

## Winter Retreat Report

On January 17-19, 2025, we had a total of 102 people attend The Winter Retreat at Maumee Bay Lodge & Conference Center. Friday night we had a euchre tournament to start the weekend off. During the day on Saturday, we had a variety of sessions from speakers like The Ohio Department of Natural Resources to a beer tasting. We had more than enough items from each zone to help with the service project on Saturday afternoon.

At least 15 people helped set up the service project and at least 50 assembled the backpacks for Helping Hands St. Louis. Below is a summary of the organization that we helped. Saturday evening we finished the day off with a tailgate party and watched the NFL playoffs. Sunday morning we had a church service led by PDG Marty and Lion Linda Savage. We had a few more people cancel before the deadline, so refunds were higher than usual. Overall it was a good weekend filled with fellowship, shopping and learning new things.

Service Project: Helping Hands of St. Louis is a mission group that helps to meet the needs of homeless people with meals, groceries, clothing, hot showers and other social services for all who come to their doors.

This year's committee will have one more meeting, probably in March, to review how this year's event went and ideas for next year's retreat.