

Orrville Lions' Tale



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MERRY
CHRISTMAS



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A message from our President

As we enter the month of December, our thoughts turn to Christmas. There is much to do for all of us as we decorate our homes, bake our favorite cookies, gather together with family and friends

and, of course, share the tradition of gift giving. The gifts of Christmas come in many forms and shapes but the most important gifts are the ones from the heart. As "We Serve" through Lions, we have opportunities to offer gifts of deep meaning throughout the year. It may be gifts on an international level as we support Sight First, diabetes, youth programs and LCIF just to mention a few.

Locally, we give through service projects, the offering of assistance for eye exams and glasses, support of the Ohio Eye Bank, Pilot Dogs and Camp Echoing Hills just to mention a few. All of the gifts from the Orrville Lions and Lions throughout the world make a difference in lives and communities. At our next meeting, Tuesday, December 14, we will be celebrating our participation with the Salvation Army Give a Little Christmas Program.

As we gather at Dunlap Community Hospital for our morning meeting, remember to bring your gifts for the family we have chosen.

As president of the Orrville Lions Club, I am grateful for the gift of each Lion in our club. You make a real difference. May you have a truly Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with blessings.

Lion Dave



Who are Lions?

Lions meet the needs of local communities and around the world. Our 1.35 million members in 206 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but we share a core belief—community is what we make it.

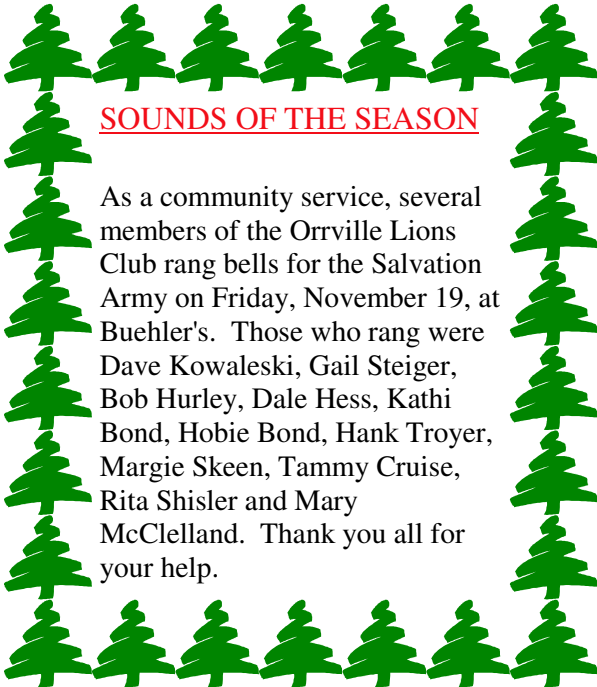
December Birthdays

12/8 Harvey Esterle

12/28 Bill McClelland



PILOT DOGS Inc.



SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

As a community service, several members of the Orrville Lions Club rang bells for the Salvation Army on Friday, November 19, at Buehler's. Those who rang were Dave Kowaleski, Gail Steiger, Bob Hurley, Dale Hess, Kathi Bond, Hobie Bond, Hank Troyer, Margie Skeen, Tammy Cruise, Rita Shisler and Mary McClelland. Thank you all for your help.

Left, Orrville Lions President Dave Kowaleski is being led by Lexie, a Pilot Dog in training at the Pilot Dogs Inc. facility in Columbus, OH.

At right Bill McClelland is being led across a busy intersecting street near Rt. 315.

Dr. and Mrs. Milligan, Dave Kowaleski, Bill and Mary McClelland, Rita Shisler and Hobie and Kathi Bond toured the facility along with Hobie's 5 grandchildren who live in the Columbus area.

Lexie, a 2 year old Golden Retriever, will complete her 5 months training in early December, then will train for 4 more weeks with a blind student. This usually begins with the new master bathing the dog. This bathing process is the preliminary lesson for the student in the dog's care. Simple, short walks are taken at first, always in the company of our professional Trainers/Instructors. The walks and obstacles become increasingly difficult over the 4 weeks. Eventually, the dog and master find their way about our largest department stores, on and off buses, and across the busiest thoroughfares by themselves.

Four people were trained with their Pilot Dogs in 1950; and from this humble beginning the program has grown to serve approximately 150 every year. Over 5,000 openings in the training schedule have been filled since 1950.



Long Range Planning

Jan. 14-16, 2011 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat at Mohican State Park

April 15, 16, 2011 Spring District Convention at Cambridge High School

July 4-8, 2011 International Convention in Seattle, WA

September 23-25, 2011 USA/Canada Leadership Forum Anchorage, AK

Upcoming Events

Dec. 14 Club Meeting

Dec. 28 No Meeting—Happy Holidays

Jan. 11 John Gareis, Red Cross Executive Director

Jan. 25 Attorney Dan Lutz



MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR



Orrville Lion Sandy Sheffield reviews the materials about “Bridges of Hope” that guest speaker and Program Coordinator Carolyn Stefanik brought for the recent presentation to the Orrville Lions Club.

BRIDGES OF HOPE

Submitted By Gail Steiger

The Orrville Lions Club learned a great deal about the “Bridges of Hope” program from Program Coordinator Carolyn Stefanik at the October 26 meeting at Dunlap Community Hospital. Stefanik began by talking about the various functions of Goodwill Industries of Wayne and Holmes County. All revenues raised through the retail stores as well as the industrial contracts with local companies support workforce development including training, resume building and interview preparation.

Bridges of Hope is a program designed to help move people out of poverty. Volunteers, called “Allies,” are matched with a new friend to provide practical help and support as well as personal bonding. It’s about being a friend across economic lines. Allies take time to listen, guide, and share in many ways. There are scheduled group discussion modules that participants share in, but many get together outside of those sessions. “The rewards of sharing go both ways, and the program is enjoying growth and success within this community” shared Stefanik. Anyone interested in learning more about this program may call Carolyn Stefanik @ 330.264.1300.



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Amy Hostetler from “Friendship Meals, Inc.” and Josh Hunt from the “Shop with a Cop” program were guest speakers at the Orrville Lions Club on November 23, 2010.

Friendship Meals

Submitted by Gail Steiger

Josh Hunt from the Orrville Police Department spoke to the Orrville Lions Club at their November 23rd meeting about the joint effort with the Wadsworth Police Department for the “Shop with a Cop” program on December 11, 2010. Hunt is hoping to raise enough money from selling raffle tickets to sponsor 25 children this year. Raffle prizes donated by Wal-Mart include a 42” LCD TV, Wii Game System, and GPS. Tickets are available at the Orrville Police Station for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. The children are recommended by their teachers and are treated to a plentiful breakfast, then given a sirens-blaring ride to Wal-Mart where each escorted child is given \$100 to spend any way he/she wishes. They return to the Orrville Police Station to eat cookies provided by the Orrville Lions Club and wrap gifts.

Amy Hostetler shared information about the Friendship Meals served every Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30 PM in the Orrville Christ United Church of Christ. She explained that these meals are open to anyone seeking companionship and a homemade meal. “We provide exactly what the name implies – friendship and meals” Hostetler shared. “As a United Way Agency, we are not and have never been affiliated with any church. We rent space to serve our meals.” She said they are seeing more families now than in the past. They try to serve well-balanced, home-cooked meals provided by four cooking crews to the average 60 – 80 persons that typically attend. Volunteers are needed to help the cooking crews on a regular and/or substitute basis as well s to set up tables and chairs, bundle silverware, help serve, clean up, and tear down. They also count on volunteers to provide homemade desserts whenever possible. If you can provide helping hands or even a dessert to share, please contact Amy Hostetler 330.682.7876.