

Happy New Year everyone! Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and happy New Year!

It's that time of the year again memberships dues are now due. If you haven't paid yours yet, go to this link and look for "Membership Options" on the right.



http://kankakeeriverrunningclub.com

## Christmas Party.

It will be at Manteno American Legion on Saturday, January 15th, starting with a social hour at 5:00 PM, buffet-style dinner at 6:00 PM with chicken, ham, potatoes au gratin, green beans, salad, meatless pasta and delicious cupcakes. After dinner, we will be giving out the awards for the 2021 Fantastic Four and having an election of club officers for 2022. All are welcome to join us. Tickets for the party are \$7 for members and \$12 for non-members. YOU MUST BE SIGNED BY NOON ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 7th as we need to let our caterers know how many people to plan for. Go to <a href="http://www.kankakeeriverrunningclub.com/christmas-party-rsvp">http://www.kankakeeriverrunningclub.com/christmas-party-rsvp</a> to register for the party.



WinterFest 5k run and walk is coming up! Don't forget to sign up. This is one of the Fantastic 4/Fabulous 5 (See details on page 6.)

February 6th 2022
<a href="http://racerpal.com/races/winterfest.html?">http://racerpal.com/races/winterfest.html?</a>
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## **Back the Blue Run**

In light of the recent tragic shootings of police officers in Bradley, Club Member Nicole Cartier is organizing a Back the Blue Run on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM at Bradley Police Station. <u>Click here for more details</u>

## **January Birthdays** 01/03 **Gregory Roy** 24 **Danielle Perkins** 01/04 31 63 01/05 **Daniel Gerber** 01/07 48 Jen Ingram Lynn McGinnis 47 01/08 Griffen Kisner 49 01/16 54 Nena Mayotte 01/18 Melissa Lux 43 01/22 67 01/25 James Martell 01/29 Dianne Strufe 82 01/30 Luke Horn 16



Grab your green gear and join us along the Kankakee River for another year of boozy, untimed 5K fun on Saturday, March 19 at River Road Park! Whether your coming for the running or the beer, you won't want to miss out on this exciting (and hilarious!) event.

Registration opens up online at <a href="www.kvpd.com">www.kvpd.com</a> on January 1 for our 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Beer 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by BrickStone Brewery! Register early and snag that Early Bird Discount!

## Fantastic 4/Fabulous 5

For 2022, the club will have a series called the Fantastic 4/Fabulous 5. There will be five club races this year: Winterfest 5K Run/Walk, Springfest 5K Run/Walk, Friendship Festival 5K Run/1.5 Mile Walk, Herscher Hare & Tortoise 5K Run/2 Mile Walk and River Rat Races 5K Run/Walk, 10K Run & 10 Mile Run. If you do all five races, you will get a special award. If you do any four of the five races, you will get a somewhat lesser, but special award. There is no entry fee (other than race-entry fees) for the series, but you must be a club member to receive the award. Dates for the races are:

Winterfest Sunday, 2/6/2022

Springfest Saturday, 4/23/2022 Tentative

Friendship Festival Saturday, 6/24/2022
Herscher Hare & Tortoise Sunday, 9/4/2022

River Rat Races TBA