

Bellbrook Lions: Looking to the Future

Lion President Gregg is leading a process to determine how the club is interacting with the Bellbrook and Sugarcreek communities, and to hopefully make the Bellbrook Lions more visible in the community. To this end, we need your assistance in completing a membership survey.

The process will lead us through a "Club Excellence Process" (CEP) and information came directly from Lions International. We did customize the survey to adapt to our projects and make it realistic for us. We have taken a lot of time to researching and updating this survey, so please take a couple minutes to complete & mail it to the address on the survey. (FIND SURVEY ENCLOSED)

The completed survey's will come directly to Lion Tad who will compile the data and provide in preparation for our February 19th meeting in which the Step 2, "What Makes an Excellence Club?" will be conducted. The more data we have from the surveys, the better the information we will be to make future plans.

In addition the Member Survey, we are also conducting a "Community Needs Assessment" from the Lions International

website. This assessment will be provide us, community leaders and business owners in the Bellbrook/Sugarcreek communities information on needs that can be addressed within the community. The assessment will also be posted on the website for people to print, fill out, and mail in. Our meetings through May will be focused on conducting this assessment. (See MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) The primary target for this survey is external to the Lions, but if you choose to, you may also fill one of these out. These will be mailed to the Lions Mail Box, and be consolidated by a task force of Lions. This data will be put into "buckets" (like items), and help us determine where the community would like our support. This provides us knowledge to go forward.

On or about the early May meeting, we will provide Presentation Step 3, "Review of the Community Needs Assessment." We will be to gather information during the Pancake Breakfast and the Sugar Maple Festival. This will provide us ideas going forward.

Throughout this, Lions Tad, Carloyn, and Dave (your membership team) will use this to help with membership and have a targeted dinner in sometime in early June.

Thoughts & Prayers

Please keep the follow in your thought and prayers. Cards and phone calls are always appreciated too.

Lion Bill and Mary Penewit

Lion Dan Swigart

Lion Dan Dirksen, Cancer

*Debbie Gross, Cancer,
Daughter of Lion Sandy
Edwards*

*Lion Ed Case, Recovering from
Surgery*

*Lion Bob Havard, Recovering
from Eye Surgery*

*Family of Maria Asaro who
recently passed away. Andy
was a Lion for many years*

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www.bellbrooklions.org

The President Message

Lion Gregg Sparks, President

The New Year is here. 2014 is upon us. I am hoping this year will provide a substantial turn for the Lions Club and our efforts to SERVE this community. As outlined above, a process to take a look at ourselves and plan for the future is my objective. Our Club needs to become more visible and grow our member roll.

Participation for Widow Basket distribution was a little light this year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 1st for

Trifecta event for Pancake Breakfast, Blood Drive and Youth Basketball tournament. We engage with the community at this event, let's make it a huge success.

Take time a complete the Membership Survey, we need to know what you think. Attend meetings we have planned through May, bring a friend and participate in the discussion. My year as President is nearly half over, and I'd love to leave Lion Kirk a growing and active Club.

Bellbrook Lions Board of Officers

(All Lions)

President: Gregg Sparks

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Membership: Tad Barnes

Tail Twister: John Baldino

Lion Tamer: Larry D. Johnson

Meetings:

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30
PM at the Lions Center.

Located at the corner of
Wilmington Dayton and
Conference Roads, behind the
White Church.

Festival Meetings w/ Lion Kirk Barrett:

2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM at
the Lions Center.

The Lingo is Back as a Monthly News Letter!

Fellow Lions and Lionesses, the Lingo is back on a monthly basis.

Thanks to Lions Walt and Linda Worthington for taking it on for the past year or so, but they are just too busy to get this out monthly.

While this is a great forum for us to get information out, I need your inputs too. If you have data you would like to share with our membership, please send me

the articles and I will include them in the Lingo. This can be anything from projects up and coming like the Triple Play – Pancake Breakfast, Blood Drive, and Basketball Play-offs. I can be project outcomes, highlighting a Lion who is doing neat stuff, or whatever you think our members would be interested in.

Lion Carolyn and I are going to try to work with the DDN

and CB Times to get a weekly “Bellbrook Lions Corner” in each. We will use data from the Lingo’s and website for populate them. When we can, I would like to highlight our projects and the things we do in the community. When all else fails, I will post our meetings and guests speakers, inviting the community to attend.

Help me to make this a good news letter.
Thanks, Lion Tad.

Meetings Open to the Public (Everyone)

To conduct the “Community Needs Assessment” we are opening our meetings to the public

This brings community members to our meetings, hear quality speakers, and give us the opportunity to get them involved in Lions.

The following are speakers, please feel free to invite friends to come and hear them speak. Only three

meeting will be closed to non-Lions, (discussed in the next article below).

Jan 8th: Jeff Stewart, Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District

Jan 22nd: Bellbrook & Sugarcreek Police and Fire – they were asked for a presentation as well as their wish list.

Feb 5th: Mark Schlagheck, Bellbrook City Manager,

March 5th: Barry Tiffany,

Sugarcreek Township Administrator

March 19th: Chris Ewing, Executive Director Bellbrook Chamber of Commerce

Apr 2nd: Carolyn Destefani, Family Resource Center

As you can see, Lion Gregg has an all-star line of speakers, let’s get the seats filled.

Club Excellence Process Meetings for Lions

A total of four meeting will be closed to the public for the Club Excellence Process. The first one was our December 18th meeting, where Lion Gregg outlined the process and what was ahead. The other three are as listed:

Feb 19th: Step #2 “What Makes and Excellence Club?”

with results of the membership survey

April 16th: Step 3 “Review of the Community Needs Assessment” Will determine how to conduct with “Charter Night”

May 21st: “What Can We Do Next?” A generation of ideas for going forward.

Lion Gregg has put a lot of effort into this process. Let’s all do our part to help. There should be some healthy discussion.

The entire idea is to make the Bellbrook Lions very strong within the community for years to come, just like we have been in the past.

Lion Festival Planning with Lion Kirk Barrett is Starting

Wednesday, January 15th is the first Lions Festival Meeting. Our Vice President, Lion Kirk Barrett extends an invitation to all to attend.

However, Lion Kirk is requesting for booth chairmen and key personnel attend the first meeting to help him get a good start to the planning process. He is specifically asking for each to think about how we might improve the festival, specifically by improving your

booth or area of responsibility.

He stated everything is open for discussion, and he would like to get as many ideas as possible.

He also stated the festival is only as good as what we make it as a team, not him as the leader. So please come with ideas.

In closing, Lion Kirk promises the meeting will be to the point and will only last as long as needed.

He provided his contact information if fellow Lions would like to go direct with him.

Email is the best way to contact him: dbarrett@vectren.com, or by phone (937) 239-0581.

Editor's Note: Let's ALL come out and support Lion Kirk. See you on January 15th. Bring your Ideas.

Community Flee Market & Recycling Day

By Lion Carolyn Barnes

This year the Bellbrook Lions are hosting a Community Flee Market & Recycling Day in conjunction with the Bellbrook Community Garage Sale.

I am looking for a few good Lions that want to help me with this project. I have date, location, and some ideas; but would like some help to bring it all together. In addition, I am open to additional ideas to make this a successful community project.

We have a date for the project, Saturday, May 17th. This is the Saturday of the Bellbrook Community Garage Sale.

We have a location: The parking lot in front of the Bellbrook Admin Building next to the High School.

We will tape off two parking spaces for a "booth" and sell them for to the public to allow them to sell their wares here. This works great for the people that live outside of town; mostly Sugarcreek residents that do not get enough traffic to host garage

sales. It is also good for people who go to garage sales, as they have multiple families at one location.

By bringing in recycling, we will open it up to another group of people.

If you are interested in helping, please give me a call (848-2374), or send me an email me at CM-Carolyn@woh.rr.com.

Thank You,
Lion Carolyn

Lionesses' Corner

By Lioness Linda Worthington:

Happy New Year to All.

The Lionesses enjoyed a very productive 2013, and are looking forward to an even better 2014.

Our 2013 projects included our annual Garage Sale in April, another Prince and Princess Contest at the Lions Festival (and all ladies helping at the Festival), two Chili/spaghetti Dinners, a Fine Arts Craft Show, gifts for our

Adopt-A-Family all year long in addition to providing their Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas gifts for the family. We also joined the Lions with the Annual Widow/Widower basket delivery, and this year the Lionesses delivered 62 baskets to the Widowers of the Bellbrook and Sugarcreek communities.

In addition, the Lions and Lionesses joined together for several meetings, including the

Induction of Officers and Christmas party.

Finally, we conducted monthly Bingo sessions, and are looking on carrying them into 2014.

Our club continues to grow, and we are anticipating bring on two more women in the future. If you know of any ladies interested in the Lionesses, please have them contact me at lwworthington@aol.com or 848-2164.

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Happy New Year!