



# CVECA TOTS TRIBUNE

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December 2009

## Letter from CVECA's President

### New Babies

Charlotte Elizabeth Pies was born on November 8 at 4:35 pm. She was 8 lbs. 13 oz. Congratulations to the Ries family!

Kaitlyn (Katie) Elizabeth Spellacy was born on November 17 at 10:03 pm. She was 7 lbs. 5 oz. Congratulations to the Spellacy family!

*Help us celebrate new arrivals! Email the information to [newsletter@cveca.net](mailto:newsletter@cveca.net)!*

Do you have something to share and would like to see it in the next issue of CVECA Tots Tribune? Great! Please send it to [newsletter@cveca.net](mailto:newsletter@cveca.net) by December 15th, 2009.

Happy Holidays to All!

Dear CVECA members,

We are right in the middle of the busiest time of year! This is our new 2009/2010 Newsletter and we hope everyone finds it informative. If you are interested in helping with any part of our newsletter, please contact, Jenny Hyps or Amy Logan at [newsletter@cveca.net](mailto:newsletter@cveca.net). If you accidentally delete the newsletter, we will also have it on our web at [www.cveca.net](http://www.cveca.net).

I want to thank everyone who participated in our CVECA survey. We had over 50% participation from our members. We really appreciate this and want you to know that we take those results and try to learn from them. What we did learn is that about 60% joined CVECA for our weekly events! We made sure to put our monthly events in our newsletter so that you can plan ahead. We still encourage you to visit our website because we might have added more events after the newsletter is published. We try to make our events at different times throughout the month to fit in everyone's' schedule. We hope that you will join us at as many events as you can, because they are a great way to not only spend time with your child, but to also meet and see your own friends too.

Thank you to everyone who came and participated in our Couple's Night Out at the Races. It was a fun event with big winners! We encourage you and your spouse to come to the next Couple's Night Out. It's such a great way to spend the evening seeing old and making new friends.

We want to wish you all a Happy & Safe Holiday and a wonderful New Year! I know it's a busy time, but take a little time and enjoy this holiday season!

Cheers,  
Amanda Lowe

# Schedule of Weekly Events

December 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Tuesday, December 1

First Flips - Come Flip for Free

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

30500 Carter St, Solon - 440-498-1770

Wednesday, December 2

SNOWDROPS Adventure Game

4 pm – 5 pm

Penitentiary Glen Reservation - 8665 Kirkland  
Chardon Road - 440-256-1404

Wednesday, December 9

GREENING THE HOLIDAYS with Precious Resources Preschool

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Precious Resources Preschool, 524 E. Washington  
Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

Thursday, December 10

Mom's Night Out: Manicures, Pedicures and Holiday Cheer

6:30 pm

Ignite Hair Salon - located above Starbucks

Friday, December 11

First Flips - Come Flip for Free

11 am – 12 pm

First Flips - 30500 Carter St, Solon - 440-498-1770

Monday, December 14

Hands on Pottery

4 pm – 5 pm

28420 Chagrin Blvd. Across from Eton Collection -  
216-292-4844

Friday, December 18

Holiday Stories and Crafts with Librarian Ms. Dawn

10 am – 11 am

Chagrin Falls Library - 100 East Orange Street

Monday, December 21

10:00am

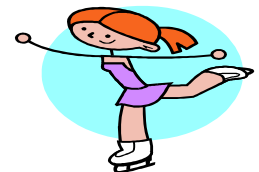
Holiday Sweet Treats with Two Crazy Kids

December 21, 10 am – 11am

Tuesday, December 29

Ice Skating at the Pond

10:20 am – 11:20 am



Regular updates occur to the CVECA on-line calendar, please check often for the latest listing.

For more information, go to [www.cveca.net](http://www.cveca.net) for all the details and RSVP for each event to Christine Bauersfeld at [jcb513lydia@yahoo.com](mailto:jcb513lydia@yahoo.com).

## Scrapbooking Club

Still looking for a quick and easy project for Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and Teachers? Consider working on a little paper album of pictures! You can prep the album quickly (usually in less than 30 minutes) and then put your own pictures in, or give it empty for the recipient to fill with their family memories! No one needs to know how quick this handmade gift is to make.

Or how about making your own gift tags this Christmas for another finishing touch to your packages? Cut your tags from wrapping paper, cardstock or patterned paper. Add embellishments as you choose, then attach to your packages for yet another handmade touch that takes less than a minute to make!

Contact Vicki Pietrick at [vpietrick@windstream.net](mailto:vpietrick@windstream.net) for details and to find out more about CVECA's Scrapbooking Club. New members are always welcome. Come with all of your pictures and supplies or you can purchase supplies while we scrapbook together. It's a great way to spend time with the girls and get your overdue scrapbooking projects done.

## Winter Party

### **CVECA Winter Safari Party**

You are invited to join the safari adventure on Saturday, January 30th at Centerville Mills from 10 - 12 a.m. Let your kids unleash their wild side at CVECA's Winter Safari Party where they will be able to take part in a safari animal hunt, create fun arts and crafts, crawl through jungle caves and more. The morning will be topped off with a visit from Jungle Terry and his exotic animal friends. It's sure to be a roaring good time!



## Playgroups

The playgroups have been busy this fall! We have expanded the playgroups from 3 existing groups to 10! Most of the groups are full, but we do still have a few groups that have openings. If you are interested in joining a group, go to the CVECA website ([www.cveca.net](http://www.cveca.net)) and fill out the attached playgroup form. For more information, please email Amy at [abcole71@windstream.net](mailto:abcole71@windstream.net). This is a great way to meet other families with young children and build long friendships!

## CVECA GIVES BACK

**WOMENSAFE ADOPT A FAMILY:** Donations are still needed for our family! Drop-off deadline is December 10<sup>th</sup>. The family was selected from Womensafe, an organization which provides support to victims of domestic violence and their children in Northeast Ohio. Donations and gifts are being accepted. Contact Emily Stupica at [mlestu@msn.com](mailto:mlestu@msn.com) for details on dropoff.

**BOOKS FOR TOTS:** Thanks for the many boxes of books for Books for Tots! Daily Dose of Reading is thrilled with our efforts. If you still have books to donate, contact Emily Stupica at [mlestu@msn.com](mailto:mlestu@msn.com) or visit [www.dailydoseofreading.org](http://www.dailydoseofreading.org).



**2010 PLANS:** Stay tuned for “Valentines for Veterans” and more great community service projects for you and your little ones. Do you have a great idea for a project? Contact Renee Morgan at 440-708-2903 or [renee\\_gorski@yahoo.com](mailto:renee_gorski@yahoo.com) with details.

## 2009/2010 New Members

CONGRATULATIONS CVECA and WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Our membership program is off to a GREAT start for the 2009/2010 season! As of the publication of this newsletter, we have been fortunate to engage the interests of 41 new families. CVECA looks forward to sharing our programs with you and ask that you take full advantage of the many activities and events we offer. Your interests, participation and ideas continue to make us a major family resource in the Chagrin Valley area and we thank you for that.

### Welcome Aboard New Members!

Jolene Ansan	Liz Horrigan	Casey Radomsky
Karey Bakar	Jennifer Ives	Katie Reed
Jennifer Bayraktar	Allison Johnson	Elizabeth Ries
Amy Burrows	Sandra Jones T	Colleen Ryan
Jennifer Cimperman	Tracy Kissell	Lauren Schmidt
Amy Covarrubias	Jill Kopittke	Bonnie Selfridge
Tamara Dyer	Kristi Kraus	Sam Taylor
Melissa Evans	DebbieKrorstain	Belynda Thomas
Alicia Fischio	Mimi Lai	Lauren Ullman-Koenig
Laura Flaiz	Adriane Lioudis	Kim Van Dessel
Carmen Fontana	Alexis Marshall	Stephanie Wachter
Jennifer Fritz	Pam McDermid-Cichon	Michelle Wasserman
Caroline Groth	Jennifer Meyer	Gretchen Wheaton
Carrie Hawk	Colleen Nelson	

## Sunshine Committee

ATTENTION ALL SUNSHINE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ..... Did you sign up for the CVECA Sunshine Committee? If you did, and haven't received a welcome email yet, please email Barbara Adams ASAP at [bebeadams33@yahoo.com](mailto:bebeadams33@yahoo.com). We need to get everyone on board so we can start spreading the sunshine!

## Holiday Ideas

### PERSONALIZED SANTA VISITS IN YOUR HOME

Here's a holiday tradition that will delight everyone in your family! The Chagrin Valley Women's League offers personalized Santa visits in the comfort of your home. \$20 for CVWL members, \$30 for non-members and all proceeds go to charity. Watch your children's faces glow as brightly as your Christmas tree while they enjoy dedicated time with Santa. Visits are scheduled for 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. on Dec. 11th; Dec. 14th through Dec.18th. A snow date is scheduled for Dec.21st. For information, call 440-543-2013.

## Cooking Club

With holidays abound, there is sure to be time dedicated to bringing out some of the best family recipes one can imagine.

Recipe's ranging from traditional family fare to those unique dishes presented by the vast interests we have in other cultures.

Whatever your taste, whatever the flavor, recipes are worth sharing, especially if its one that you know everyone can enjoy.

### Recipe for Happiness

**One full measure of kindness**

**A dash of laughter**

**Equal parts of work and play...**

**A generous heap of Love.**

December cooking club will be a cookie exchange! What a great time to get some new cookie recipes or just enjoy some delicious cookies and conversation with new and old friends! Cooking Club members check your emails for details and mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 16th @ 7 pm. If you are interested in joining the group, please email Robyn at [r.hayes67@gmail.com](mailto:r.hayes67@gmail.com).

## Mom's Night Out

Join us for a little pre-holiday pampering and some holiday cheer at Ignite hair salon in Chagrin Falls. Ignite is offering manicures, express pedicures, mini table massages and hair style tips. Check the CVECA website for cost information. Drinks and appetizers will be provided. Please RSVP to Dawn Bebout at [dhbebout@mac.com](mailto:dhbebout@mac.com) or 440-543-3615 along with the service(s) you wish. The event starts at 6:30pm but later start times for services are available. Please be sure to contact Dawn and let her know if you need to arrive after 6:30pm.