

Lingo

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Writer & Editor

July & August 2014

Bellbrook Lion's Club

2014-2015 Lions Board of Officers Inducted 18 June 2014

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 Walt Worthington

Lion Jack More

Lion Dan Swigart

Debbie Gross, Daughter of Lioness
Sandy Edwards

Lioness Edna May Keiter

Lioness Jan Barnett



On Wednesday, 18 June 2014, the Bellbrook Lions and Lionesses hosted our Officer Installation Dinner. This was a great dinner and we started by inducting our Latest **Lion, Adam Remaly**. Lion Adam recently



retired from the Air Force; however, he has been a member of the community for several years, living in Sugarcreek Township.

I never introduced **Lion Brad King** via the Lingo.



Lion Brad was brought on earlier this year, and his wife Annette is also interested in becoming a Lion and has attended two functions to date. She will complete her commitment at the festival, and we can look forward to bringing her on this fall.

Back to the Installation Dinner. Our New Board of officers is as follows:

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| President: | Lion Kirk Barrett |
| 1st Vice President | Open – Still Looking |
| 2nd Vice President | Lion Linda Worthington |
| 3rd Vice President | Lion Tim Seitner |
| Secretary | Lion Ernie Josche |
| Treasurer | Lion Rick Robertson |
| Lion Tamer | Lion John Baldino |
| 2nd Year Directors | Lion Steve Morgan |
| | Lion Jack Moore |
| 1st Year Directors | Lion Dodi Morgan |
| | Lion Carolyn Cuzzort |
| Membership Chair | Lion Tad Barnes |
| Immediate Past Pres | Lion Gregg Sparks |
| Lioness Liaison | Lion Walt Worthington
(Non-Voting Board Member) |

Fun was had by all at the Festival Dinner. Good Fellowship and Fun while getting business done.

Note: Several tables have adopted the practice of having wine and beer at their tables for dinner meetings. They seem to be the popular ones to sit at.

The President Message

Bellbrook Lions Board of Officers

(All Lions)

President: Kirk Barrett
1st Vice President: Open
2nd Vice President: Linda
Worthington
3rd Vice President: Tim Seitner
2nd Yr Director: Steve Morgan
2nd Yr Director: Jack Moore
1st Yr Director: Dodi Morgan
1st Yr Director: Carolyn Cuzzort
Treasurer: Rick Robertson
Secretary: Ernie Josche
Membership: Tad Barnes
Tail Twister: John Baldino
Lion Tamer: Larry D. Johnson
Past Pres: Gregg Sparks

By Lion Kirk Bennett

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by and it is now time for me to take on the leadership role in the club. When I first got into the rotation it seemed that this day was so far off it would never get here. Now, not only has it arrived but the festival is only a week away as well. I am looking forward to the challenge of the coming year and hope that all of you are as well. This club runs on the efforts of all of its members and I am going to need to rely on all of you to help me in the coming year maintain this club as one of the most active clubs in the district.

My plans are to have at least one interesting guest speaker at the first meeting of the month every other month. We started that process with a presentation at our July 2nd meeting by Jessa Kenworth, a representative of 4Paws for Ability out of Xenia, a nonprofit that raises service dogs for both physically challenged and mentally challenged children and adults. It was a very interesting presentation that generated a lot of interest and questions from our membership. I have another speaker already lined up for our September meeting but I would like input from the membership as to other speakers or topics that you would be interested in for future meetings. If you know of

anyone who has an interesting presentation or have a topic you would be interested in hearing about, please let me know.

As I mentioned previously, the festival is but a few short weeks away and will be here before you know it. This is always a large undertaking and we need all the help we can get to pull it off. We need additional adults to help in booths that teens aren't allowed to help at. This is an opportunity to get some of your friends and colleagues who aren't members to experience the club and possibly become interested in joining so please ask around and see if you can get a friend or two to volunteer to help. If we can all get just one friend to work for one night it would make the festival a whole lot easier to pull off.

Another plan of mine is to have shorter, more concise business meetings followed by a social gathering for those who wish to stay and exchange ideas and talk about whatever they like. This would also be an ideal time to get some adult beverages flowing and maybe a game or two of euchre might break out.

In closing, I want to emphasize that this club runs on the efforts of all of its members and is only as good as we all make it. I am looking forward to a great year ahead and hope you will all come along and enjoy the ride with me.

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 Planning: Lion President Kirk Barrett

Next Meeting: August 13th, 7^{ish} @ on the Festival Grounds

Lion Kirk has had very informative Festival meetings. Everything is a GO for the Festival 14-16 August – Right Around the Corner.

Lion Linda has been sending out Booth List updates and hopefully all the Booth Chairs have verified their personnel are ready to go.

Lion Carolyn Cuzzort send out a Cake Letter asking for your support again this year. Your support last

year helped bring in a Great Take for this booth.

Setup starts on Sunday at 8:00 AM. Yes, this is an hour later than previous years.

Monday is Booth Setup with the HS Football Varsity Team

Tuesday & Wednesday are booth and trailer finalization nights

Following Sunday is teardown with the HS Football JV team starting at 8:00 AM, again later than previous.

Festival Meetings w/ Lion Kirk Barrett:

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

Important Calendar Dates:

6 August: Regular Meeting:
7:30 @ Lions Center

10 August: Festival Setup
8:00 @ the Festival Grounds

11-13 August: Festival
Setup @ 5:30 PM

**14 August: Annual Lions
Club Festival** 6-11 PM

**15 August: Annual Lions
Club Festival** 6-11 PM

16 August: Annual Lions

Club Festival, Parade 4:00,
Festival after to 11:30 PM

17- August: Festival
Teardown, 8-11AM

20 August: Regular Meeting
7:30P M @ Lions Center

28 August: Board of
Directors: 7:30 @ the Lions
Center

3 September: Guest Speaker
Meeting: 7:30 @ Lions Center

10 September: Festival
Wrap-Up: 7:30 @ the Lions
Center

17 September: Regular
Meeting: 7:30 @ Lions
Center

23 September: Board of
Directors: 7:30 @ the Lions
Center

27 September: Cookout –
6:00 @ Lion Gregg’s Barn

Passing of a Lion: Daniel Dircksen

By Lion John Dorn:

On July 16th, the Bellbrook Lions Club lost a very important and dear friend. Dan Dircksen lost his two-year battle with cancer. He was a valuable Lion’s Club member for over 30 years.

As a Lion, Dan was very active in the Boys and Girls Committee. He coached many teams in our Baseball, Softball and Basketball programs. He had an envious ability of getting the most talent from each child and managed to create a fun environment at the same time. He was well respected by all his players and fellow coaches and those who coached against him.

In the early 1990’s, his industry moved to Columbus. He had no choice but to move his business there and made the long weekly commute. He regretted that his involvement in

the Lions Club suffered, but he was still active in Youth Sports, and never missed “Festival Week” working tirelessly at the Ham and Blanket Wheel.

Dan was one of the founding fathers of Soccer in the Bellbrook/Sugarcreek area. For many years; in addition to his coaching in the Lions Club programs, he organized coached and refereed soccer through the S.A.Y program. He was one of several key individuals who cleared the way to have soccer become a Bellbrook High School Sport. As a Bellbrook Athletic Booster he worked diligently and would take on any project necessary to make Bellbrook Sports better. He was also a wonderful friend of the Bellbrook/Sugarcreek Park District.

One year in late July we realized someone had stolen all of our soccer goal posts, and most likely cashed them in for scrap metal. We were in a frantic situation with the season to begin in a few weeks. The soccer association hadn’t been established long enough to have money to replace them, and the park district hadn’t been born yet. We went down to Dayton Metals and found enough pipe to build the goals we needed. Dan personally paid the entire bill.

Dan is survived by Debbie, his wonderful wife of 45 years, three sons, a daughter, their spouses, and nine grandchildren. Dan is now looking out for us from above, and his memory lives on with children playing sports and having fun with friendly competitions.

Lionesses’ Corner

Excerpts from the Lioness Newsletter

The Lionesses had their induction of officers with the Lions on 18 June.

President	Marth Klentz
1 st VP	Connie Heaton
2 nd VP	Theresa Seitner
Secretary	Ann Wharton
Treasurer	Jeanne Josche

Lioness Tamer	Dodi Morgan
Tail Twister	Carolyn Cuzzort
Directors:	Sandy Edwards
	Kathy Bennett
	Barb Schulte
Membership	Shirley Rogers
	Betty Kent
	Jaynie Ramsey

Past President Pam Cook
The Lionesses are also getting ready for the festival. As of July, they had 16 contestants for the Prince & Princess Contest, work working on their float, and getting ready to work their booths.

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Lions Festival

August 14-16, 2014

Things to Remember:

Be Happy:

It's Contagious and helps the participants to spend more money

Invite you Friends to Help:

It's a great way to introduce people to the Lions, and attract potential members

Sell Raffle Tickets:

It's takes \$11,500 to break even for prizes and ticket costs with printing

Be Happy – Just for the Heck of It

