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FUN FOR A CAUSE

Naborhood Inn Turkey Bowl Fundraiser to Support Alliance Community Pantry

What's more fun than helping others? For The Maroon Club, a group of friends who have gotten together for years at the Naborhood Inn on the third Thursday of the month, not much.

Showing off the Turkey Bowl shirts designed by Eric Oberlin are Maroon Club members, from left: Jeff Walker, Nickie Scarlott, Jodene Battershell, Carolyn Dugan and Dan Schuette.

"Fun For a Cause" is the motto for this year's fourth annual Turkey Bowl fundraiser, a one-night event that last year raised $3,345 for the Alliance Community Pantry and collected more than 500 pounds of food.

"We always got together and had a good time," Carolyn Dugan said, "and then one night someone said why can't we do something besides having fun and drinking beer?"

That was the start of an annual event to support the pantry that has grown every year and is expected to be even bigger this year. "Local merchants have been very generous since the word has gotten out," said Jeff Walker, co-owner of the Naborhood Inn.

Maroon Club photo

The fundraiser, scheduled Friday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m., will include more than two dozen silent auction items, a 50-50 drawing, and, the big attraction, turkey bowling.

The Naborhood drive-thru will be converted into a bowling lane, complete with a laminated surface and regular bowling pins, thanks to the work of Dan Schuette, who makes custom cabinets. But it wasn't that sophisticated in the beginning. "The first year we used plywood and frozen two-liter bottles as pins," laughed Walker.

For $5, bowlers toss frozen 12-pound turkeys down the 24-foot lane and those who get a strike in each of their three throws are eligible for a drawing to win the prize trophy. Seventy-five bowlers participated last year and they expect many more this year.

The Maroon Club, got its name a few year ago when Patty Walker noticed that three men of the group -- Eddie Russell, Sam Demchak and Drew Saus -- showed up one Thursday night all wearing maroon shirts. The name stuck and the group continues to have ***fun for a cause.***

"It was a good time and a great team effort," said Walker at the conclusion of last year's Turkey Bowl, "and it's so great to be able to give back."

Below: Wednesday night crew being briefed by Day Manager Joan Gecina

Professor Beth Simbro and UMU students volunteer

Right: Screeners Carol Henry and Judy Douglas

GRATITUDE ~ November always reminds us to be grateful for the many blessings we have. At the pantry, we are so grateful for the many volunteers who are responsible for **everything**. This month we are highlighting representatives of some of the jobs filled by volunteers.

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Shoppers and warehouse crew

Left: volunteers unpack produce for opening the pantry. Right: Volunteers from the UMU Black Student Union, one of our many cleaning crews, freshen up the pantry.

ACP volunteers work Operation Orange to support the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank

Above: Meat guy ~ Roger Livelsberger

Warehouse Coordinator Terra talks about produce at preopening meeting.