

Festival Edition

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

Lion Keith St. Pierre

*Debbie Gross, Daughter of Lioness
Sandy Edwards*

Lioness Edna May Keiter

Lioness Jan Barnett

The President Message

By Lion Kirk Bennett

The 2014 Bellbrook Lions Festival is now history and I would like to thank all the Lions members and non- Lion volunteers who made this a qualified success. I say "qualified" because as you all know by now, the weather on Saturday did not seem to want to cooperate with us. The weather on Thursday and Friday was ideal and it looked like we were headed to a near record event with the forecast on Saturday to be a good one.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature didn't read the forecast and the rain started the minute the parade did at 4 PM and did not let up until almost 8 PM. By that time the crowd thinned down and it looked like it was going to be a total washout. Thankfully, the hardy Bellbrook area residents and staunch Lions supporters in the community came back out and helped us salvage a decent Saturday. As of this writing, we are still compiling the results and will let you know when they are done.

This year I was able to turn over a lot of the Big Food Tent responsibilities to Lion Craig Gatzulis and Lioness Marge Baldino; which gave

me free time to walk the grounds and talk with some of the people attending and enjoying the rides and games. After seeing the joy on many of the younger children's faces and watch as they played the games and rode the rides, I came to the conclusion that we are doing a lot of things right and that we are making a positive difference to the community. However, that doesn't mean that all is well.

After talking with several other Lions members and discussing the current direction of the Lions Festival with community leaders, it may be time to take an honest look at the makeup of the festival; and look at changes that can be made to it in future years. I believe that it is an asset to the community and many in the community love it and look forward to it. However, that doesn't mean that we can sit by and offer the same product year after year and continue to be successful. I am asking for your help in the planning of next year's festival. If we start now and look at potential changes, we can get the ball rolling so that next year we can offer an improved "product" that will make the Lions Club and Bellbrook proud, as well as helping keep our organization financially viable.

Festival Wrap-Up

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 Directpr: Carolyn Cuzzort

Treasurer: Rick Robertson

Secretary: Ernie Josche

Membership: Tad Barnes

Tail Twister: John Baldino

Lion Tamer: Larry D. Johnson

Past Pres: Gregg Sparks

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 Wrap-Up w/ Lion Kirk Barrett:

Wednesday, 10 Sep, 7:30
PM at the Lions Center.

Festival Wrap-Up

Festival Wrap-Up is tomorrow, 10 September, 7:30 PM at the Lion Center. Our president, Lion Kirk is asking for maximum participation of what was good, and what needs to be improved.

Major Prizes (\$10,000 Raffle) is sure to be a topic of discussion. We

have had declining revenue on this for the past several years, as we lost a couple Lions that sold the "Lions Share" (pun intended) of the tickets. Now that they are gone, we all must step up and do our part – more about this on the next page, which provides a full breakout of this individual fundraiser.

Festival Appreciation Dinner

Friday, September 27th is the Festival Appreciation Dinner at Lion Gregg Sparks "Party Barn."

We decided to change the format this year, making it a true appreciation dinner. We are providing the main dish at no cost with the choice of either Pork Chops (festival style) or Chicken. Sides will be provided too. However, if you have a favorite you want to share, feel free to bring it. Sweet and Un-Sweet Tea (Two if By Tea) will be provided from what was not sold at the Festival too, as well as water. As for "Adult Beverages," you are welcome to Bring Your Own. Last year we had a fire, and I recommend having Bug Spray on

hand if you wander into the grassy areas.

Ensure any Non-Lion Festival Helpers you invited are invited to the Appreciation Dinner too.

Now for the Important Information:

POC: Lion's Walt and Linda Worthington are taking RSVPs to order the right amount of Porck Chops and Chicken. 848-2164 or lwworthington@aol.com. Leave number of people and meal choices.

Location/Time: Gregg & Lori Sparks Spring Farm @ 2915 Sears Road, Spring Valley, Ohio.

5:30 Show, 6:00 Eat

Lionesses' Corner

Excerpts from the Lioness Newsletter

Next Bingo: September 18th @ 1:00. Need workers around 11:30. Hope we have a Crowd.

Festival:

Thank you all Lionesses who helped out.

Congrats to Prince Coleman Ott and Princess Rachel Fahrenholz. Thanks to our Emcee, Brian Koch who was GREAT.

Lioness Pat: Thanks for putting the Contest together for the umpteenth year.

September 16th Meeting: Tour of the Family Resource Center @ 7:30.

Start saving for the Garage Sale November 1st Craft Show is in progress – Lioness Yaynie needs helpers.

Major Prizes; aka \$10K Raffle

This one of our key fundraising activities at the annual festival. Over the past several years, ticket sales have continued to decline. While we believe we lost approximately \$500 in sales on Saturday (due to the weather), we were down over \$1,000 from last year, and about \$3,500 from four years ago.

Sold By Lions	\$13,387.37
Sold In Ticket Booth	<u>\$1,853.00</u>
Grand Total (Gross Sales)	\$15,240.37
<u>Differenced from 2013:</u>	<u>\$1,087.63 LESS Than Last Year</u>
PROFIT (NET SALES):	~\$3,100 <small>After Prizes and Ticket Costs</small>

This fundraiser is becoming a risk for us, as we must sell ~\$12,500 to break even for prizes and ticket printing. The following this year's breakout by Lion:

01. Jack Moore	1657.26	30. Brad King	150.00
02. Bill Wharton	1536.61	31. Dave Laurash	150.00
03. Kirk Barrett	737.00	32. Randy Pavlak	150.00
04. Ernie Josche	701.00	33. Keith St. Pierre	150.00
05. Ben Rader	538.00	34. Benny Ulmer	150.00
06. George Simmons	476.00	35. Larry Verner	150.00
07. Steve Tobias	370.00	36. Craig Gatzulis	147.00
08. Allan Huffman	313.50	37. Harry Bennett	146.00
09. John Dorn	306.00	38. Brian Hoehner	145.00
10. Jerry Wannemacher	305.00	39. Don Sira	135.00
11. Dodi Morgan	273.25	40. Scott Hopkins	128.00
12. Steve Morgan	273.25	41. Tim Seitner	123.00
13. Linda Worthington	250.25	42. Carolyn Cuzzort	113.00
14. Walt Worthington	249.25	43. Doc Wright	111.00
15. Larry D. Johnson	218.00	44. Mark Chesney	105.00
16. Jeff Stahl	202.00	45. Ed Case	100.00
17. Jeff Bennett	200.00	46. Gregg Sparks	100.00
18. John Baldino	175.00	47. Daniel Swigart	100.00
19. Paul Rymoff	175.00	48. Rick Robertson	96.00
20. Mike Zehringer	174.00	49. Mark Kottman	85.00
21. Terry Sigman	169.00	50. Jack Gridley	55.00
22. Bob Havard	157.00	51. Jim Easter	50.00
23. Stevens	155.00	52. Adam Remaly	50.00
24. Carolyn Barnes	150.00	53. Doug Robertson	41.00
25. Tad Barnes	150.00	54. Andy Shupe	37.00
26. Dennis Eck	150.00	55. Greg Schmidt	35.00
27. Ed Hammer	150.00	56. Jim Yankel	30.00
28. Larry J. Johnson	150.00	57. Dave Liddic	29.00
29. John Kessler	150.00	58. Steve Waddell	15.00

The following did not sell any tickets:

Tony Chitwood
Ken Fromm

Tom Gultice
Bob Macy

Barry Tiffany
Dave Worthington

Important Calendar Dates:

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

22 September: Board of Meeting: 7:30 @ the Lions Center – Open to all Lions

27 September: Appreciation Dinner: 5:30 @ Lion Gregg's Party Barn

1 October Guest Speaker Meeting: 7:30 @ Lions Center

15 October: Regular Meeting 7:30P M @ Lions Center

27 October: Board of Officers Meeting: 7:30 @ the Lions Center – Open to all Lions

5 November: Guest Speaker Meeting: 7:30 @ Lions Center

19 November: Regular Meeting 7:30P M @ Lions Center

25 November: Board of Officers Meeting: 7:30 @ the Lions Center – Open to all Lions

03 December: Lions & Lionesses Christmas Dinner: 6:00 @ the Lions Center

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20 June 15: Lion 2nd Annual Flea Market: 8:00 – 2:00 at the HS Admin Parking Lot

Festival In Pictures





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Happy Labor Day

Happy Back to School

Happy Back to College

Happy Veterans Day

Happy Thanksgiving

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

I think I have the rest of the year Covered

Happy Trails – Lion Tad