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Orrville Lions Tale

HAPPY VALENTINE'S
DAY!

FEBRUARY 2010

A message from our President

Well, Orrville Lions, we are officially one year old. We've done so many good things in that year, that I am ever so proud to be an Orrville Lion. We're a tad short of the \$75,000 in the bank, as I thought we should have, but we're MIGHTY LIONS nonetheless. We will keep plugging away, and some day we will be so loaded, we will have fun trying to figure out how to spend all our money, helping this community.



Karen and the Program Committee have done a fabulous job setting up the year's speakers and programs for us. You won't want to miss a thing. We're beginning to make plans for our Rib and Music Fest, our first big fund raiser, and will need everyone's help. We want to put Orrville on the map for summer fun, sponsored by Orrville Lions Club, of course. That should get us plenty of publicity.

Thank you, Lion Dave, for your hard work on the Bylaws and keeping us posted on the current Lions rules and regulations. You will be one fabulous President when my year is over in June. Thanks, too, Lion Kathi, for your planning and fun activities. Lion Gail, everyone in town knows what a busy club we have, thanks to your publicity work.

Thanks so much for all your help this past year. You are, beyond a doubt, the best group of friends I have ever had. As I've said, again and again, I'm so PROUD TO BE AN ORRVILLE LION. Lion Rita

2010 Calendar of Events

February 2010

- 2 New Member Induction 6 PM at the Pines
- 9 Ron Amstutz, State Representative 7:45 AM
- 23 Lion Chuck Fleming, Principal of the Opportunity School, 7:45 AM
- 25 District 13G, Zone Meeting @ Orrville Trinity United Methodist , 6 PM

March 2010 (Partial List)

- 9 Bill & Nancy Brown from Doylestown Lions
- 20 Zone Social @ Wilmot Amish Door
- 23 Dolly Parton Imagine Library



Thanks to my Lions Club friends who supported me during the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) for Medicare insurance. Just a reminder... now is Open Enrollment Period (OEP). Medicare Advantage and Part D changes are allowed Jan 1-Mar 31. Ask me for details.

Karen Gilkison

February Spotlight

Lion David Kowaleski & wife Sharon

February 2010 Birthdays

2/4 David Kowaleski



Birthday– February 4

Family and or pets: Wife Sharon, Children: David, Chris, Ben, Brad, Sarah and Annie. Dog named Pip

Hobbies and interests: Antiquing, travel, biking, hiking, Planter's Mr. Peanut Collectables, sports, fishing, cooking, reading Sherlock Holmes mysteries.

Education: BA Degree Malone College, Theological Seminary and Methodist Theological School in Delaware, OH – Master of Divinity Degree

Favorite Vacation Spot: The Beach

Reason for joining Orrville Lions: Believe in the philosophy and work of Lionism

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite Season: Spring

Words of wisdom: "Success lies not in being the best, but in doing your best."

Favorite Music: Oldies, Easy Listening, Beethoven

Favorite TV show: "24"

Favorite food: A big fat juicy steak, baked potato (butter only)

Place you want to visit: Colorado, again. Son & family are there.



Orrville Lions met on Tues, January 26, in the Community Room of the Dunlap Community Hospital. Special guest Matt Miller, Business & Development Administrator at the Kroc Center in Ashland, shared "Ray Kroc, the founder of McDonald's restaurant, began his career selling milkshake machines, soon after bought a diner and before long he was selling burgers and fries to the world. Using the money that was generated by his McDonald's restaurants he and his wife, Joan, will forever have an impact on the Salvation Army and the people we serve at the Salvation Army."

Kroc first got involved with the Salvation Army while ringing the bell for the red kettle collection during the holidays. After he died, his widow Joan wanted to donate a considerable sum of money to the most worthy charity she could find. Joan visited charities and soup kitchens to discern where those with the most need in the community would receive the most help and best treatment. "Joan felt that the Salvation Army treated her with the most dignity and respect" Miller stated. She awarded the Salvation Army \$1.5 billion to build state-of-the-art facilities for the arts, education and recreation all across the country in communities that could not afford to build one on their own. Miller pointed out "You never know who's watching you; you never know what little thing you do today that might make a big difference, just like those Salvation Army volunteers that made a positive impression on Joan."

The 43,000 square foot facility includes a 220 seat chapel, a wing for social services, an indoor soccer field, a roller rink, computer lab, music room, art studio, 200 seat community room, a track, prayer garden, a kids outdoor spray park, and offers many affordable educational and recreational programs."

The entire Ashland community came together to work toward the goal of securing the Kroc Center in Ashland. Now, a year and a half after opening, it is a thriving regional destination with a budget of \$1 million per year serving a very diverse population.

Submitted by Gail Steiger



Orrville Lions Hear Motivational Story submitted by Gail Steiger

Orrville: Guest speaker for the Orrville Lions Club was Ron Derry (blind for the last 14 years) with Guide Vera Kirkbride holding up the t-shirts with the acronym GOOD (Going On Or Defeated) used during motivational talks to elementary school children. Orrville: There was a major dose of inspiration doled out at the Orrville Lions Club Tuesday morning in the Community Room of Dunlap Community Hospital.

Inspirational speaker Ron Derry had a choice to make 14 years ago when he lost his eyesight; he could go on or be defeated by the changes in his life. He chose to go on and to make a difference in the lives of many others. He developed the "GOOD" program (Going On Or Defeated) in 1995. The t-shirts he uses in his presentations are left behind for teachers to give to deserving students who were able to overcome challenges throughout the year. The front lists goals of Good Attendance, Good Listening Skills, Good Work Habits, and Good Citizenship. The back of the t-shirt reads "When the going gets tough, the tough choose to go on." Derry speaks to about 136 schools each year to students in grades 2 – 6. For 80 -90 of those schools, he's spo-

ken for 12 years straight. He tells the students true life stories about individuals who have overcome enormous obstacles to become outstanding successes in their fields. He tells them "Side-by-side, heart-to-heart, we can finish anything we start." His goal and dream in sharing these stories "are to help every child think their future is bright. Life can be good regardless of your situation." He shared "the past 14 years have been the best of my life." Following Derry's presentation, Shirley and Shine Zody shared information from the Shreve Lions Club where he has been a member for 46 years. They spoke about their fundraising efforts, including a Chicken BBQ and a printed pro-

gram used during three days of horse racing at the Wayne County fair in which they sell ad space to local businesses. Their club helps to support scholarships for seniors at Triway, the Lion's Parade of Checks, eye therapy sessions, local fireworks, the refurbishing of a local park and the Historical Society.



Orrville Lion Bob Ballentine reported 861 pairs of eyeglasses collected during calendar year 2009. They were collected from 9 different organizations. Thanks Bob for your work in taking care of this project for us.

Orrville Lions to the Rescue

We were contacted by Shirley Walsh, Doylestown Lions Club, to help a family whose Burton City Road house burned down two days before Christmas. They are a family of four, with no other help available. ORRVILLE LIONS TO THE RESCUE... An emergency decision was made to donate \$100 from our club and an additional \$25 donation from a faithful Orrville Lion, and a Buehler's gift card was purchased the next day and presented to Shirley, who gave it to the family. A big thank you came, via Shirley, to our club, for help with their groceries. Rita Shisler, Orrville Lions President

Lions Code of Ethics Part 2

- **To Hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- **Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, as to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- **To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- **To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

Winter Retreat

Submitted by Karen Gilkison

Although we have reached that time during the winter months when the daylight hours are getting longer, I've had enough of the gloomy dark days and realized I must be suffering from a case of cabin fever. I had not made plans to attend the 1st Annual Winter Retreat at Mohican we've been hearing about the last couple of months but just days before the event kicked off I decided to see if there was room for one more because I needed a change of scenery and a break from these four walls. I thought I'd drive back and forth all three days because it was only 40 miles and then just hours before I was to leave, I called the Mohican Resort to see if they had a room available. The thought of driving in the dark, deer on the road and black ice did not appeal to me. As luck would have it, there was one room left!

With everything falling into place so nicely I just knew this was going to be a great weekend....and I was not disappointed! Those planning the Winter Retreat have designed this event to replace the Fall Conference. Attendance was better than expected considering the Fall Conference was just a couple of months ago and I believe everyone was surprised when nearly 100 Lions showed up. The Mohican Resort as the location, the varied line-up of breakout sessions to choose from and the oneness of purpose felt when Lions congregate were all reasons for the success of the event.

After dinner on Friday we were visited by Tecumseh who walked among the tables as though he was addressing tribes getting ready for battle the next day. Our dinner speaker on Saturday was PDG Judy Smith, wife of current International Director Jerry Smith. Judy encouraged us to consider ourselves as pieces of a big puzzle and to conduct our lives with kindness to everyone since it takes all of the pieces of the puzzle to come together for a purpose.

You had a choice of breakouts and could select a topic related to Lions or something of personal interest to you instead. The topics included (sessions I attended in italics): Thank you, Karen Gilkison

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| <i>Women in Leadership</i> | Welcome to Malabar Farms |
| Growing Clubs by Branching | <i>Prevent Blindness Ohio (PBO)</i> |
| Digital Camera Basics | Railroading |
| ODNR presents Wildlife in Ohio | <i>Lions Share of Life-Partnership with Red Cross</i> |
| Quilting Assessments | Developing & Fostering a Mentoring Program |
| Computer Overview-LCI Reports | Computer Lab-Firewalls & Antivirus |
| <i>Wines of Ohio (Andy Troutman)</i> | Tail Twisting |
| The P.E.T. Project | <i>Raising Your Profile In Your Community</i> |
| Special Spaces-Extreme Makeover (of disabled children's bedrooms) | LCIF-the New & Improved, Motivating Seasoned Lions ; LCI Services Activities; Roundtable "This Isn't Your Father's Lions Club-It's Getting Younger" |
| How To Leave A Legacy of Succession to Leadership; <i>Time Management</i> | |

Give a little sight

"Lions in Sight" is an international project taken on by many Lions Clubs during the month. The Wooster Noon Lions in conjunction with the Doylestown Lions and the Madisonburg Evening Club are doing preschool screenings along with the Viola Startzman Free Clinic.

According to Lion Steve Thornton their primary focus is on 3-4 year olds. While they do not diagnose anything the machine tells us if they need to be seen by an eye doctor. Many of the 45,000 Lion Clubs around the world are engaged in similar service projects in building public awareness of sight problems of not only children but adults too.



Daniel Karger gets his eyes checked by 13G Governor Steve Thornton using an eye testing machine. Wooster Noon Lion Todd Imhoff (left) and Rita Shisler Orrville Lions President and Lions Kathi and Hobie Bond look on.