



THE LINGO

Bellbrook Lions Club

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Take **PRIDE** in your Lions Club!

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1st Yr Dir: Lion Tony Chitwood
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Tail Twister: Lion Harry Crowe
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 & Conference Rd) See you there!!

AUGUST 2008

The Lions Den

Fellow Lions,

Everyone warned me that becoming Club president and leading the festival would come at me hard and fast. In just a few weeks Lions and friends will once again pour their collective heart, soul and muscle into making the annual festival a success. Please consider this time as an opportunity to invite a neighbor or friend to help us. If they get a taste of Lionism, they just might want to be part of the Club. The help can come for an hour, a night or all three nights, it doesn't matter. Invite them to work with you at your booth or with food service. Please contact 1st VP Rick Robertson, so he can insure we smooth out the help when and where needed. Invite first to help with a project, then they can come to a meeting, then maybe, just maybe they will consider to be a Lion.

I have several things I would like to achieve this year as your president. First, I'd like to see the Club become a 501(3)C organization with the possibility of receiving charitable donation. Second, I'd like to activate ourselves in the community with projects that will activate others to either help or become members. Third, my approach will be to consider a long term or strategic plan for our Club, so we can chart our way to what we will be in 10 years.

I will see everyone at the festival, pray for great weather.

Gregg Sparks



IT'S FESTIVAL TIME

Aug 14-16, Sugarcreek Elementary

(Not sure what it's called now)

However, for All of Us Bellbrook Lions, the Festival starts Sunday, August 10th, and ends Sunday, August 17th.

Sunday, Aug 10th @ 7:00 am: Electrical: Install lights.

Monday, Aug 11th @ 6:00 pm: Booth Set-up & Food Trailers set-up.

Tuesday, Aug 12th @ 6:00 pm: Booth Set-up.

Wednesday, Aug. 13th @ 6:00 pm: Final Booth Touches & Watermelon.

Thursday, Aug. 14th @ 5:00 pm: Festival starts - day 1.

Friday, Aug. 15th @ 5:00 pm: Festival starts - day 2.

Saturday, Aug. 16th @ 4:00 pm: Parade Starts: Festival starts immediately after the parade. (~5:00 pm)

Sunday, Aug. 17th @ 7:00 am: Tear down & clean up till next year. Lion President Gregg says if your not there by EIGHT, you are most definitely LATE.

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Deadline: Forth Tuesday of the Month (Board Meeting)

District 13-J News: [Hhttp://www.district13j.com/H](http://www.district13j.com/H)

LINGO UNPROTECTED



The Lingo is no longer password protected. To protect our members, the membership page has been removed from the Lingo and is posted separately on the Bellbrook Lions website at www.bellbrooklions.org/lingo.html -- this page is password protected. The password was e-mailed to those that are on the electronic distribution. For those who get a snail-mail copy (US Post Office), the roster is within.

POINTS OF ORDER

Regular Meeting Snacks: In the Lingo Calendar, there are names by the regular meetings. These are the people designated to bring snacks each week. I am going to make an effort to have at least one person who normally attends as well as two other listed. We are trying to bring fellowship back to the meetings and snacks are a great time to mingle and visit.

Lingo Articles: The Lingo is YOUR PAPER, not Mine (that's the editor in me is talking). I want articles by the people running things. If you are in charge of a sport, I want a page or two spread with pictures and words of what took place and who did what. Participation numbers, games, all stars, coaches, refs, etc. Look back at the article by Lion John Dorn did for the Basketball season in April 08 for more information.

KAMP DOVETAIL

The Bellbrook Leo Club has again had a successful year at Kamp Dovetail in Hillsboro. Sixteen Leos and two Leo advisors spent the mid-June week on Rock Fork State Park with over 320 handicapped campers engaged in fishing, boating, horseback riding, swimming, art projects and a variety of other outdoor activities. Leo representatives Alex Robertson and Molly Sparks came to the July 16th meeting and described their participation at this year's camp. Molly said: "This was her third year and although camp week is very tiring, volunteering and being with the kids is worth it." The Leo Club has grown this event as its primary project and hopes to see more participation in coming years. The Lions Club made their first trip to Kamp Dovetail on the Thursday night dance preparing funnel cakes and providing candy. Molly & Alex's response was, "Thanks, come fill up the campers with sugar just before we try to get them to bed." *Lion President Gregg Sparks*



Editor's Note: I wanted to include a lot more pictures of this project, and was provided a DVD with them on it. However, the DVD was made into a movie and protected in such a manner that I could copy the individual pictures out. I hope you attended the meeting where Leo's Molly and Alex had their presentation.

DUES ARE OVERDUE!



It's that time of year again to pay our dues. If you have not paid yet, please do so.

As of the June Board Meeting, 25 Lions have yet to pay their dues.

This is an annual problem and causes the club to carry a lot of the membership with Lions International, the State, and District. Lion Treasurer Doc Wright paid Lions International \$1,443 and the State and District \$565 for our semi-annual dues. Thus almost \$2,000 was paid based on our current membership; \$4,000 annually.

Those who do not pay their dues in the very near future can expect personal calls from one of the Bellbrook Lions Officers.

HIGH-SCHOOL STADIUM PROJECT

BY LION GREGG SPARKS

Lions have been well represented during the recent reassembly of the band bleachers in the new high school stadium. The final phase of our community project to help the school district with a cost avoiding effort to store and reassemble the newest bleachers has resulted in 5 work efforts over the last week. The band "Pit Dads" are supplying the manpower along with the many Lions. Special thanks to Lions Ron Applegate, Kirk Barrett, John Kesler, Dave Laurash, Rick Robertson, Don Sira, Keith St Pierre, Jeff Stahl, Bill Wharton and Jim Yankel for helping make the



reassembly work. Many more helped in other phases of this project.

Please mark your calendar for Aug 7th at 7 pm for a community Open House for the stadium; and the planned Dedication during the Season Opener against Miamisburg on Aug 22nd.

FESTIVAL UPDATE



Full stream ahead for the 2008 Lions Club Festival. There is still much to do by all members, such as set-up, selling car tickets, working your booth, and then clean-up. It is truly an amazing feat how the festival can be pulled together so quickly with **everyone's help**. Please make sure you know your work assignment, and the days for set-up. This year bring a friend or neighbor to help with your booth and introduce them to what Lions are doing in Bellbrook. We will have a new display in the food tent to inform perspective members. Features like the Community Recognition, Friday night and a local band playing on Saturday night will be new features for the festival. We are still crossing our fingers for a fireworks display on Saturday night at 10 pm. Our publicity message for Saturday is come down to the festival on Saturday evening for "Food, Fun and Fireworks". See you at the festival. *Lion President Gregg Sparks*

ADDITIONAL FESTIVAL INFORMATION:

New Game: Quarter Push
Open to everyone

Poker & 5-Card Draw:

These will be limited to persons that are really 18 and above this year. They will be behind a fence and monitored.

Fireworks:

Back on for Saturday Night - Hopefully

Introduce Someone to Lions:

The best time to introduce someone to Lions is to bring them on during a project. For us, the best time is to get them to assist with the Lions festival. Please try to get a person or two to come along and assist for at least a couple hours one day. Several if they are available

Band: Saturday, 6:00 - 9:30 PM

New Sausage Trailer:

Purchased from the London Lions Club.

The name will change on the trailer prior to the Festival.

Happy Cooking Lion Mark Keller

Setup/Tear-Down:

We are looking forward to everyone participating as much as possible from Sunday 10 Aug thru Sunday, 17 Aug. Show time is 7:00, but I hear you are not considered late until 8:00.

AUGUST 6TH SPECIAL GUEST

Howard Ackerman
Park District Board
Topic: Township/City
Open Space /Bike
Trail Plans



**THOUGHTS
&
PRAYERS**



**CALLS & CARDS ARE
APPRECIATED FOR:**

- Lion Doc & Gerry Wright
- Lion Roy & Marilyn Hensley (Back Home)
- Lion Willard Wilson
- Lion Norm & Judy Clay
- Lion Bob Harvard



PARTING THOUGHTS

Three Holy Men and a Bear

A Priest, a Pentecostal Preacher, and a Rabbi all served as Chaplains to the students of Northern Michigan University in Marquette. They would get together two or three times a week for coffee and to talk shop.

One day, someone made the comment that preaching to people isn't really all that hard. A real challenge would be to preach to a bear. One thing led to another, and they decided to do an experiment. They would all go out into the woods, find a bear, preach to it, and attempt to convert it.

Seven days later, they all came together to discuss their experience.

Father Flannery, who had his arm in a sling, was on crutches, and had various bandages on his body and limbs, went first. "Well," he said, "I went into the woods to find me a bear. And when I found him, I began to read to him from the Catechism. Well, that bear wanted nothing to do with me and began to slap me around. So I quickly grabbed my holy water, sprinkled him and, Holy Mary Mother of God, he became as gentle as a lamb. The

bishop is coming out next week to give him first communion and confirmation."

Reverend Billy Bob spoke next. He was in a wheelchair, had one arm and both legs in casts, and had an IV drip. In his best fire-and-brimstone oratory, he claimed, "WELL, brothers, you KNOW that we don't sprinkle! I went out and I FOUND me a bear. And then I began to read to my bear from God's HOLY WORD! But that bear wanted nothing to do with me. So I took HOLD of him and we began to wrestle. We wrestled down one hill, UP another and DOWN another until we came to a creek. So I quickly DUNKED him and BAPTIZED his hairy soul. And just like you said, he became as gentle as a lamb. We spent the rest of the day praising Jesus."

The priest and the reverend both looked down at the rabbi, who was lying in a hospital bed. He was in a body cast and traction with IVs and monitors running in and out of him. He was in really bad shape. The Rabbi looked up and said, "Looking back on it, circumcision may not have been the best way to start."

LIONS CALENDARS

AUGUST 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Reg Meeting G. Wannemaher Steven Tobias Daniel Swigart	7	8	9
10 Unload & Power Setup	11 Booth & Trailer Setup	12 Booth & Trailer Setup	13 Festival Meeting @ Sugarcreek Finalize Booths			
17 Cleanup & Pack	18	19	20 Reg Meeting Larry Verner Benny Ulmer Steve Waddell	21	22 BHS Stadium Dedication 1st Home Game	23
24 <hr/> 31	25	26 Board Mtn: 8:00 PM Lingo Deadline	27	28 Lions Grange Board Mtn: 7:30 PM	29	30

SEPTEMBER 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3 Reg Meeting Wilard Wilson Rick Woeste W. Worthington	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Festival Meeting Lessons Learned 7:00 PM	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Reg Meeting D. Worthington Carl Woten Doc Wright	18	19	20
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