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**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
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**WEST MICHIGAN  
CHAPTER**

# **THE ARROWHEAD**

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**Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast**

December 2018

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## The 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 activities and events. The Arrowhead serves as one of the tools to which the Club can fulfill its goals as well as provide information

## Club Officers

President	Ryan Snyder	269-598-6105
Vice President	Tom Ensing	616-826-8554
Treasurer	Terri Miller	616-283-1487
Secretary	Dan Jensen	517-896-0398
Arrowhead Editor	Judy Hirdes	616-772-5494

## CHRISTMAS PARTY DETAILS

**Saturday, December 8**



Location: Beechwood Grill,  
380 Ottawa Beach Road/Douglas Ave., Holland

Time: 7 PM

Menu: Pot Roast, Baked Chicken, White Fish  
Sides, Ice Cream Sundaes for dessert  
Coffee/Tea, soda, water are included  
Alcoholic beverages are a cash bar

Entertainment: Ventriloquist

Cost: \$10/person  
Pay to Terri Miller in advance.

**Check out details on our Charity  
giving on other pages.**

## Membership Info

**Chapter Dues** are to be paid January 1st  
\$25.00 payable to WMPOCI

Please give to Terri Miller at the meeting, or mail them to:  
Terri Miller 8830 Taylor St. Zeeland, MI 49464

**National Dues** are YOUR responsibility.

You must be a member of the  
National POI to be a member of the West Michigan POI.  
Log onto [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org) for more information or to register

## WMPOCI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Full Member (Chapter & POI) \_\_\_\_\_

If full member include your POI# \_\_\_\_\_

Non POI member (Chapter only) \_\_\_\_\_

Pontiac Owned \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Style \_\_\_\_\_ Motor \_\_\_\_\_

National POI # (must have) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00 Payable to WMPOCI

The marina where Kerrie's husband's boat is usually moored. He moved his boat to another area so it was spared.



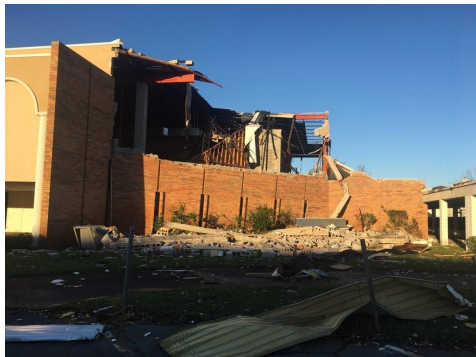
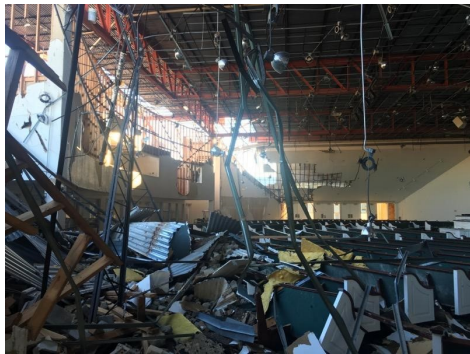
A before and after aerial picture of the home of one of the officers we are helping.



Two photos of the general devastation.



Two views of the damage at the school where Kerrie served as an officer.



# CHIEF'S CHATTER

Well, winter is here again. Seems to be a little earlier this year. Hopefully everyone is ready for the snow. I still have a few more projects to finish around the house and on my snow plow. I need to replace a window or two and put some lights on the back, so I can see a little better. I am also missing a bolt or two on the wear rail of the blade. It's probably a good idea to get that fixed too. On the plus side, it has started up for me with no issues (knock on wood) the last couple times I tried. But, no matter how well it is running now, I am sure I will be out trying to fix it when its ten below.

Hoping to see everyone at the Christmas party. Don't forget to bring in your extra coats for the coat drive.

Until next time, get out and drive.

Ryan Snyder

A BIG THANK YOU to the car club for donating to help officers (52 of them had severe damage or lost everything)) who suffered damage in Hurricane Michael in Florida on October 10. The club so far has donated \$750.00 and others from the club donated \$150.00. With that money we were able to purchase three \$300.00 gift cards from Sam's Club, one of very few stores open in Panama City.

1 of the \$300.00 gift cards was given to Officer Kody Bidwell and his wife Ashley and their three children. They lost their home and both of their vehicles in Mexico Beach. Ashley is a teacher so she lost her job because of the hurricane, On the upside of things she has been able to get a new job with the Lynn Haven Elementary.

2nd gift card of \$300.00 was given to David Creamer and his wife Andrea and their four children. David Creamer's family lost their home. Andrea is a nurse but right now there is not a hospital in Panama City so she does not have a job.

3rd gift card of \$300.00 was given to Officer Kerrie Raffield (daughter of Doug and Joan Troost). Kerrie has opened her home to other Panama City Officers who do not have power or water yet and need a place to stay, eat and do laundry. She has had up to 17 people staying with her and hundreds of loads of laundry have been done. Kerrie had damage but not as severe as others and she was one of the first to get water and electric, which still took a week.

If others from the club would like to donate personal funds to the Panama City Police Department you can give to Terri Miller or Joan Troost.

(SEE PAGE 6 FOR SOME PHOTOS OF DAMAGE)

## November 2018 Meeting Report

At least 28 WMPOCI members attended the meeting held at Ron and Elaine VanZytveld's "Cave", despite the gloomy, rainy, and windy weather. Before anything began, we filled up on pizza, munchies, and desserts!

President Ryan Snyder started off our business part of the evening by letting everyone know to sign up and pay for the Christmas Party in advance. The cost is \$10 per person and Joan Troost is collecting the money. If you want to attend, time is running out. Joan told us that 23 people have signed up so far. The party will be held at the Beechwood Grill on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM in the basement.

Being November, it is election month! Ryan asked if there were any nominations for president. Of course, there were none, so Ryan graciously volunteered to stay on as president for another term. Same thing for the other positions for VP (Tom Ensing), Secretary (Dan Jensen), and Newsletter Editor (Judy Hirdes). Brian Martinie volunteered to take over the duties of Treasurer, which Terri Miller eagerly accepted!

We discussed what/who would be our charity recipients this year. Doug Kamphuis told us about the man who is going to be our entertainment at the Christmas Party. This man's son suffered from a couple bad strokes, has a family to support, and could use the assistance. Next, the Troosts told us about their daughter who is a police officer down in the Florida panhandle, where the hurricane just hit. Her house was spared, but 52 other police officers (half the police force!) lost their homes. She has opened her home to at least 17 of her fellow officers and they could use some help.

It was decided that we would donate \$400 to the father and \$750 to the Florida police officers. Donations are to be collected at the Christmas Party. If donations fall short, the club will kick in the rest.

Brian & Amy Martinie will be collecting used winter coats at the Christmas Party too. So if you have any nice, slightly worn jackets you aren't using anymore, please bring them to the party.

Terri Miller gave us her Treasurer's Report. We had income from the Pure Stock Drags, club dues, and renting out our sound system. Expenses were the newspaper ad, and the donation to the Lingenfelter Museum.

We did get a thank you letter from the Wayne Elhart Be Nice Foundation for our donation.

The 50/50 raffle of \$34 was won by the McCarthy's!

November is also the month for our Valve Cover Races! Eleven cars were brought to compete. The owners included Bob DeBoer, Doug Troost, Wendell Miller, Gary Laarman, Dan Jensen, Ryan Snyder, Catie Snyder, Ron VanZytveld, Tom Ensing, Bob McCarthy, and Doug Kamphuis. We raced "best of two" format each round to determine a winner. In the end, Tom Ensing came out victorious! After the racing, the cars are lined up on the track for the club members to vote for best of show. Bob McCarthy's racer took top honors! Congratulations to Tom and Bob!

See all of you December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Christmas Party!  
Dan Jensen

### WINTER COATS NEEDED:

Brian & Amy Martinie will accept donations of good used or new winter coats of all sizes at our Christmas Party. They will go to People Helping People/Love in the name of Christ in Pullman through the Martinie's church project.

### Care Corner

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*We intend to include announcements whenever we learn of a serious illness, accident, surgery, or death of a close relative of one of our members. Please inform a Board Member if you have an item to share.*

Here is another site to check out for events all around the area: [www.motorcitypoci.com/events/](http://www.motorcitypoci.com/events/)

We have a Facebook Page:

West Michigan Pontiac Club

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Check it out!

