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Orrville Lions' Tale

MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 31



MAY 2010



A message from our President

Happy Spring, Orrville Lions. It's out there somewhere. I walked through my back yard yesterday, sniffing every

flower that is blooming on every tree, along with the tulips and all the other spring flowers blooming. Funny thing, the most gorgeous ones don't even have a scent, but everyone told me to stop and smell the flowers, so I did. It did make me realize how many gorgeous flowers I have blooming and I'm too busy to enjoy them. Maybe next year I'll pay more attention. Then I got a phone call last night from a good friend that informed me that an old friends' husband died. He was our age, the sweetest man around, fabulous husband, and outstanding father. I immediately wanted to go out and smell all those flowers again. With a sad heart, we will say goodbye to one friend that left this earth too soon.

Today, I again walked in my yard and smelled the flowers. They seemed to have a heavenly smell today. I took a deep breath at each stop, closed my eyes and let my mind wander. I hugged my son a little

tighter, squeezed the beejeebies out of my grand-baby to hear her giggle and kiss me, e-mailed an "I love you" to all my good friends, and thought about how precious life is..

Our District Conference was so much fun. The Ohio State Tail Gate party on Saturday night was fabulous...if you love the Buckeyes, you would have been in your glory. Sunday's Grand Banquet was so memorable, with all the VIP's in their tuxedos. Thanks to the Shisler Center (God, I love that name J) for the great food and excellent service. I love seeing all the Lions at these functions; we make so many new friends. Don't miss the State Convention in Columbus, it gets bigger and better every year and is such a great learning experience.

So many things happening these next few months, hope to see all of your smiling faces around. Have a Happy Spring, Orrville Lions and don't forget to stop and smell the flowers. Love with all your heart, smile with all your soul and help anyone that needs you.
Lion Rita



The rose sale has been a great success. As of Thursay, April 29th we have sold 181 dozen. Congratulations to all who participated. Our profits will go a long way towards helping others less fortunate in their ability to see.

May Birthdays

5/1 Bob Ballentine

5/1 Hank Troyer

5/7 Linda Ballentine

May 2010 Spotlight

Lions Bob and Linda Ballentine

Linda F. (Reikowsky) Ballentine

Birthdate: May 7
Hometown: Orrville
Spouse: Robert
Family: Daughter Chistina; Grand daughter Sierra,
Grandsons Jordan & Caiden
Hobbies: Gardening, Crocheting, Reading, Bible Study
Pets: Cats Baby Girl & Miles
Education: Orrville HS
Occupation: Housewife, formerly J.M. Smucker, Orrville
Leather
Other Community Activities: Relay For Life, 2 Bible Stud-
ies, Member of VFW Auxiliary, Alzheimer's Support
Group
Favorite Spot: Ocean
Reason for joining Lions: To spend time with Bob and help
others
Words of Wisdom: Do onto other as you would have others
do onto you
Favorite Color: Mauve, blue
Favorite Music: Country, Oldies
Favorite Animal: Panda
Favorite Food: Italian
Favorite Movie/TV: Greys Anatomy, Flash Forward, Lost,
The Blind Side, Forest Gump
Place I'd like to visit: Grand Canyon, Bora Bora
Person I would like to meet: Jesus



Bob Ballentine

Birthdate: May 1
Hometown: Orrville
Family: spouse Linda, Daughter Christina
Grand daughter Sierra; Grandsons Jordan &
Caiden
Hobbies/interests: Racing, Stamp collecting
Pets: 2 Cats
Education/occupation: Orrville HS, Many EMS
Classes, Currently Orrville Fire Chief
Reason for joining Orrville Lions: Ability to
help people in many ways
Favorite color; blue
Favorite season; Summer
Share some words of wisdom. If you don't have
the time to do something right the first time,
where are you ever going to find time to fix it
Favorite music: Country
What is your favorite animal; Skunk
Favorite movie/TV shows; NCIS
Favorite food; Seafood
A place you would like to visit; Bora Bora



By Gail Stieger

John Moritz, Director of the Viola Startzman Free Clinic, shared about the Clinic through a PowerPoint presentation to the Orrville Lions Club on April 27 at Dunlap Community Hospital.

Orrville: John Moritz, Director of the Viola Startzman Free Clinic,

praised the generosity and caring of local individuals and businesses for helping to provide necessary services for low income, uninsured residents of Wayne County. Twenty-five percent of all patients served come from the Orrville area.

In 1995, when Dr. Viola Startzman first started the Clinic, 400 clients were served. In 2009, it ranked as the third largest (out of 42) clinics in Ohio with almost 11,000 served. With clients earning less than 200% below the poverty level, this Clinic serves those who can least afford medical or dental care. Moritz shared "we work closely

with other agencies to coordinate our services with the needs of our patients. Both acute and chronic health problems are treated in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. With only 18 staff members, the over 280 volunteer doctors, nurses, and lay people stretch every \$1.00 donated into \$4.00 worth of service."

"Results indicate many diseases were brought into normal ranges in 2009, including 35% of clients with diabetes, 75% of clients with Hypertension, and 69% with high Cholesterol." Moritz reported. For more information about the Clinic, please call 330-262-2500.



Steve Thornton, Kathi Bond, Gail Steiger
Receive an award from Steve for being at
the right place at the right time



Orrville Lions attending District 13 Con-
vention at the Shisler Center were:
Dale Hess, Gail Steiger, Kathi Bond, Dave
Kowaleski, Rita Shisler, Karen Gilkison
and Sharon Kowaleski

Submitted by Gail Steiger

Lions Club District Governor Steve Thornton presided over and was recognized at the Lions District 13-G District Convention on April 17 and 18. Lions Kathi Bond (center) and Gail Steiger are shown holding District Conference flags at the event's tailgate party.

ORRVILLE: Lions from local and distant Lions Clubs gathered April 17 and 18 for a District Convention at the Shisler Conference Center in Wooster. District Governor Steve Thornton presided over the event which included a Presentation of Colors from

the Wooster Police Department Honor Guard, and special music from the College of Wooster's all female capella group the COWBelles. Distinguished speakers recognized the work of Lions around the world and locally. Election results were shared and the introduction of new officers finalized the event with the official passing of the gavel ceremony.

In other news, the Orrville Lions Club is trying to raise money for sight-impaired individuals within our community. A "Serving for Sight" fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 15 from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM at Bishop's Restaurant on Rt. 57 at Rt.

30. Orrville Lions will bus the tables and distribute information about the local club and the work of Lions world-wide. Guest may donate money to the Lions Club through an envelope placed on each table. All proceeds will be used to help with the purchase of glasses and eye surgeries for individuals needing assistance locally.

The Orrville Lions will also be "Serving for Sight" again by selling hot dogs at the Orrville Buehler's store on May 28th (Friday of Memorial Day Weekend). Please stop by and enjoy a hot dog while contributing to the cause of sight!

Upcoming Events

May 1, Adopt a Highway Cleanup

May 8, Leadership Days

May 11, Mark Arnold, Rittman Lions; Visually impaired golf tournament

May 15, Serving for Sight at Bishops

May 25, Lydia Stahl; People to People Ministries

May 28, Hotdog Sales at Buehlers