

USO of Northern Ohio



January Newsletter

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Welcome 2008!!



January Events



January 12, Friends and Neighbors Club, Inc presents the 41st Annual Second Chance New Year's Dance, Michaud's Towne N'Country, 16808 Pearl Road, Strongsville. Doors open 7pm and dancing begins at 8pm. \$25.00 per person early purchase or \$30.00 per person January 3rd and later (by advanced reservation only). Contact Debbie 330-220-6301 or visit www.fanclubinc.com.



January 25-27, Motorcycle show at the IX center. Volunteers needed. Call Linda 216-265-3680 for further information.

Upcoming Events

February 23, Soldier of the Year, Saturday from 11:30am-4:00pm, located at the American Legion Hall, 5790 Hudson Drive, Hudson OH 44236. Advance RESERVATIONS REQUIRED and made no later than February 7th, 2008. \$25.00 per person (checks made payable to AUSA). Contact Linda at 216-265-3680 office phone, 216-265-3678 office fax, or email usocleveland@aol.com attn Linda.

Getting to know the USO staff:



Regina (Jeannie) Soley, Care Package Coordinator, North Canton

Born in Wash DC and raised in Arlington, VA. Married to a Retired Marine and we have 4 children and 6 grandchildren. Our son is a Marine Reservist with 3/25 in Akron, OH, son-in-law former Marine and Army Nat Guardsman. I have been blessed with living in DC, Okinawa Japan, Cherry Point, NC and now in Ohio. I love to read, hang out with family and friends, but most of all drive my kids and grandkids crazy.

USO Announcements & Requests



Operation Family First... A special thanks to all who were able to give of their time and assistance with this extraordinary program, especially all the volunteers who gave of their time to come and assist with the wrapping of the many gifts that were given this season. Also, a BIG thanks to all who gave gifts, your generosity is appreciated by all!!

The USO of Northern Ohio is always in need of drivers, with good driving records, to use a USO vehicle to pick up donations from designated sites...please contact the office 216-265-3680.

The USO MEPS canteen is in need of volunteers for Wednesday 7am-10am, Thursdays and Fridays 10am-1pm (sometimes until 2pm, not often).

The North Canton Care Package Facility is in need of men's deodorant (any brand) and items for the Baby Sea bags. Items for the Baby Sea bags are: Blankets (thermal, crib, receiving), Wipes, Towel sets, Sleepers, Small toys, Boy and girl outfits, Pacifiers, Diapers, Soap, Lotion, Powder, Onies, Tee-shirts, Bibs, Bottles, Twin outfits, Booties, Socks.

January Birthdays Happy day to you!

Donna Neilan, Therese Austin, Darlene, Bostick, Beth Radisek, Vince Miller, Sheridan Shell, Sally Marquinez, David Long, Elizabeth Pash Penmman, Cindy Wagner, Lawrence Werve, Judy Spina, Elaine Gaglione, Roseann Perotti, Beatrice Rasiwala, Don Ruff, Rita Elmer, John Disch, Elizabeth Black, Joanne Woods, Clare Schuele, James Boyd, Rae Grady, Raymond Kogler, Margaret Cook, Candida Lewis, Holly Perkins, Doleda Howard, Lisa Boyd, Annie Burrell, Robert Norman, Connie Magnani, Jasmin Roberts, and William Lipton.

If your name is not included, we apologize. Please call the office to update the birthday list file.

New Year's Quotes

1. Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average. Which means you've met your New Year's resolution. (Jay Leno)
2. Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits. (anonymous)
3. New Year's Resolution: To tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take up more of my time." (James Agate)
4. An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. (Bill Vaughn)

Recipe of the Month

Italian Vegetable Soup



Submitted by: Jackie
Rated: 5 out of 5 by 164 members

Prep Time: 20
Minutes
Cook Time: 50
Minutes

Ready In: 1 Hour 10
Minutes
Yields: 8 servings

"Carrots, celery, onions, cabbage, corn, and green beans -- this soup is full of vegetables! With ground beef, beans, and macaroni, a loaf of warm, crusty bread is all you need for a well-rounded dinner."

INGREDIENTS:

1 pound ground beef	5 teaspoons beef bouillon granules
1 cup chopped onion	1 tablespoon dried parsley
1 cup chopped celery	1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1 cup chopped carrots	1/2 teaspoon dried basil
2 cloves garlic, minced	2 cups chopped cabbage
1 (14.5 ounce) can peeled and diced tomatoes	1 (15.25 ounce) can whole kernel corn
1 (15 ounce) can tomato sauce	1 (15 ounce) can green beans
2 (19 ounce) cans kidney beans, drained and rinsed	1 cup macaroni
2 cups water	

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place ground beef in a large soup pot. Cook over medium heat until evenly browned. Drain excess fat. Stir in onion, celery, carrots, garlic, chopped tomatoes, tomato sauce, beans, water and bouillon. Season with parsley, oregano and basil. Simmer for 20 minutes.
2. Stir in cabbage, corn, green beans and pasta. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat. Simmer until vegetables are tender and pasta is al dente. Add more water if needed.

Updates are added weekly to our website. www.usocleveland.org AND if you would like to host an event please call 216-265-3680!

REMINDER Please call in your volunteer hours at the beginning of each month for the previous month. It is very important to keep track of how many volunteer hours the USO has monthly.

The MOM (Mothers of Military) support group has upcoming meetings. Please call LUCKY HARRIS at 216-314-5371 or e-mail her at mothersofmilitaryMOM@yahoo.com. Please check their website at www.mothersofmilitary.org.

For information about the spouse support group, please contact CHERYL at 440-350-1687 or jcb319@sbcglobal.net

For care package information please call Bernice 440-454-2537 or Jeannie 440-454-2956.

For care package information in Lake, Geauga or Ashtabula counties call Kate Hazel at 440-454-2538

PLEASE remember to not use the USO name or your affiliation to the USO when sending a letter to the editor of any paper or media. Our mission is to support the troops and their families. Personal opinions are NOT to be shared in public. The Military especially does not want to hear your opinions regarding politics or the war. Please keep those opinions to yourself.

New Year's Word Scramble

Please unscramble the words below

1. seywaraeYDN _____
2. erYwEavNees _____
3. ithigdnM _____
4. oalbotFI _____
5. rayPt _____
6. ieSqmTsaeur _____
7. eFwksiror _____
8. Kiss _____
9. eoriNmesak _____
10. attos _____
11. nifrsed _____
12. dwuonctno _____
13. ifocttne _____
14. oasbnlol _____
15. erYpaaHeNpwy _____

Answers:

New Years Day, New Years Eve, Midnight, Football, Party, Times Square, Fireworks, Kiss, Noisemaker, toast, friends, countdown, confetti, balloons, Happy New Year.