

The Arrowhead



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

West Michigan Chapter

Established in 1987

Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast

January 2023

Chief's Chatter

Cary Hirdes-WMPOCI President

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and survived the Christmas Blizzard. We are still waiting because of weather and sickness to get together with our kids.

Thank you to Scott VT for taking charge of several events this past year and serving as MC at the Christmas Party for me. Thank you also to Bob Walker for serving as Vice President and now wishing him a speedy recovery from shoulder surgery.

We have the Grandville Russ' reserved for a meeting on January 3. We will go over the schedule from this past year and decide what we want to repeat and add any new ideas. Please share any new

ideas of places to visit or speakers for meetings. If you can't attend the meeting, please e-mail your ideas to me.



I am so thankful and proud of our club for all of their generosity in the past year. We have given to Hospice of Holland, Be Nice, People Helping People, David's House, and the Gilmore Garage Works program.

I hope all of our Snowbird members were able to get to their winter destinations safely.

Looking forward to another year of fun events as a club.

-Cary Hirdes

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday January 3rd at 6:00pm

We'll be holding our annual planning meeting at the Russ' Restaurant in Grandville, Mich.

Bring your ideas for things/events you'd like to see the club do this year. We'll be taking those idea and setting an agenda of events for the year.

Russ' of Grandville

4440 Chicago Dr SW, Grandville, MI 49418

Annual Dues

It's that time of year again when membership dues are due. Please contact Linda Walker arrange to for payment.

Your dues help the club host the events, and other fun things we do during the year.

Care Corner

Please keep our President Cary Hirdes in your in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to heal from knee surgery.

Please keep our former vice-President Bob Walker in your in your thoughts and prayers as he is recovering from shoulder surgery.



Upcoming Events

West Michigan Pontiac Monthly Meetings:

Jan 3rd: Meeting Russ' Restaurant 4440 Chicago Dr SW Grandville, Mi

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Other Automotive Events:



Meetings:


The West Michigan Pontiac Club holds monthly meetings throughout the year. Most often those meetings are held at a local restaurant in the West Michigan area, but there are instances when that may vary, so please see the upcoming events page or check out our website for specific times and locations.

WMPOCI Officers:

President: Cary Hirdes.....616-212-0059
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Check out our latest events and activities on our website www.wmpontiac.com.

Preamble



The West Michigan Chapter of the Pontiac-Oakland Club International is dedicated to the ownership and preservation of Pontiacs, all models and years.

It is the goal of the Chapter to encourage and unite area Pontiac enthusiasts in Chapter sponsored and events.

The Arrowhead serves as one of the tools to which the Club can fulfill it's goals, as well as, provide information.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

December Christmas Party Report

For the second year in a row, we host our annual Christmas party at the Trestle Stop Restaurant in Hamilton, Michigan. Scott van Tamelen served as our MC for the night since Cary (our President) wasn't quite up to the task since recently having knee replacement surgery. The night went off without a hitch. Linda Walker served as our entertainment for the night by playing her guitar, singing, and leading us a sing-along of Christmas Carols. We decided on having the meal served family style this year, and what a great choice that was! The food was good, and the extra serving of fried mushrooms and onion rings was a hit. We took up a collection for this year's Christmas party and in regular fashion our members were very gracious, the donation came to more than \$600 and with a dollar-for-dollar match from the club we were able to present David's House with just over \$1300. We also had a nice collection of coats and outerwear that was collected to be given to People helping People resource center in Pullman, Michigan. As the night wound down said out goodbye's and wish many of our snowbirds save travels as they make they're way to warmer climates. The night was such a success that we've arranged to host next year's Christmas party at the Trestle Stop again.

Below is a Thank you note we received from People helping People.

Secretary pro-tem- Scott van Tamelen



Dear Scott & The Pontiac Club,
It was a joy having the Club come
to Pullman this fall for a tour!
We are especially grateful for your
support in making sure those we
serve stay warm through the coats
you donated in the harsh Michigan
winters. This fall 300 people received
a coat through our ministry. Your
friendship and partnership is so appreciated!
Jeff Kruthof, Executive Director PHP

A welcoming and Christ-centered resource destination that shows the love of
Christ to the Pullman community by meeting daily needs and equipping each
person to meet their full God-given potential.

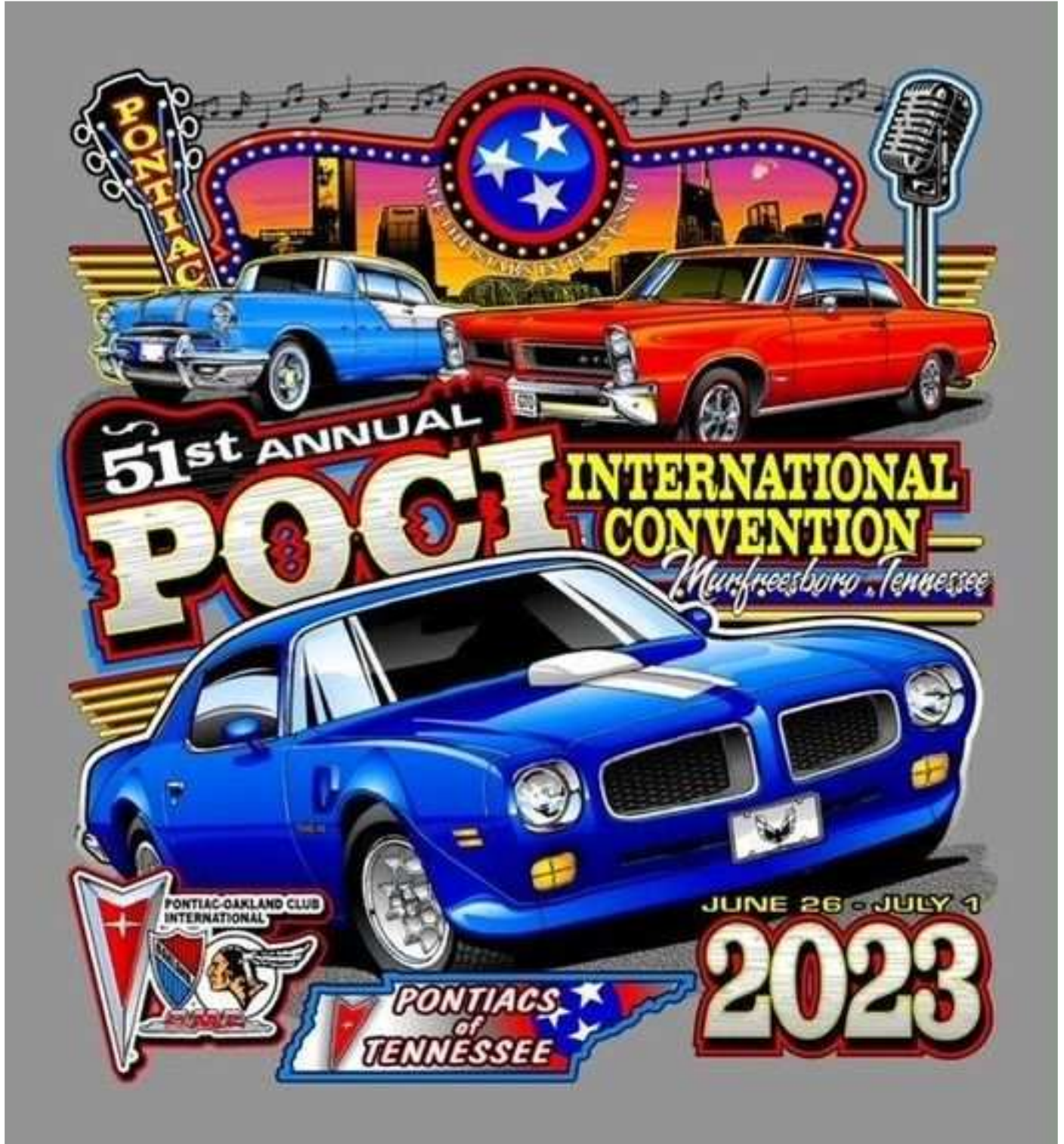


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For Sale Section

If you have something (Pontiac related preferably) that you would like to sell please let Scott van Tamelen know, and he'll get it listed here for you.

*Hurry!! Sign-up now!! Don't miss the 2023
Convention*



Win a 5 Night stay at the Convention

RECRUITERS WANTED!

WIN A FIVE NIGHT STAY AT THE POCI CONVENTION 2023!



EVERY TIME YOU RECRUIT A NEW POCI MEMBER OR A TWO YEARS INACTIVE RE-UP, YOU WILL BE REWARDED WITH A CREDIT TO WIN

1ST PLACE - 5 NIGHT STAY AT THE HOST HOTEL, FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION, AND TWO (2) TICKETS TO THE AWARDS BANQUET
OR \$300 CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

2ND PLACE - FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND TWO (2) TICKETS TO THE AWARDS BANQUET OR \$200 CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

3RD PLACE - \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR POCI CLUB STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE

LUCKY WINNER - ALL NON WINNERS ENTER A DRAWING FOR \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE

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