



# The Lingo

## Bellbrook Lions News

October 2010

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



### The Lions Den With Lion President George Simmons

Thanks for making this another great festival. Lions and community members

joined together to have a lot of fun and share memories of past festivals. You are special for all the things you do. The tent is gone, the booths are packed away and Lion Rick is counting up how we did. We will have a Festival Wrap-Up Wednesday, 13 October 2010 at 7:00 at the Lions Grange center. We would love to have you come and share with us your thoughts about the festival. Special Thanks to Lions Walt & Linda Worthington who came early and stayed late to make it easy for the rest of us. There are many more that went beyond the call of duty to make this a smooth operation.

As we approach October the Festival is behind us and we can be proud of another good year. Income was down, but good for the poor economy.

On Oct 6th at 7 pm we will have a speaker from the Pork Industry. After the meeting Lion Greg Sparks will have a meeting of the Community Improvement Committee to plan projects and review the organization.

On Oct 9th at 8:30 am we will meet at the Old Elementary School for a work session on Eagleland and the old school grounds. Let Lion Greg Sparks know if you can work. The same day there will be Blood Drive at the Grange Center from 8:30 to noon.

On Oct. 13th at 7 pm. we will have a Festival recap with comments for improvement. It

would be nice to have all booth chairmen present along with anyone with an interest in the Festival as we plan for next year. Call Lion Tad Barnes if you cannot attend.

On Oct. 16th we will cleanup the Route 675 highway meeting at 8:30 to work until before noon. Then at 5 pm we will enjoy a steak and chicken fry at the John Dorn's on Spahr Road. Call Lion Ernie to attend.

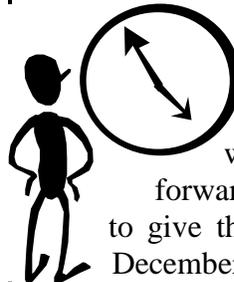
On Oct. 20 th at 7 pm Lion Tipple will visit with us and share what the Lion's are doing.

On Nov. 6 th at 5 pm Harry Crowe will treat us to another fish fry at the Grange Center. Call Lion Harry for tickets.

As you can see, we have a lot going on. We are hoping to review our financial status and plan our projects with some concerns from the lower income this year. This is a planning period and I would hope you would all come to guide the board on what we should do in the community. Soon it will be Widow Basket time and Christmas Season will be with us again. Please remember the Lions who are having health issues and need a card showing we care. Bit em, George Simmons  
Lions President.

Thank you. Cheers, Lion George

### Meeting Time Change All Regular & Board Meetings



The response from the questionnaire was in favor of moving the time forward to a **7:00 PM Start**. We are going to give this a trial run from October through December 2010. Based on feedback from this trial run, we will determine a permanent meeting time.

## Wanted: Lingo Writer



Are you interested in taking on the Lingo for the Bellbrook Lions? I'm looking on passing the torch to someone in the next couple months. My current schedule has prevented me

from publishing this on a monthly basis as I would like. In addition, next year

I will be taking the lead for the club, and it would not be right for me to be both President and Newsletter Editor.

We are looking for someone who wants to do this. You will have creative ownership to take the Lingo where you want it. Each year I gave it a different look, and expect whoever takes it on to do the same.

Interested, please let me know. Thanks, Lion Tad

## Annual Steak Fry

*By Lion Ernie Josche*

You and your spouse are cordially invited to attend The Bellbrook Lions Club annual Steak Fry at Lion John and Lioness Lynne Dorn's home at 2408 Spahr Road on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. The cost is \$5.00 per person for either a N.Y. strip steak or boneless/skinless chicken, cooked on the grill. You are asked to bring either a covered dish or a dessert to share. Beverages and table service will be provided. Please contact Lion Ernie Josche at 435-0995 and indicate how many plan to attend and what your meat preference is.



## Community Service:

*By Lion Gregg Sparks*

*Saturday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>:*

### *Blood Drive*

Lion L.D. Johnson has arranged our semi-annual Blood Drive for Saturday, October 9th from 9-12 at the Lions Grange center. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com).

If you want to help with setup or during the blood drive, contact Lion Larry.

### *Sugarcreek Elementary Clean-up & Eagle-Land Restoration*

Volunteer to help provide a much need facelift to the front of the old Sugarcreek Elementary school and make some changes to the back to benefit future festivals. We will also finish the work on Eagle-land with tires and swings. Project time 9 am to noon.

Contact Gregg Sparks by Oct 7 if you will participate.

*Saturday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>:*

### *Adopt-A-Highway*

It is fall clean-up of I-675, meeting time is 8:30am at the Lions Grange center. Contact Ed Hammer if participating.

## Note of Thanks

*From the Bellbrook High School  
Marching Eagles*

I've been to a couple Band meetings where the topic of the rain coats donated by the Bellbrook Lions was brought up, and our overall support to them. They are most thankful for our continued support. On a personal note, the Marching Band looked AWESOME on the field with their coats on in Kettering last weekend.

## Catching Up On Our Great Personnel

Lion Ernie Josche provided me the following on three of our Lions months ago, and I never got them posted. We have Great people, who deserve to be recognized for their accomplishments.

### *Lions Rich Robertson & Gregg Sparks*

Lion Rick Robertson and Lion Gregg Sparks were named as Dick Bryan Fellows at the April 21<sup>st</sup> Charter Night dinner meeting held at the Lions Grange Center.

Several years ago, the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation initiated an award to honor individuals who belong to a donor club. It is called a Dick Bryan Fellow, in honor and recognition of Lion W.R. "Dick" Bryan, Ohio's Past International President from 1969-70, and is awarded for an accrued donation over time of \$500.

Lion Rick Robertson, joined the Club in August 2004 and has had perfect attendance in that time. He has served on the Club Board of Directors and is currently serving as President for 2009-2010. He is also the Lions Grange Center Treasurer. He is in charge of the Club's Girls Softball League and is the Bellbrook Leo Club's Adult Advisor. Lion Rick has suggested and made changes to our Festival in an effort to enhance the overall customer experience. He is also a Kamp Dovetail Adult Advisor and has been at the last several years summer camps for the entire week long ordeal. He is always there to lend a helping hand.

Lion Gregg Sparks, also joined the Club in August 2004 and has had perfect attendance during that time. He has served on the Club's Board of Directors and served as Club President in 2008-2009. He currently serves on the Lions Grange Board and is also an Adult Advisor to Kamp Dovetail. He has helped to upgrade the summer camp facilities and is there for the week long camper ship experience. Lion Gregg has also instituted changes & upgrades to our festival. He led the way in the BHS stadium bleacher upgrade project and has increased Club awareness in the community thro the use of banners and posters that showcase our many varied projects. Lion Gregg initiated and chairs the Club's 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors' project in which club and community members do small tasks for shut-ins and elderly folks of the area. He has recently announced a bigger and better NHN project which he calls "Community Work Day". This project will utilize many more interested community members and will involve many more tasks. Lion Gregg was also the leader in the creation of a Mission Statement for the Club.

These two Lions are consummate idea and implementation guys. They are both highly thought of and respected in the Club, the District and the Community.

Your names shall be added to the list of Dick Bryan Fellows for our club. Congratulations to both of you!!

### *Lion Gerry Wannemacher*

Lion Gerry Wannemacher was named as a Melvin Jones Fellow at the April 21<sup>st</sup> Charter Night dinner meeting held at the Lions Grange Center.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is named as a tribute to the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones. Designated as LCIF's highest honor, the fellowship symbolizes those attributes characteristic of individuals who are dedicated to humanitarian service. Attributes such as generosity, compassion and concern for others. Lion Gerry Wannemacher is such a humanitarian. He has been a perfect attendance member of the Bellbrook Lions Club for 24 years and during that time has been involved in many projects that have benefitted our community. After joining the club in 1986, Lion Gerry quickly established his presence. He served on the Board of Directors' and was elected president for the 1992-93 calendar year. Lion Gerry has made serving President in our Club a lot easier as he is the Lion who updates the President's manual every year. It's entitled, "Everything you wanted to know about running your Lion President year smoothly, but was either afraid to ask or didn't know the right questions to ask." Several years ago he took on the used eyeglasses collection project and has built it into a successful endeavor. He and his wife, Evelyn, make a trek in a 50 mile radius of Dayton every 4-6 weeks and pick-up used eyeglasses at many Goodwill Stores in the area. Over the past 6-7 years he has collected close to 20,000 pairs of used eyeglasses. These glasses are taken to VOSH in Pandora Ohio for cleaning, repairing and sorting and then donated to the needy in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries by Missionaries from VOSH. Last year he built a trailer, which resembles a very large used eyeglass collection container, and partial filled it with used eyeglasses. He pulled the trailer in the parade and then a 50-50 raffle was conducted at the festival to guess the number of eyeglasses contained therein. He is a tireless worker and has served this Club and the community well. On a more personal note, he is a good friend and the good friend of all in this club as he knows no strangers.

Lion Gerry's name has been added to the official fellowship record. From this time forward, his name will be displayed on a computerized plaque in the LCIF Recognition Room at International Headquarters in OakBrook, Illinois.

The next time you see Lion Gerry, please be sure to congratulate him on his accomplishments and for being named as a Melvin Jones recipient.

## Festival Wrap-Up

With Me on October 13<sup>th</sup>



October 13<sup>th</sup> will our annual Festival Wrap-Up Meeting. It would have taken place in September, but we hosted our the Zone 1 meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday with our own Secretary, Lion Ernie Josche who also moonlights as the Zone 1 Chair. This also gave us the opportunity to balance out the books which our treasurer, Lion Rich Robertson has done an excellent job of doing.

I am asking for all chairmen and women to please attend. We would like to have your input for next year. Lion Allen Huffman will be the Booth Chair and I'm sure he wants to hear your inputs too. In addition, we would like to have anyone who has any ideas to come and bring them forward. We are looking for what is working best, and what needs to be updated to make our festival even better.

## Festival Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$10,000. Rob Lane of Springboro



2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 22" LED TV. Heather Murphy of Springfield

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 8 GB I-Pod Nano. Sandy Mayberry of Bellbrook

## Notice to ALL Bellbrook Lions Members:

Gregg Sparks

Community Planning Committee,  
Chairman

Trying to figure out how to get involved? Want to contribute to the future of the Club and community?

This is an invite to join the recent organization change and join the Community Improvement Planning Committee.

The Bellbrook Lions Club has reorganized to better plan and execute community service projects and donations. Becoming a 501c3 has also helped us adopt this structure to better respond to the needs of the community and other projects. We have aligned to our three service areas - **Community, youth and health.**

I am leading the committee for Community "planning" to focus on two club objectives -

**We are Builders of Community Spirit:**  
We Serve....the Bellbrook/Sugarcreek area with opportunities to improve and inspire community spirit and civic responsibility through encouraging community members and organizations to take action to meet common needs, objectives and traditions.

**We are Stewards of Community Resources:**  
We Serve....to be partners with community interests to improve and grow local resources in order to make our community a better place to live.

Our planning will be short, mid and long term for projects that Lions Club would desire to execute. The ideas for these projects will come from the park district, school district, city and township leadership, plus community members.

*Invite to attend the first meeting of Community Improvement Planning Committee.*

**Wednesday, Oct 6 following the regular Lions Club meeting estimated start time 8 pm. Lasting approximately an hour.**

Remember regular meetings start at 7 pm October to December.

Please send me an e-mail before the meeting, if you plan to attend. [gasparks@aol.com](mailto:gasparks@aol.com)

## Thoughts & Prayers



*Calls & Cards are  
Appreciated For:*



As you will 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.

Lion Doc Wright (MVH)

Lion Don Brawner (Prostate Surgery)

Freda (Broken Hip)

Lioness Marcie Brawner (Cancer Treatments)

Mary Liddic (Cancer Treatments)

Dan Swigart (Surgery Just Prior to Festival)

Prayers for all these folks and also for:

Lion Willard Wilson

Judy Clay

Lion Norm Clay

Evelyn Wannemacher

Gerry Wright

Lioness Velma Roney

Lioness Carolyn Cuzzort

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lion Andy & Anastacia Shupe - New Baby



## Parting Thoughts

A Harley biker is riding by the zoo in Washington, DC when he sees a little girl leaning into the lion's cage.

Suddenly, the lion grabs her by the cuff of her jacket and tries to pull her inside to slaughter her, under the eyes of her screaming parents.

The biker jumps off his Harley, runs to the cage and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch.

Whimpering from the pain the lion jumps back letting go of the girl, and the biker brings her to her terrified parents, who thank him endlessly.

A reporter has watched the whole event. The reporter addressing the Harley rider says, "Sir, this was the most gallant and brave thing I've seen a man do in my whole life."

The Harley rider replies, "Why, it was nothing, really, the lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger and acted as I felt right."

The reporter says, "Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist, and tomorrow's paper will have this story on the front page. So, what do you do for a living and what political affiliation do you have?"

The biker replies, "I'm a U.S. Marine and a Republican." The journalist leaves.

The following morning the biker buys the paper to see news of his actions, and reads, on the front page.

**U.S. MARINE ASSAULTS AFRICAN  
IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH**

October 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1.	2. Community River Cleanup
3.	4.	5.	6. <b>Guest Meeting</b> 7:00 PM	7.	8.	9. Blood Drive / Sugar creek Elm Eagleland
10.	11.	12.	13. <b>Festival Wrap-Up</b> 7:00 PM	14.	15.	16. Adopt-A- Highway & Steak Fry
17.	18.	19.	20. <b>Regular Meeting</b> 7:00 PM	21.	22.	23.
24. <hr/> 31.	25.	26. <b>Board Meeting</b> 8:00 PM	27.	28.	29.	30.

November 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2.	3. <b>Guest Meeting</b> 7:00 PM	4.	5	6. BBHS Marching Band Command Performance & Lions Grange Fish Fry
7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
14.	15.	16.	17. <b>Regular Meeting</b> 7:00 PM	18.	19.	20.
21.	22.	23. <b>Board Meeting</b> 8:00 PM	24.	25	26.	27.
28.	29	30.				