



The Lingo

Bellbrook Lions News

July 2010

President: George Simmons
1st Vice: Tad Barnes
2nd Vice: Allan Huffman
3rd Vice: Open
Treasurer: Rick Robertson
Secretary: Ernie Josche

Changing Leadership: From Lion Rick to Lion George

The Outgoing Lions Den

With Lion Past President
Rick Robertson



As my year as president comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for a great year and encourage you to support our new slate of officers. In addition, I encourage you to be active in the club as that is the only way we can grow as a club. We are in constant need of Lions to step up and help carry out jobs for the Club and I encourage you to offer your assistance to our new officers.

Positions that need to be filled include: 3rd Vice President, Reservations Chairman, Programs Chairman, Baseball Program Manager, and Assistant Softball Program Manager

Our baseball and fast pitch softball programs have just wrapped up with the slow pitch softball program still having three weeks of play left. Thanks to all those involved in making these programs successful.

The Festival is fast approaching and Lion George and Lion Tad have been working hard to make sure all the arrangements are in place to have another smooth and successful year. Please sell your tickets for the raffle and ask for more from Lion Bill - we all have a responsibility for selling tickets to ensure an overall success for the festival.

Finally, your annual dues of \$65.00 are now due. Please pay your dues this month as the club has to remit dues to International for everyone on our roster.

Thanks, again for a great year and I wish Lion President George Simmons a successful year.

Rick Robertson, Immediate Past President

The Incoming The Lions Den

With Lion President
George Simmons



I was honored to be installed as the Lions President last night. We had a nice dinner arranged by Lion Walt Worthington. All of the Officers of the Lions Club and the Lioness Club were installed by Lion Mike Zehringer. Lion Ernie Josche passed out the attendance and special awards for service in the past year. Lion Rick Robertson gave out the special awards. Lion George Simmons awarded Lion Robertson a very nice Past Presidents Plaque with a gold gavel. It was a very special night and reflected the continuity of the Bellbrook Lions Clubs. These are people dedicated to service and it was reflected in the long list of Club Projects read by our Secretary.

I am looking forward to a great festival so sell your tickets, they are our money-makers.

I plan to continue the close working relationship with all of the Community Organizations and encourage them to join with us on projects. It should be a productive new year. Please call me at 1-937-848-4953 with any comments and suggestions for the new year. Happy Festival Sell Tickets.

Festival News
*With Lion 1st Vice President,
 & 2010 Festival Booth Chair*
Tad Barnes

As the Chairman of the Cake Wheel (which my wife Carolyn has so graciously agreed to run without me this year), I have yet to get the Cake Letters out to the membership. This is an advance notice they are coming. We are still requesting each Lion and Lioness make two (2) cakes (or plates of cookies or cupcakes) for each night. Drop them off at the Cake wheel when you report for your shift.

The last four years we made between \$1,200 and \$1,500 each year. The amount of support (cakes) from the Lions/Lionesses is directly dependent on how much we are able to raise with this booth.

Setup starts on Sunday, August 15th

Sunday, Aug 15th @ 7:00 am: Electrical

Monday, Aug 16th @ 6:00 pm: Booth & Food Trailers Set-Up.

Tuesday, Aug 17th @ 6:00 pm: Booth Set-Up.

Wednesday, Aug. 18th @ 6:00 pm: Final Booth Touches & Watermelon.

Thursday, Aug. 19th @ 5:00 pm: Festival starts – Day 1.

Friday, Aug. 20st @ 5:00 pm: Festival starts – Day 2.

Saturday, Aug. 21nd @ 4:00 pm: Parade Starts: Festival starts immediately after the parade. (~5:00 pm) - Day 2

Sunday, Aug. 22nd @ 7:00 am: Tear down & clean up till next year. If you're not there by EIGHT, you are most definitely LATE.

Dues are Due
\$65 This Year

There is an insert in this mailing. Please comply with by 1 August 2010.

Thanks from you entire Lions Board.

Guest Speaker, 7 July

Allen Johnson

World Traveler

The Wednesday, July 7, 2010 regular meeting of the Bellbrook Lions Club will feature as their guest speaker, Mr. Allen Johnson.

Born in the small Southern Illinois town of Lawrenceville in 1935, Allen grew up leading a quiet life of sand lot baseball, fishing, camping out, delivering the evening paper and day-dreaming. After college, he realized he could live out his early daydreams. Allen's job as a communications engineer with the U.S. Air Force gave him the opportunity to travel, and travel he did. In the past 40 years, Allen has flown over 5 million miles, including circling the globe five times, driven nearly one million miles and flown over the Antarctic and the North Pole.

Allen's work with the Air Force provided the opportunity to travel extensively. Taking advantage of his professional and personal travel, he has chased polar bears across the Canadian Arctic, ridden camels across the Australian Outback, bicycled across Sweden, Canada, and the U.S., kayaked the 40 foot high tides in the Bay of Fundy, skied on the Arctic Ocean in Greenland, swam with sharks in Mexico, jogged the Great Wall of China, climbed volcanoes in Hawaii, hiked the remote mountains of Argentina's Terr del Fuego, biked 4,000 miles from Ohio to Alaska and driven elephants through the streets of New Delhi, India.

Mr. Johnson's adventures are chronicled in articles in the Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, Sumner Press, Outdoor Indiana Magazine, American Airline's Magazine and numerous special interest journals. Allen has written twelve books. You can read about some of his adventures on his website, www.creative-enterprises.org

This meeting is, as all Lions meetings are, open to the public. Please invite a friend or neighbor and hear a dynamic presentation that promises to be good.

Lion Ernie Josche

Bellbrook Lions Club Donates Special Refrigeration Unit to Preserve Eye Tissue for Transplants to Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank!

By Lion Ernie Josche



The Bellbrook Lions Club has supported eye preservation and research projects for over 60 years through its donations to Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank and various International and State Foundations.



On May 6, twelve members of the Bellbrook Lions/Lioness Club presented a check for \$3224 to Phyllis McNabb, Executive Director of Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank in Columbus to purchase an Aegis Refrigeration unit. The unit will replace an older unit in need of repair. This equipment is of vital importance in storing donor corneas prior to transplantation. Corneas must be kept between two and eight degrees Celsius, and are provided for surgery within a few days to a week after they have been donated and preserved. The

refrigeration of donor corneas helps keep delicate cells alive and healthy for a positive surgical outcome. The unit is being dedicated in honor of long time member of the Bellbrook Lions Club, Lion John Dorn.

Since its beginning in 1947, the Bellbrook Lions Club has grown into one of the most active service organizations in the area. On a local level, Bellbrook Lions Club sponsors youth sports activities helping area kids learn skills and good sportsmanship. Other worthy causes they support are the annual Christmas Widow Fruit Baskets, I-675 Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Project, donation of eyeglasses to area needy school children, donations to Camp Echoing Hills and Kamp Dovetail both of which are summer camps for kids with physical challenges, annual college scholarships and various community service day projects.

Funding for this donation and other Club donations are made possible by the Club's annual 3 day Festival, held on August 19, 20 and 21 this year at Sugarcreek Elementary School Grounds in Bellbrook. Food, fun, games, Bingo, pull tabs, car show, parade and a hometown atmosphere awaits you at the 64th annual Bellbrook Lions Club Festival. -- Help Us; Help the Blind

Induction of Officers of the 2010-2011 Bellbrook Lions & Lionesses



This year's induction of Lion's and Lionesses was a class event; as always. Special thanks go out to Lion Mike "Z" doing the induction, Lion Walt and Lioness Linda Worthington for coordinating the event and all the other Lions and Lionesses that worked behind the scenes.



Meeting Times Lions Board Discussion Point

The Lions Board has been discussing low membership at meetings for quite some time. One of the themes that have come forth is the meeting time. 8:00 PM may be too late for a lot of our membership. This time was set decades ago so our membership could work their fields – no longer valid for most of us. Would moving the time from 8:00 to 7:00 help you to attend meetings? Please provide feedback.

Thoughts & Prayers



Calls & Cards are Appreciated For:

Lion Doc & Gerry Wright
 Lion Willard Wilson
 Lion Norm & Judy Clay
 Evelyn Wannemacher
 Lion John Dorn
 Janae Corbett - Lion John's Daughter
 Lion Don & Marcie Brawner
 Lion Pat Sira
 Lion Terry Sigman
 Lion Larry Vernor
 Lion Ken Bohman
 Lioness Velma Roney
 Freda Macy
 Lioness Carolyn Cuzzort

As you can see, our sick-call list is pretty extensive. Calls, cards, and visits are always welcome. For those in hospitals and nursing home, always call and ensure you are within their visiting hours and they are up to the visit.

The Lingo

The Lingo has been somewhat sporadic for the past year. This has been for a combination of reasons, but mostly it's due to me being extremely busy with work and life. I will try to do better, but am looking for help from the club. **Two Specific Lingo Points:**

1. **Articles:** Some of the best articles have come from the club membership, such as the Refrigeration Unit Donation (above), Lion Jerry's Eyeglass Project, Lion Kirk Barrett's article on the Triple Play (Pancake Breakfast), and Lion John Dorn's articles on the different sports programs. I look forward to articles from you in the future. Booth and Committee chairman should have plenty of fodder.

2. **Delivery Method:** Delivery by e-mail saves the club money, but is it worth it. The Lingo is meant to be a family publication, so spouses can help plan for our activities. If the Spouse does not see it, then the purpose of electronically delivery is lost. There is a separate flyer on delivery. Please complete & return.

July 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.	7. Guest Meeting Allen Johnson 8:00 PM	8.	9.	10. 8:30 to 1:00 Blood Drive Bellbrook FD Station #2
11.	12.	13.	14. Festival Meeting 8:00 PM	15.	16.	17.
18.	19.	20.	21. Regular Meeting 8:00 PM	22.	23.	24.
25.	26.	27. Board Meeting 8:00 PM	28.	29.	30.	31.

August 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1.	2.	3.	4. Regular Meeting 8:00 PM	5.	6.	7.
8.	9.	10.	11. Festival Meeting 8:00 PM	12.	13.	14.
15. Electrical and Booth Setup: 7:00 AM	16. Booth & Trailer Setup 6:00 PM	17. Booth and Area Setup-Up 6:00 PM	18. Final Touches & Watermelon 6:00 PM	19.	20.	21.
22. Festival Teardown: 7:00 AM	23.	24. Board Meeting 8:00 PM	25.	26.	27.	28.
29.	30.	31.				

Lions Festival