



# THE LINGO

## Bellbrook Lions Club

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Take **PRIDE** in your Lions Club!

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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!!

**NOVEMBER 2008**

### The Lions Den

The seasons are changing fast and our Club has again kicked it into high gear before the weather turns too cold. We executed four projects and events in the month of October and stimulated new interest in Club membership. The next two months will be no different with a Zone 1 meeting, the Christmas dinner and Widow Basket distribution just around the corner. If you are starting to notice a resurging Club, you aren't alone. Visual displays like the "Bellbrook Lions Working" placards are getting noticed, we have a new display banner that you will start seeing in local businesses and the word is spreading that the Bellbrook Lions Club is actively seeking projects to better the community. The revised meeting format is getting great feedback, but the real measure of success will be increased attendance at the programs provided. On Nov 5th, Ken Serey of The Visual-Tech Connection will demonstrate and discuss technology that can aid low vision like macular degeneration and other diseases of the eye. Invite someone you know that may be suffering from low vision, I have.

I challenge every member to become more active with Club activities and projects. You might start by attending the Zone 1 meeting on Nov 6th sponsored at



our Clubhouse with a Fish Fry for \$10. During the meeting, Bellbrook will again show this Zone and our District Governor how the Bellbrook Lions are "making things happen." Hope to see you and your spouse at the dinner and/or meeting, even go one further, bring a friend for dinner.

Gregg Sparks

## **FISH FRY & ZONE 1 MEETING**

**THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2008**

**Where:** Bellbrook Lions/Grange Center  
2757 Dayton-Wilmington Rd

**Fish Fry: Starts @ 6PM**

- ❖ Donation: \$10
- ❖ Contact for Tickets:
  - Lion Harry Crowe, 848-4450
  - Lion Ernie Josche, 435-0995
- ❖ Menu:
  - Battered & deep fried Talapia
  - French fries & Hush puppies
  - Green beans, & Cole slaw
  - Cake
  - Soft drinks, coffee, bottled water

**Zone 1 Meeting: Starts @ 7:15 PM**

# ***THE WIDOW BASKET***

**20 DECEMBER 2008**



It's coming up on the Christmas Season, so it's time to pay respect to the Widows and Widowers in Bellbrook and Sugarcreek Township.

It has been a very long-standing tradition for the Lions to deliver fruit baskets to the Widows, and for the Lionesses to deliver fruit baskets to the Widowers just before Christmas. This year the date is Saturday, December 20. We will meet at the Lions Grange Center at 8:00am for coffee, donuts, pictures, and fellowship.

If you are one of our newer Lions that have never been part of this project, I highly recommend it. We will pair you up with someone that has done it before - we won't send you out by yourself for the first time. Personally, I find this to be one of the most rewarding things we do.

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

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

# ***BLOOD DRIVE***

***"THE VAMPIRES WERE HAPPY"***

**LION LD JOHNSON**

Our Blood Drive Chairman, Lion L.D. Johnson relayed this was another successful blood drive. However, the numbers were somewhat down, 18 tried and 16 succeeded.



The next Blood Drive will be around the time of the Pancake Breakfast - hopefully the same date and we can coordinate them to work together. We'll feed you and take your blood too.

# ***ANNUAL STEAK FRY***

## ***& ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY***



October fourth was the annual Steak Fry along with the fall Adopt-A-Highway cleanup.

Only a few Lions were available for the adopt-a-highway, & they did a GREAT job.

On to more delicious treats, the Dorn's; Lion John and Lioness Lynne, hosted the Annual Steak Fry at their home. I heard the food was delicious; as always. And I know the party was a good one - it has never been anything but.

If you missed this year, keep the Saturday's in October open for next year. It's the best \$5. Steak you will ever find, and with GREAT fellowship, it's always a night to remember.

The Leo's did their highway cleanup too; along Upper Bellbrook by the Schools.

## ***CHRISTMAS PARTY***

The annual Lions and Lioness Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 3rd at the Lions Grange Center, starting at 6:00 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM.

Appetizers, drinks, meat, and table service will be provided. Please bring a covered dish according to your last name:

- A - I      Dessert
- J - R      Vegetable
- S - Z      Salad

Also, we are requesting that everyone bring a canned good for the food pantry. There will be entertainment after the dinner. We hope to have a great turnout this year!

## ***LIONS WORK DAY***

October 11<sup>th</sup> brought out a work day that was very productive.

Lion Kirk Barrett said that the refrigeration trailer roof sheeting has been replaced and the shingles will need to be installed. He expected to be finished by the time you received this.

Lion President Gregg Sparks said that the south entrance sign has been re-erected and is in place and ready for another hurricane. Brush and tree limbs have been removed from the fenced in area behind the old Sugarcreek Elementary school building. Some aluminum has been sorted and counted, no bolts have been removed yet, the press box trailer was looked at but no work has started: however, there are lots of ideas. We had four non-lions help with our work day- potential members.

## ***NEW MEETING FORMAT***



## ***PROVED SUCCESSFUL***

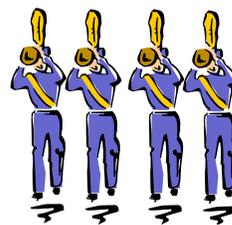
On October 1<sup>st</sup>, we had an "Open" meeting where the upcoming elections issues were presented to the community. This meeting was open to anyone in the community that wished to attend. In addition, while election issues were discussed as to what they were, it was not "Political," as no one asked you to vote any way. The following issues were presented and questions were answered: Randy Fisher/Park Levy, Kevin Lyman/School Tax, Chief Randy Pavlock/Fire Levy, Bill Schieman, Bellbrook/Sugarcreek Merger.

After the presentations, we had a break in the meeting where we had snacks and were able to speak with the presenters one-on-one or with whomever we choose. Then we reconvened for the regular meeting, which was an abridged version due to time.

November 5th will bring in Mr. Ken Serey of Visual Tech Connection. Ken will present a variety of technology solutions for those with visual impairment. It promises to be a good presentation.

## ***NEW BAND DIRECTOR***

Bellbrook's new Band director, Mr. Chris Foster, dropped by and introduced himself. He will be back and provide the Lions a presentation of the next year's program in the spring.



# ***WE ARE IN NEED OF A FEW GOOD LIONS TO STEP FORWARD***

The Lions are in need of a few good Lions to step forward and take over some committee chairs.

**Banquet (Reservations):** Lion Harry Crowe has been running this for many years, and for the last two we have been trying to find a replacement. This person coordinates events and ensures the location, food, and other things are taken care of. If at all interested, Lion Harry can provide more information.

**Sweetheart Dance:** Lion Walt and Lioness Linda Worthington have been running this for many years, and they are ready to pass the torch, or step down and let this one go by the wayside. They are looking for someone to pass the torch to this year (with their assistance), and to take it on for future years. Lion Walt or Lioness Linda can provide more information if you have any interest in this project.

We really need a replacement for the Banquet, as this is something that is a must for the club. Without a replacement for the Sweetheart dance, we may lose this long-term fundraiser that helps offset all of our dues each year.

Please look deep inside yourself and see if you have the time and skills to take on either one of these positions. Lion Harry, Lion Walt, and Lioness Linda do soooooo much for our clubs, and we need to let them step down from these positions as soon as possible.



# ***BASKETBALL SEASON IS BACK!!!***

Signups: 11 & 13 Nov from 7-8:30 PM  
at Steven Bell Elementary Gymnasium

Program: Our goal is to have:

- ❖ Boys & Girls: 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ❖ Coed: Jr. High

Cost: \$20.

## ***LION GEORGE SIMMONS***



In case you have not heard, Lion George tripped and tore the ligaments' in his knee leaving the September Board Meeting. This is an accident that could have been avoided, but someone had turned out the exterior lights and the area was dark. He tripped where the step and wheel chock come together. Please keep Lion George in your thoughts and prayers, as well as all other Lions, Lionesses, and their family members that need it.



## ***THOUGHTS & PRAYERS***



## ***CALLS & CARDS ARE APPRECIATED FOR:***

Lion Doc & Gerry Wright  
Lion Roy & Marilyn Hensley  
Lion Willard Wilson  
Lion Norm & Judy Clay  
Lion Bob Harvard  
Lion George Simmons  
Lion Andy and Maria Asaro  
Mrs. Jean Bohman (Lion Ken's Wife)  
Lioness Marcie Brawner

# ***BELLBROOK LIONS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE -- THANKS!!!***

In case you missed it, we gave away a bunch of money lately. It was time to pay our annual donations which added up to \$8,200 this year.

These include our required donations to Lions International, Ohio Lions, and others. It also includes our local donations to Kamp Dovetail, Camp Echoing Hills, and other local charities we have in our by-laws.

Each and every Lion in our club should be very proud of this. It our hard work as a whole that enables us to raise this money. As you know the Lions Festival is our main fundraiser, and the great effort put into this by you and your fellow Lions is incredible; and it touches many lives in the local community.

Not only do we raise the money, we make sure it goes back into the community where we can make a difference; and we do.

We also put dugouts in the two fields at Bellbrook Middle School earlier this year at a cost of \$10,000. We continue to do a bunch of other stuff too.

## ***PARTING THOUGHTS:***

### **The Mayonnaise Jar & 2 Beers**

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 Beers.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two Beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the

important things---your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions---and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car.

The sand is everything else---the small stuff. 'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

'Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Beer represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked. The Beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of Beers with a friend.'

# LIONS CALENDARS

NOVEMBER 2008								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
2	3	4	5 <b>Guest Meeting Visual Tech Connection 8:00 PM</b>	6 <b>Zone 1 Mtn &amp; Fish Fry 6 PM Fish Fry 7:15 Zone Mtn</b>	7	8. <b>4:00 PM High School Marching Band Encore Presentation</b>		
Ken Serey of Visual Tech Connection will present a variety of technology solutions for those with visual impairment 		9	10	11 Basketball Sign Ups @ Stephen Bell Gym: 7-8:30 PM	12	13 Basketball Sign Ups @ Stephen Bell Gym: 7-8:30 PM	14	15
16	17	18	19 <b>Regular Meeting 8:00 PM</b>	20	21	22		
23	24	25 <b>Board Mtn: 8:00 PM</b>  <b>Lingo Deadline</b>	26	27 <b>Thanksgiving</b>	28	29		
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DECEMBER 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 <b>Christmas Diner Meeting: 6:00 Show</b>	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 <b>Regular Meeting 8:00 PM</b>	18	19	20 <b>Widow Baskets: 8:00 AM</b>
21	22	23 <b>Board Mtn: 8:00 PM</b>  <b>Lingo Deadline</b>	24	25 <b>Christmas</b>	26	27
28	29	30	31 <b>New Years Day</b>			