



The Evening News



Ashland Evening Lions Club

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FROM THE PREZ:

"What do Lions do?"

We Serve, and We Serve, and We Serve, and We Serve. It's great to be a part of that process.

While at the Lions International Convention in Detroit, Lion Sandy and I were both --separately--asked by local people, "What do Lions do?" For some of the people who live there, seeing several thousand happy Lions roaming around downtown Detroit was apparently a new experience.

I've been a Lion since 1976. It was easy to answer, "We are a group of service clubs." But this is an inadequate answer. I needed something written to hand out.

I tried to explain with examples. That helped. Collecting eyeglasses, the park bench replacement project, and the vision/hearing screening projects were easy to explain. That got across the idea that Lions clubs exist to help people. Later, I looked in Webster's New World Dictionary and found: "Service Club--any of various clubs, as Rotary, Kiwanis, etc., organized to provide certain services for its members and to promote the community welfare."

Promoting community welfare seems like a good general description. For our Lions Club, September and October include the vision/hearing screening project for Ashland City school children. As this is written, Lion Norm Zachariah still has openings to sign up for this project. To earn project money, we will be parking cars in Lot B at the Ashland County Fair. IPP Lion Jim Hofer has the sign-up sheet. During Fair week, we will also earn money selling hot dogs at Buehler's. Treasurer Lion Kim Mercer has the sign-up sheet. What do Lions do? *We Serve!*

The opportunities to serve will continue in our Club. Soon, Lion Ron Hofer will be passing around the sign-up sheet for our next highway clean-up. First Vice President Lion Woody Conrad is looking for people to participate in the Ashland University Homecoming parade. It is our ideal and our motto. What do Lions do? *We Serve!*

Also, I have a request. Please remember to mark your calendars when you sign up for something. Signing up is a pledge--a commitment. *We Serve* by working together.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion President John Olin

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2004

Vice District Governor Lion Horst Herzog was the guest speaker at the August 5 meeting. VDG Lion Horst discussed the 2004-2005 District 13-B goals. Immediate Past District Governor Lion Stan Homerick was a special guest. IPDG Lion Stan presented 3rd Vice President Lion Ann Miller with the 100% Secretary's Award. IPDG Lion Stan also brought a pin for Lion Bill Jeffries for sponsoring a new member last year.

Amy Brucato, Ashland City school nurse, discussed the sight and hearing screening of the students in the 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 9th grades, as well as some repeat kindergarten students. The Club will assist with the sight and hearing screening at the schools. Lion Norm Zachariah passed around a sign-up sheet for Club members and Partners-in-Service. A training session is planned for September 2 at the County-City Health Department building.

Lion Dean Leiendecker took 92 pounds of aluminum cans to Mansfield. Lion Walt Gilmore reported that 33 Lions worked at the Yesteryear Machinery Show in July.

Lion Ron Hofer reported that a roadside litter clean-up along U.S. 250 East is scheduled for August 24. Meet at Fin-Feather-Fur Outfitters at 5:30 p.m.

The Club rang bells for the Salvation Army at Buehler's Fresh Foods each Saturday in July. Lion Carolyn Purdy reported that the Club collected \$925. During this local drive, our Club collected more money than any other individual or club.

Lion Bill Sample reported that the Habitat for Humanity house on West Fourteenth street is ready for the inside trim work. Club members will work in the house on Saturday, August 7. This is the eighth house that our Club has helped to construct. Lion Bill presented the Club with a hand-crafted wooden suggestion box.

Lion Dick Gordon reported that October will be our membership drive month. The October 21 meeting will focus on the Ohio Plan with prospective new members being invited as Club guests. Lion Dick handed out copies of the Ohio Plan Overview and a Lions Club Prospective New Member List form. Lion Dick asked all members to look over the Ohio Plan Overview paper and make any suggestions.

August 22 is the Club picnic at Brookside Park West. Bring a wrapped gift for bingo prizes. Wednesday, September 1, is the Zone 7 meeting at Celebrations by Sallie! October 7 is the Club's annual fish fry at the Ashland County Fairgrounds restaurant, catered by Celebrations by Sallie!



Calendar of Events for September

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- Sept 1Zone 7 Meeting
Celebrations by Sallie!
- Sept 2.....Sight And Hearing Training
County-City Health Department
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Sept 2.....Zone Chairman visitation to
Savannah Lions Club
- Sept 2.....VJ Day
- Sept 6.....Labor Day
- Sept 9.....Board of Directors' Meeting
- Sept 9.....Zone Chairman visitation to
Nova Lions Club
- Sept 12.....Grandparents' Day
- Sept 14.....Zone Chairman visitation to
Polk Lions Club
- Sept 16.....Regular Meeting
- Sept 16.....Zone Chairman visitation to
Ashland Evening Lions Club
- Sept 19-25...Ashland County Fair
- Sept 22.....First Day of Autumn
- Sept 28.....Zone Chairman visitation to
Sullivan Lions Club
- Sept 30.....Zone Chairman visitation to
Ashland Noon Lions Club

September Birthdays



Lion Thom Jeffries 09/06
Lion Paul Reece 09/13
Lion Bob Keplinger 09/16
Lion Bob Whitcomb 09/18
Lion Ed Miller 09/21
Lion Dale Moherman 09/21
Lion Bruce Gault 09/24

*"If at first you don't succeed,
you're about average."*

Board of Directors' Meeting

August 12, 2004

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The Ashland Evening Lions Board of Directors met on Thursday, August 12, 2004, at the FLAC Building at 7 p.m. with Lion President John Olin in charge. Minutes of the July Board Meeting were read by Assistant Secretary Lion Clinton J. Haught. The minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. **Treasurer Lion Kim Mercer will have copies of the Treasurer's report available at each regular meeting if anyone wants a copy.**

Ten large-size 8 1/2 x 11 program books have been printed for those who need large print. A copy has been given to Lion Larry Willis.

Correspondence: A thank-you letter was received from Jessica Walters for helping send her to Camp Nuhop. A letter was received from Hospice of North Central Ohio, Inc., thanking the Club for the \$125 gift in memory of Partner-in Service Joan Miller.

Old Business: The publication of the Club's permanent motions was discussed. The Board decided to have the permanent motions included in the Club picture book being prepared by Lion Brian Baughman.

New Business: Buehler's asked Third Vice President Lion Ann Miller if the Club would like to sell hotdogs at Buehler's on Sunday, August 15, from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Lion President John Olin, 2nd Vice President Lion Tim Leslie, 1st Vice President Lion Woody Conrad, Treasurer Lion Kim Mercer, and Zone Chairman Lion Jim Crawford said they will work at Buehler's on Sunday.

Buehler's called Treasurer Lion Kim Mercer and asked if the Club would like to sell food, called Patio Sales, on Monday through Thursday during fair week of September 19. Six people per day would be needed at Buehler's. The Board members said yes, and Treasurer Lion Kim will take care of signing up Club members.

The Board agreed to help the Savannah Lions Club with the County fair parking. Club members will be parking cars in parking lot B from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Two Club members each day will be needed. The Club will be paid \$5 per hour for the approximately 117 hours of work.

Lion Dick Gordon made a motion to accept new members James R. Purdy (Dick), who is Lion Carolyn Purdy's husband, and Carolyn Sue Rishel. Lion Carolyn Purdy is their sponsor. The motion passed.

Lion Dick Gordon presented a Club membership report that listed the "not full-time" members, members-at-large, and "not active" members.

Lion Dick Gordon presented the results of the evaluation sheet handed out to each Club member. Twenty-three evaluations out of a possible 59 were returned. Lion Dick discussed the evaluation items that were given lower evaluation scores. Lion Dick is following up on several of the low score items and has already implemented several of the recommendations.

Zone Chairman Lion Jim Crawford will be visiting the Savannah Lions Club on September 2. In order for the Club to get credit towards the Governor's contest, Lion Jim needs three other Club members to attend the meeting with him. Several members at the Board meeting said they will go with Lion Jim.

Zone Chairman Lion Jim Crawford said he has the clown pins showing our Lion Glen McClure, "Big Foot." The pins are now available for members to purchase. Lion Jim has already shipped out 100 pins to other clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.



Highway Enhancement

August 24, 2004

Civic Committee Chairman Lion Ron Hofer organized the third roadside litter clean-up along U. S. 250 East on August 24. Six Club members picked up eight bags of trash along a two-mile section on both sides of the road.

A big Thank You! to Lions Ron Hofer, Dick Reich, Don Price, President John Olin, Dick Gordon, and Ken Rufener.

Committee Reports

August 12, 2004

Noonan Fund Use

A meeting is planned for the end of August.

Entertainment

The callers will call and ask everyone to bring a wrapped gift to the picnic for prizes.

Indoctrination & Retention

IPP Lion Jim Hofer made a motion to accept the resignation of Lion Pete Norris. The motion passed. Third Vice President Lion Ann Miller asked the Secretary to send Lion Pete a Lions service letter thanking him for his years of service. A letter was received from Lion Bob Roth saying that Lion Bob will decide later whether he wants to resign or become a member-at-large due to his health problems. Lion Bill Wolfe is still thinking about his membership. The Committee will be preparing an orientation schedule for new members. The Committee will call any Club member who misses two meetings in a row. Lion Dick Gordon has invited all new members to meet one-half hour before each regular meeting for Club orientations.

Program

The meetings in October have been flip-flopped. The annual fish fry will be October 7 at the Ashland County fairgrounds restaurant. The Membership and Attendance Committee will be in charge of the October 21 meeting.

Public Relations and Newsletter

Partner-in Service Shirley Wolfe continues to be the newsletter proof reader. PDG Lion Myron Amstutz also reviews the newsletter for uniformity to Lions International rules.

Tents

Putting them up and taking them down.

Mints

The mints are selling well.

Trailer Activities

The trailer is being cleaned and closed up. Left-over items from the safety breaks will be donated.

Civic

A highway clean-up is scheduled for August 24.

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Garage Sale

Third Vice President Lion Ann Miller reported that she has not heard from Pump House Ministries, but she still has a plan. **Editor's note: See article in this newsletter for a later update.**

Technology

The Club newsletter is now on the District 13-B web site. The names and addresses of Club members are being updated on the Club web site by PDG Lion Herb Griffith.

Remembrance/We Care

Lion Bob Roth is still ill. Lion Carolyn Purdy is home ill. IPP Lion Jim Hofer's mother-in-law is in Med-Central with a stroke. Treasurer Lion Kim Mercer's mother has been declared legally blind.

Donor Organ Transplant

Lion President John Olin has a meeting with Dr. Boyd, President of Samaritan Hospital, on August 24. Lion President John will discuss the donor organ transplant with Dr. Boyd.

Youth

The Leo banner was picked up, but the gong, charter, and gavel are missing. The amount left in the Leo account is unknown.

Sight & Hearing

Four applicants applied for assistance for eye exams and eyeglasses. The Committee will meet with the applicants to review their needs and to see if the applicants can provide part of the expense. The Club will be doing the sight and hearing screening of elementary, middle, and high school students from September 13-October 7. There are 110 sign-up slots to fill, and 51 spots have been filled. There will be sight and hearing training at the County-City Health Department on September 2, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The Committee will contact the Noon and Savannah Lions Clubs to see if they want to help with the screening.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

The Club rang bells for 100 hours in July at Buehler's.

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INTRODUCING:
Lion Dale Moherman

Lion Dale lives at 774

Co. Rd. 1775 with his wife Sandra. His phone number is 419-289-3882. Lion Dale is owner and operator of Dale's Barber Shop. His wife is a retired nurse and worked for Good Shepherd Home and Villa.



Lion Dale likes to bowl in his spare time. He is a member of the Peace Lutheran Church. Lion Dale joined Lions in 1985 and has 15 years perfect attendance. He is a Past President and has served on numerous committees. He is presently Chairman of the Tent Committee and has set up and taken down many tents.

Reporter: Lion Dick Reich

District Bowling

A report will be provided in a few months.

Clown

During August, the clowns will be at Park Street Brethren Church and at Tiffin Hospital. Lion Bruce Gault has decided to become a Club clown.

****Chairman for the month of September****

Lion Carol Dickson

****Greeters for the month of September****

**Lion Sam Mechling
Lion Clinton Haught**

"New Pastor"

My church was looking for a new minister, and the Selection Committee finally recommended a young man just out of the Seminary. Many older church members protested that a more experienced man would have been preferable.

Committee members retaliated with the argument that a younger minister might breathe fresh life into the congregation.

At the end of the meeting, I commented to an older man that this marked the beginning of better things for our church.

"Yes," he said with a wry smile.
"Moving on to greener pastors."



**Ashland Evening
Lions Garage Sale**

Reporter: 3rd V P
Lion Ann Miller

The garage sale is Saturday, October 9, 2004, at Pump House Ministries, 400 Orange Street. All Club members should check their closets, drawers, and garages for donations. More information will be provided after the Garage Sale Committee meets to finalize and make assignments.

There is plenty of parking, and Managing Director Bruce Wilkinson, Pump House Ministries, is excited that we will be drawing people to their facility.

Mark this important date on your calendar.



NOTICE:

The October fish fry date has been changed. The fish fry will be October 7 at the Ashland County fairgrounds restaurant at 6:45 p.m.! Lion Ken Rufener is in charge of the meeting.



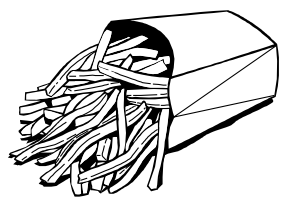
Band Shell Park Bench Update

As of August 20, 2004, the Club has helped raise \$243,000 of the \$250,000 goal. Of the 444 benches at

the park, 436 benches have been paid for through sponsors. Only eight benches remain that can be sponsored.

Lion Betty Helmsin is still selling benches and has a personal goal of finding sponsors for the remaining eight benches. Lion Betty is a real asset to our Club and to the community. She has participated in several Club projects. Thank you, Lion Betty.

Yesteryear Machinery Show



The July Ashland County Yesteryear Machinery Show was a success for the Club. The food trailer sure was put to good use. The Club had a chance to try out the propane french fry maker. Located on the outside, many Club members took their turn at making outdoor french fries.

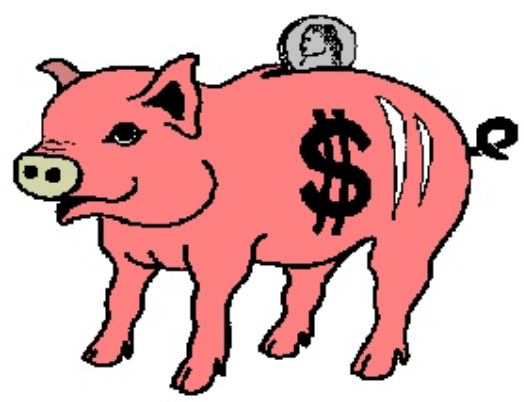
Many Club members turned out to help the Trailer Activities Committee Chairman Lion Walt Gilmore set up the food trailer on Wednesday evening, July 8.

Buffalo Wild Wings donated 50 pounds of cooking oil, and Dave Donatini of Geysers-Hawkins Market donated ten packages of hotdog buns and 15 packages of hamburger buns for the food trailer.

The Club had quite an assortment of food items to sell for hungry stomachs. This is the first year that the Trailer Activities Committee decided to sell pork loin sandwiches from Turk's. Pork loins and hamburgers were prepared outside on barbecue grills.

From The Tail Twister

Tail Twister Lion Bob Carver is committed to making our regular meetings a little more exciting. He has some new ideas to put into effect at our meetings.



The Tail Twister is shaking up the way we all sit together all the time. Each table will have a number on it. When you come to the meeting, you will draw a number, and that will be the table where you are expected to sit.

Here is another heads-up! Each member attending the September 16 meeting should wear a different color sock on each foot or risk a ***fine*** from the Tail Twister!

THANK YOU!



Thank you for helping pay my way to Camp Nuhop.
Jessica

Deepest Sympathy



Our deepest sympathy goes out to Lion Paul Goard and his family on the death of his wife, Ann.

Our deepest sympathy also to Noon Lion Dan Scott and his family on the death of his son, Bradley Scott.

Lions Family Not Feeling Well



Our Club continues to have several Lions and family members not feeling well. We need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers as we do our Lions work in September.

PDG Lion Ray and 3rd Vice President Lion Ann Miller's daughter Laura is able to walk using a cane. Their daughter-in-law Tara's first eye surgery went very well. She will be having a second eye surgery in October.

Lion Dee Keplinger is struggling with severe back pain.

Lion Samantha Mechling's husband Curt is also struggling with back pain. Surgery is expected.

Lion Carolyn Purdy is experiencing severe stomach pains and is undergoing tests in Columbus.

Treasurer Lion Kim Mercer is suffering with an upper respiratory infection that is lingering. There are side effects from the medication she is on.

Treasurer Lion Kim Mercer's mother has been declared legally blind.

Lion Bob Whitcomb's wife Lavona is suffering from dehydration & weakness.

IPP Lion Jim Hofer's mother-in-law is recovering from a stroke.

Lion Bob Roth is ill with back pain

Lion Al Kieft's wife Thela had a mini-stroke. Her speech is back now.

Partner-in-Service Avie Shonkwiler is on medication and is doing fine.

Please forgive me if I've overlooked anyone. Call and let me know how people are doing.

Reporter: Lion Sandy Olin



Another Habitat Home Completed in Our Town!!

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Our Club finished the inside trim work on our eighth Habitat House on west Fourteenth Street on Saturday, August 7.



Lion Ken Rufener is kneeling and using the nailing gun.

Lions Bill Sample, Clarence Hofer, and 1st VP Woody Conrad

are "measuring twice and cutting once!"