



THE LINGO

Bellbrook Lions Club

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 1st Yr Dir: Lion Tony Chitwood
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 Membership: Lion Ed Hammer
 Past Pres: Lion Ed Hammer

Meetings are 8:00PM the **first** and **third Wednesdays** of EVERY MONTH

@ Lions Grange Center (Wilmington-Dayton Rd & Conference Rd) See you there!!

FEBRUARY 2009

The Lions Den

Spring is just around the corner, you can feel it in the air and from the projects we have in the next few months. First big project of 2009 will be a triple header on Saturday, March 14th at Stephen Bell School starting at 7 am. The annual Pancake Breakfast has the potential of being the biggest ever. We are combining this with a community Blood Donation, again with the potential of being the biggest seen to date. The third event will be the kid's basketball tournament which gives us additional exposure to our community projects. Beside the festival, this will likely be where you see the most Lions out in force. Gentleman, man your skilletts.

January's Board meeting was packed with many motions to activate and grow this Club. Over the next five months, we will be establishing a mission statement and objectives that will define and guide our Club's future. The intent is to revise Operating Policies, adjust projects and possibly the IRS filing status of the Club to help guide us for the next decade. We need your assistance to develop the best way forward for future Bellbrook Lions. Contact me, if you are interested in helping this ad hoc committee develop strategies and plans. Expect to hear updates during monthly meetings as we target the June 3rd meeting as the Club vote for changes.



The Board also discussed expanding the "Helping Neighbors" project conducted on January 19th to a continuing project that will benefit many in need throughout the community. The Lionesses want to be part of this expansion. A letter will be sent to our widows and widowers in the next week letting them know of this

project and how they can participate. We are seeking a project leader for this effort and hope to make this an ongoing project. We expect a community wide effort will be conducted the weekend after Sugar Maple festival, April 25th.

Gregg Sparks

WIDOW/WIDOWER BASKET DELIVERY CORRECTION

Last month, I listed Lion Harry Crow as the Chairperson for the annual Widow/Widower Basket Project.

The Widow Basket project is actually Co-Chaired by Lion Harry Crowe and Lion Ernie Josche.

The Widower Basket project is a Lioness project that is Co-Chaired by Lioness Jeanne Josche and Lioness Betty Stiles.

Sorry for any confusion.

Lion Tad Barnes

BOYS & GIRLS LIONS BASKETBALL

"WHAT A GREAT YEAR FOR THIS PROGRAM. GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU HAVE GREAT PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER"

By Lion John Dorn

Lion Brian Hoehner again was in charge of the Basketball Program. He has an uncanny gift of organization and selecting the right people to work with him.



4th, 5th and 6th Lions Club Basketball Program

Chuck Long, Bob Neus, Bob Lucas along with fellow Lions Mike Z, Kirk Barrett and Mark Chesney are the mainstays of the program every Saturday morning.



Brian Hoehner

Kirk Barrett

Bob Neus

After the ninety plus players register, Brian must carefully select all of the coaches and assistant coaches. He then schedules an evaluation program to determine as closely as possible the



Coach and Referee, Bob Lucas

talent of each player so teams can be evenly selected. Practice times during the month of December are set up for instruction and games begin in early

January. Teams then practice once a week with games played every Saturday morning for 8 or 9 weeks.

He then organizes a season ending tournament having two divisions according to team

placement during the season.

One of the final matches will be scheduled for March 14th, along with the annual Pancake Breakfast & Blood Drive.

Note: Baseball planning is underway with signups taking place in February.



Chuck Long



Referee Mikey Z

ARTICLES WANTED

This is the Club's Lingo, not mine. I am looking for articles from club members. I know a lot of things are happening, but we need to do a better job advertising it within and outside of our club.

An example is the outstanding article Lion John Dorn did on the Lions Basketball Program on the previous page.

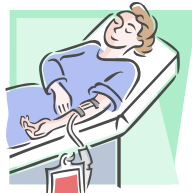
Lion Tad Barnes

THE BELLBROOK LIONS ARE HAVING A THREE-WAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST, BASKETBALL TOURNNEY, & BLOOD DRIVE



That's Right, we will feed you, take your blood, and then you can relax and enjoy the tournament that

concludes our Basketball Season. This all will take place at Steven Bell Elementary in Bellbrook on March 14th.



Chairmen:

Pancake Breakfast: Lion Chris Demeter

Basketball Tourney: Lion John Dorn

Blood Drive: Lion Larry D. Johnson

Lion Tad Barnes

3J VICE GOVERNER CHARLES NEWLING

VISITED ON 7 JAN 09

District 3J Vice Governor Charles Newland paid us a visit on 7 Jan 09. He has some very inspiring things to say and outlined things that were happening within the Lions local and within the state.

Two main themes he spoke about were (1) Lions needs new blood that is looking to lead. Not people to just pass the time, and (2) Lions need to promote themselves and their ranks, and help one another out.

Lions in the state of Ohio have decreased by about 1/3rd in the last ten years (I think that was his figure). This is due to several reasons. We need to listen to the new people and incorporate their ideas. We also need to work with our fellow clubs and aid them as we can. Xenia is currently trying to save themselves from going under, and could use our help. I know Lion President Gregg Sparks and several other are reaching out. Hopefully they will provide a write-up for a future Lingo.

District 3J Vice Governor Newland also stated they are looking for district and state officer positions. If interested, please let him know.

Lion Tad Barnes

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Deadline: Forth Tuesday of the Month (Board Meeting)

District 13-J News: <http://www.district13j.com/>

POLICE & FIRE DEPT ANNUAL SUPPORT



The Bellbrook Police and Fire Departments and Sugarcreek Fire Department were at our January 21st meeting to make their annual pitch for support. The Sugarcreek Police Department did not attend and has been invited to come to a February meeting. In addition, the new Bellbrook City Manager, Mark Schlagheck attended this meeting and introduced himself. He said he would come to another meeting in about six months or so, after he had time to fully grasp his new position in the community. The Police and Fire Department requests were as follows:

Bellbrook Fire Department, Chief Scott Hall and Lt. Athena Robbins: They are requesting a Nikon camera, 200mm lens, and carrying case to be utilized for evidence documentation. The cost of this project is approximately \$800. \$600 toward this project was approved by the club.

Bellbrook Police Department, Sgt Steve Carmin: They are requesting a 26" flat screen TV with built-in DVD player to be used in the dispatch office to monitor weather and news updates and for officer

training. The current one is nine years old and in dire need of replacement. They are looking at a specific model that will match with existing equipment and is reasonable priced at approximately \$500; including mounting hardware. The full cost of this project was approved.

Sugarcreek Fire Department, Capt. Jeff Melton: The Sugarcreek Fire Department is requesting a set of Multi-Hook fire-fighting tools to enable them to get to attic and wall fires. This set includes 1 @ 12', 1 @ 10', 2 @ 8', and 4 @ 6' multi-hook fire-fighting tools. The projected cost of for the entire set is \$655; and \$600 was approved by the club for this equipment. *Lion Tad Barnes*

ZONE 1 CHAIRMAN

DAVE JORDON

VISITED ON 7 JAN 09



Lion Zone 1 Chairman Dave Jordon thanked the Bellbrook Lions for our many projects and the successes.

The next Zone 1 meeting will be on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at Jamestown Church on Route 35. Dinner is at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7:15 pm.

He invited everyone to the District 13-J Convention at Jackson, Ohio; March 14-15. The State Convention is May 15-17 in Dublin, Ohio and International Convention will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He informed us that the Ohio State School of the Blind has been accepted to participate at the 2010 Rose Bowl Parade. They are asking for club donations to help defray \$80,000 in estimated costs.

Lion Tad Barnes

2009 LIONS FESTIVAL

WITH 1ST VICE

PRESIDENT

LION RICK

ROBERTSON



The January meeting was cancelled due to weather. Lion Rick held a quick meeting following the 21 Jan meeting to finalize the ordering of prizes.

The February meeting took place with minimal attendance. The Car is on Order and other prizes have been acquired.

Festival meetings will continue through July on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 pm at the Lions Grange center. For those of you that have not been part of the festival planning in the past, I highly recommend attending these meetings. It really helps you to understand the inner-workings of the club.

Prizes this year are:

1st Prize: Victory Red Chevy Cobalt

2nd Prize: 19" LCD HGTV

3rd Prize: 4 GB I-Pod Nano

Lion Rick is still looking for a Festival Theme and Grand Marshall. If you have any ideas, please let him know.

Thanks to Lion Tony Chitwood who is our new Parade Organizer/Coordinator. Lion Larry Varner is passing the reins to Lion Tony this year.

Lion Tad Barnes

ANNUAL LIONESS GARAGE SALE

Chairperson: Lioness Barb Schulte,
848-6222

Wednesday & Thursday,
March 25th & March 26th
at the Lions Grange Center.

They are accepting
donations on the following
dates:

- March 22nd: 1-4 PM
- March 23-24: 10-4 PM

Accepted Donation Items Include:

- Furniture
- Clothing
- Toys
- Husbands
- House-Hold Items
- Etc



Lioness Linda Worthington



**THOUGHTS
&
PRAYERS**



**CALLS & CARDS ARE
APPRECIATED FOR:**

Lion Doc & Gerry Wright
Lion Roy & Marilyn Hensley
Lion Willard Wilson
Lion Norm & Judy Clay
Lion Andy and Maria Asaro
Mrs. Jean Bohman (Lion Ken's Wife)
Lioness Marcie Brawner
Ms. Freda Macy (Lion Bob's Wife)
Lioness Velma Roney

Lion Ernie Josche

PARTING THOUGHTS:

Teams by Another Name

Here is the answers to the January Brain Teaser.

6 Rulers -----	Vikings (VI Kings)
747's -----	Jets
A Dollar for Corn -----	Buccaneer (Buc an Ear)
American Gauchos -----	Cowboys
Army Insects -----	Giants (GI Ants)
Birds Trained To Kill -----	Falcons
Class of Boy Scout -----	Eagles
Credit Card Users -----	Chargers
Crooked Wire -----	Jaguars
Edgar Scary Birds -----	Ravens
Evicted by the Olympians -----	Titans
Ewes' Mate -----	Rams
Fundamental Rule -----	Cardinals
Hostile Attackers -----	Raiders
Hot Epidermis -----	Red Skins
Indian Leader -----	Chiefs
IOU -----	Chargers
King of the Beasts -----	Lions
Loaders -----	Packers
Mel Gibson -----	Patriots
NASA's Headquarters -----	Texans
Ocean Going Birds -----	Sea Gulls
One of Them Is Pink -----	Panthers
Peter and Paul -----	Saints
Rodeo Horses -----	Broncos
Seven Squared -----	49'ers
Six Shooters -----	Colts
Streakers -----	Bears
Suntanned Bodies -----	Browns
Thieves -----	Steelers
Toy Babies with Arms -----	Dolphins (Doll Fins)
Used To Be Women -----	Bengals (Been Gals)

Teams: 49ers, Bears, Bengals, Bills, Broncos, Browns, Buccaneers, Cardinals, Chargers, Chiefs, Colts, Cowboys, Dolphins, Eagles, Falcons, Giants, Jaguars, Jets, Lions, Packers, Panthers, Patriots, Raiders, Rams, Ravens, Redskins, Saints, Seahawks, Steelers, Texans, Titans, Vikings

LIONS CALENDARS

FEBRUARY 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
z	2	3	4 Guest Meeting Surprise Guest 8:00 PM	5	6	7 Valentines Dance CANCELLED
8	9	10	11 Festival Meeting 8:00 PM	12	13	14 Valentines Day
15	16	17	18 Regular Meeting 8:00 PM	19	20	21
22	23	24 Board Meeting: 8:00 PM Lingo Deadline	25	26	27	28

MARCH 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
z	2	3	4 Guest Meeting Surprise Guest 8:00 PM	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Festival Meeting 8:00 PM	12	13	14 Pancake B-fast Blood Drive B-Ball Tourney
15	16	17	18 Regular Meeting 8:00 PM	19	20	21
22 Garage Sale Dropoff	23	24 Board Meeting: 8:00 PM Lingo Deadline	25 Lionesses Garage Sale	26	27	28
29	30	31				