gallagher, Kevin Adamson & Eric DeGatis**

We hope you enjoy everything this organization has to offer and that you continue to live in *Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.*

### **DUES**

***2014 dues are now past due! Please pay ASAP so you are not dropped. Dues may be paid at meetings, dropped off to the club in an envelope with your name and the amount or mailed to AOH Division 61 4131 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, PA 19136.***

## **CHRISTMAS IS FOR GIVING PARTY**

**Christmas is for Giving Party is Saturday December 14th 3:00 pm till 6:00pm. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and Children admission is an unwrapped new toy to give to Santa when he arrives at the club. Admission includes food for all, a craft for the kids and a candy cane from Santa. If you cannot make the party and would like to donate a toy (s) please have them to the club by Saturday**

**This year's race and toy/food delivery will take place on December 14, 2014 at St Dominic's Marian Hall beginning at 9:00 am. In each past year we have supplied presents and/or food to over 100 families (300 children).**

**Help that is needed:**

**Volunteers to collect, wrap, and distribute food and toys**

**Bulk wrapping paper and tape (florists?)**

**New unwrapped toys**

**Money (we are almost always short gifts for one or more age groups)**

**There will be a short meeting for volunteers after the Men's meeting on December 5th**

## **Kathi McKenna Memorial Fundraiser for the Pegasus Therapeutic Riding Academy.**

Sunday, December 7th from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

AOH/LAOH Division 61 will host the 6th annual Kathi McKenna Memorial Fundraiser for the Pegasus Therapeutic Riding Academy. As many of you know, our late LAOH sister and friend, Kathi McKenna, started this scholarship benefit in 2006. When Kathi approached several members of our division about hosting a benefit

for a scholarship, we gladly accepted the challenge. This is our 7th year hosting this benefit. As a brief background, Pegasus was incorporated in 1982 with the purpose of providing disabled individuals with therapeutic activity and exercise in various forms, while concentrating on ability rather than disability. It is the only fully certified medically approved riding therapy program in the City of Philadelphia. Cost \$20 Contact Patti Vogler at 215 -338-1607 or Pat McKenna at 267-593-8164 for more information. Come and have fun with us as we support a great program for children and adults with disabilities.



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