



# THE LINGO

**Bellbrook Lions Club**

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*Take PRIDE in your Lions Club!*

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Membership: Lion Ed Hammer  
Past Pres: Lion Gregg Sparks

Meetings are 8:00PM the **first** and **third Wednesdays** of EVERY MONTH  
@ Lions Grange Center (Wilmington-Dayton Rd & Conference Rd) See you there!!

**JULY/AUGUST 2009**

## *Changing of the Guard: From Lion Gregg to Lion Rick*

### *Out-Going Lions Den*

Am I done, yet? This is probably the question I will keep asking myself after a whirlwind year as Club President. I can answer that question in two ways, not really and what defines "done". I'm still a Lion, there are many things that need to be done. The next President, and those after him, still need to be supported, so no, I guess I'm not done. I've taken a great interest in Community Improvement committee and see a great need in the Membership committee, so it looks like my abilities to lead and contribute in these capacities are where you will see me operate.



I feel the Bellbrook Club has moved forward and changed in the past couple of years. We are defining ourselves (via a Mission Statement and Objectives), we have a solid understanding of our operating risks and challenges (via insurance policy and committee structure), and we are projecting a revised image and recognition of our work in the community (via news articles and comments from community members). We also have a long way to go. We desperately need to bring new blood in to the Club. At the same time, we need to reinvigorate some of the old blood to help insure a strong and healthy Club in the future. Aligning ourselves to how we define our mission and our contributions to the community will make membership

attractive. This has to happen in the future or we will be wearing out those stalwart servants of the Club who are always there when needed. Another objective will be a critical look at moving to 501(c)3 status, which will make our Club even more viable for the future.

I appreciate every members support during the past year. As you know President Rick and I are close friends and many members regularly are confused on who is who, just remember Rick is the older one.

Gregg Sparks,  
Immediate Past President

### *In-Coming Lions Den*

It is a new year at every Lions Club in the world, and every year the new president at each Club makes some prognostication of what is to come. If you have been following any of the various volunteer organizations in the community, you have probably noticed a decline in membership, as well as a decline in existing membership involvement. The Bellbrook Lions Club is no exception. However, Ohio Lions has grown in membership and in particular District 13J in the last year. So what do we need to do?

I believe we need to take a close look at the great things we are accomplishing and communicate that to the community in order to attract new members. We need to communicate our Mission, the projects we

accomplish, and the opportunities we offer to volunteer and make a difference in the community. We need to diversify our membership by attracting younger members.

We also need to reactivate our existing members. I've been in the club for five years and attended almost all events and meetings, and I can say there are still quite a few members that I have never met. As with any organization, we have a core group of extremely dedicated members that spend countless hours behind the scenes making things happen. We also have almost all our members put in time at the festival; as all members should - this is our single largest fund raising event.

But being a Lion is not simply working the festival, selling car tickets and paying your dues (which are due now). Being a Lion is a year round commitment to helping the community. This does not mean that you need to attend every meeting, but it does mean attending some, reading the Lingo to know what is going on, and participating in our activities.

We have committees that need to be reactivated and events that need to be better attended. In order to map out the year, activate our existing members and provide a vision to prospective members, our meeting on September 16th will be Committee Meeting night. All committee chairmen are asked to call their committee members and request their attendance at the meeting - if they are unable to attend, verify their commitment to the committee and any input as to what the committee should accomplish by June of 2010.

At the meeting we will break into individual committees where you are asked to define your committee within the context of the Bellbrook Lions Club Mission Statement. In addition, please list out all past, present and future anticipated projects. The end result is that you should take a look at the past and see how your committee is going to be relevant to our community in the future - resulting in a calendar of events through June 2010.



My intent is to promote the Lions Club in the community to raise awareness of what we have and will accomplish with the intent of attracting more members to the Club. In addition to attracting new members, my intent is to raise awareness of volunteerism in general with the community. I have talked with Jeremy Kelley of the Dayton Daily News about establishing a monthly or weekly column in the Neighbors section that highlights the Lions Club activities or Volunteerism in the Community. He is working with his editor to see what can be accomplished.

To promote volunteerism, I intend on having a meeting in September of various volunteer organizations within the community and the various organizations that deal with the needs of the community to start a dialogue on how to meet the needs of the community through more volunteerism. If we can highlight needs of the community, we should be able to attract more volunteerism. Without specific projects that people can identify with, many people are reluctant to join organizations. Therefore we want to identify needs, identify the things that the Lions Club contributes to, and create volunteer opportunities for others in the community. I expect to have media coverage at this meeting.

I hope you join me in the quest to expand upon the great contributions that our Club has made over the last 60+ years, and ensure our future by recommitting yourself to the Lions Club by participating in our committees and projects and to help attract new members. As a goal for June 30, 2010, I want to see seven net new members - we have one now, six to go. I'm looking forward to a great year - starting off with everyone's help selling car tickets and working at the Festival.

Rick Robertson,  
Lions President

**WOW! WHAT AN  
OPENING MESSAGE!**

# LIONS & LIONESSES INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

*The 2009 Installation Night at the Der Dutchman in Waynesville, Ohio was AWESOME! Great Food, Great Fellowship, and New Leadership and Direction!*

*Lion Tad Barnes*

**Note:** The Pictures look better on our Web Site!

*Our new crew of Lions LOOK GREAT!*



*The Lionesses LOOK GOOD Too!*



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**Deadline:** Forth Tuesday of the Month (Board Meeting)

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

## 2009 LIONS FESTIVAL UPDATE



We had the final festival meeting after the 5 Aug regular meeting. It was a quick wrap-up, with a few outstanding issues. One of them is mine. As the Chairman of the Cake Wheel, 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 three 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 16<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, Aug 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 am: Electrical

Monday, Aug 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm: Booth & Food Trailers Set-Up.

Tuesday, Aug 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm: Booth Set-Up.

Wednesday, Aug. 19th @ 6:00 pm: Final Booth Touches & Watermelon.

Thursday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm: Festival starts - Day 1.

Friday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 pm: Festival starts - Day 2.

Saturday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:00 pm: Parade Starts: Festival starts immediately after the parade. (~5:00 pm)

Sunday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 am: Tear down & clean up till next year. Lion President Rick says if your not there by EIGHT, you are most definitely LATE.

*Lion Tad Barnes*

## **ZONE 1 MEETING**

**LION ERNIE JOSCHE, ZONE 1 CHAIRMAN**

As you know, our own Lion Ernie is now the Zone 1 Chairman. He is hosting the first Zone 1 Meeting on August 12th at the Lions/Grange center.

Cost: \$7.00

Show: 6:30 PM

Dinner 7:15 PM

End of Evening: 8:30

Reservations:

Lion Harry Crowe: 848-4450

Lion Ernie Josche: 435-0995

*Lion Tad Barnes*



**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

Lion Walt Worthington

Lion Bob Havard

Lion Rick Feinour

Lion Andy Asaro

Lioness Marcie Brawner

Ms. Freda Macy (Lion Bob's Wife)

Lioness Velma Roney

Lion Harry Crowe

Lion Don Brawner

*Lion Ernie Josche*

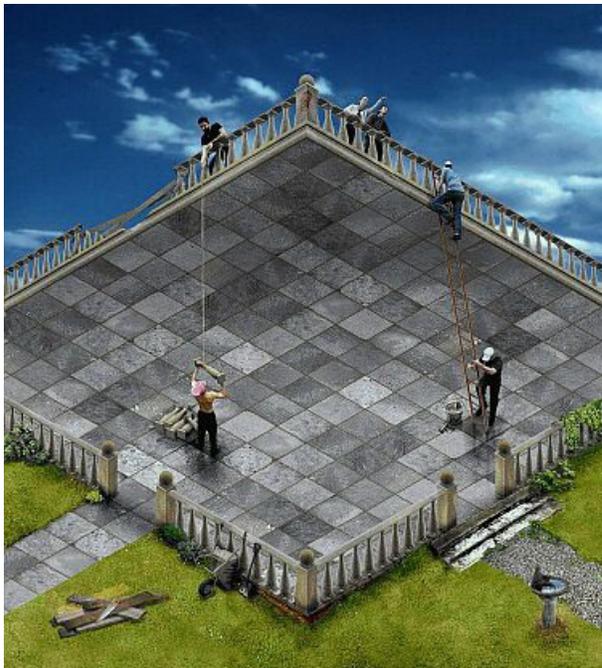
## **KAMP DOVETAIL LUNCH**

The Bellbrook Lions hosted lunch on Wednesday for KAMP Dovetail. Lion Ernie did a very nice write-up and I will post in then next Lingo.

*Lion Tad Barnes*

## **PARTING THOUGHTS:**

**Note:** Again, the Pictures re much more viewable on our Web Site!



**Which way is Up**



**Old Woman or Young Girl**

# LIONS CALENDARS

AUGUST 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5 Regular Mtn & Festival Mtn 8:00 PM	6	7	1 <hr/> 8
9	10	11	12 Zone 1 Meeting 6:30 PM	13	14	15
16 Festival Setup: Electrical 7:00 AM	17 Booth & Trailer Setup 6:00 PM	18 Booth & Trailer Final 6:00 PM	19 Final Setup & Meeting 6:00 PM	20 Festival Day 1 6:00 PM	21 Festival Day 3 6:00PM	22 Festival Day 3 Parade Starts 4:00PM
23 Festival Tear Down 7:00 AM	24	25 Board Meeting: 8:00 PM Lingo Deadline	26 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School	27	28	29
30	31					

SEPTEMBER 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Guest Meeting Surprise Guest 8:00 PM	3	4	5
5	7 Labor Day	8	9 Festival Wrap-up 8:00 PM	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Regular Meeting 8:00 PM	17	18	19
20	21	22 Board Meeting: 8:00 PM Lingo Deadline	23	24	25	26 Helping Neighbors
27	28	29	30			