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Orrville Lions' Tale



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A message from our President



How exciting it is to be a part of Lionism. There are so many things that have inspired me through the years. I have seen children with disabilities laughing and playing on special playground equipment provided by Lions. I have

talked to parents who were so grateful for an eye exam by the Lions that indicated their child needed glasses which resulted in higher school achievement. I've talked with individuals who have had eye care that could only have been provided through the assistance of Lions. The list goes on and on. Each one of us plays a major role in making these things happen.

The Lions motto "We Serve" is the cornerstone of Lionism. Our service makes a difference in the lives of people not only in our community but throughout the world. The real key is that our use of the word "serve" is as a verb. That means action. Without it we become like a car with a transmission stuck in neutral; the motor sounds impressive, the lights, radio and horn are all in working condition, it has new tires, but the only problem is that it's not going anywhere. It's through the acts of service that we arrive at our

destination.

Through the Orrville Lions Club we are involved in a long list of service activities. We will finish our last Highway Clean Up of this year on Saturday, October 2. This month we observe World Sight Day and on October 7th and 8th we will be delivering lunches to optometrists offices throughout Orrville. Coming soon will be Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Salvation Army Star Tree Family and Shop with a Cop.

We also have two future projects we hope to begin. On October 4, three of our lions from our club will be trained for preschool vision screening. We will then begin the process of setting up screenings for children. In addition, we hope to assist the local VITA Site program. This is a free tax service sponsored by the United Way. Volunteers are needed to do intake and tax preparation for families that need assistance.

Thank you Orrville Lions for putting our motto "We Serve" into action. We couldn't do it without you.

Lion Dave Kowaleski

October Birthdays

Sharon Kowaleski 10/4
Dale Hess 10/31





Past President Lion Rita Shisler shared about guest speaker Woodcarver Pat Holbert and noted his carving of the giant wooden mouse outside Shisler's Cheese House at the Orrville Lions Club meeting September 28 at Dunlap Community Hospital's Community Room. Holbert brought the above hand-carved piece to show the club.

Woodcarver , Pat Holbert, with Chain Saw in Hand

Submitted by Gail Steiger

ORRVILLE: Woodcarver Pat Holbert thoroughly enjoyed his thirty years as a teacher and claims he'd gladly still be doing that if he wasn't pulled away from teaching by his passion for woodcarving. Past President Rita Shisler said Holbert was that one special teacher that really made a difference in her son's life. And, she noted that the familiar large wooden mouse outside Shisler's Cheese House is the creation of Holbert.

Today, Holbert spends his time with a chain saw in hand carving out large statues from trees, some over 17 feet high. That's the majority of his work due to the "need for speed." Hand-carving (known as relief carving) creates intricate designs but takes much more time to create. He shared one piece, shown in the photo above, as an example of his hand-carving. Although he enjoys both, he prefers starting with a block of wood and creating a unique piece with a chain saw in several hours. He especially loves to carve Indians. Woodcarving has taken him to a number of countries and offered opportunities he never expected.

Holbert shared "Fifty percent of carving is a great design, forty percent the proper sharp tools, and ten percent is talent. But it's the talent that separates the top from the bottom. You have to also be willing to fail." He is often asked to carve the portion of a tree a storm left behind, and indicated those on-site opportunities offer



President Sid Scruggs has been a "Beacon of Hope" to Lionism this year. His theme is certainly apropos for all Lions as we strive to bring hope to the people we serve in each of our communities. With the unemployment situation and people being without health insurance, Lions Clubs find ourselves even more of a necessity for light from our personal "Beacon" or Lions Club as "WE SERVE" through Lions Clubs International.

Long Range Planning

October 7-8 World Sight Days– lunch to local eye doctors
 November 13 Trip to Columbus to Pilot Dogs Inc.
 Jan. 14-16, 2011 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat at Mohican State Park
 April 15, 16, 2011 Spring District Convention at Cambridge High School



Orrville Lions Christmas Greens sale is underway. Contact Dale Hess for details and order forms.

Orders must be to Lion Dale Hess by October 25.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 5 Bob Ballentine, Orrville Fire Chief
- Oct. 12 PID Steve Sherer
- Oct 26 Carolyn Basista, Bridges of Hope
- Oct. 31st Happy Halloween



Area Visitation Opportunities

Doylestown

Oct 26th

RSVP by the 21st

6:15

American Legion 49 Black Dr.

Wooster Noon Lions

Nov 11 11:45-1:00PM

RSVP by 7th

Memories Conference Center

For reservations contact Bill and Mary McClelland at 330-347-1524 or McClelland001@zoominternet.net



Rita and Kathi pose with Karen Taylor Good, singer-songwriter and keynote speaker at the Forum.

“A Beacon of Hope Through Leadership and Service”

Submitted by Kathi Bond

What an amazing Forum! I only wish each of my fellow Orrville Lions could have gone too. Rita and I came back with renewed spirit full of energy and excitement for increasing our membership, stepping up our community efforts so we can make Orrville a better place to live, work and play. We, as new Lions, need to come up with our “elevator” answer to “what does your lions club do?” Always be ready to tell your story and share your passion for service. Why do we serve? The satisfaction of helping others; improve leadership skills; new friends; make our community stronger; fun! Lions stands for Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service. One helpful suggestion was to get people involved in a project before they even join. They’ll see what we do and want to be involved. They’ll ASK us to be a member! Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers! Bring them to a meeting or get them involved in one of our community

Where but the "Cheese Capital of the US" would Rita enjoy going more.....thanks to the USA/Canada Forum (and Kathi Bond's driving). We met so many wonderful Lions, were inspired by the speakers, great workshops, and came back with a multitude of ideas and tasks geared at making our club the best ever (which we already are!!!).

Two inspiring speakers, one the recipient of a corneal transplant, the other the proud owner of a Guide dog, just reinforced my belief that Lions is the best club in the world. Story after story, sharing ideas from club to club, just amazes me to the point that I want everyone in Wayne County to become an Orrville Lion. We exchanged pins, exchanged stories about fundraising ideas, watched "Guide Puppies in Training" and were just overwhelmed at the happy Lions all over Milwaukee. Lions, if you have the opportunity to attend a Forum, an International, State or District Convention, you will leave so proud to be a Lion. I cannot say enough about the wonderful Lions that we met from Canada and the US, the ideas we exchanged and the laughter and fellowship that are present at these gatherings. I especially enjoy looking for the "Red Coats" in the hallways (Ohio Lions) and at all gatherings. Submitted by Lion Rita Shisler

P.S. The cheese was ok in Milwaukee....huge selection but very expensive...German food fabulous and the Brazilian Churrascaria to die for (not to mention the Gaucho's serving us).

ADOPT- A- HIGHWAY

Submitted by Denise Turchiano

On Oct 2nd 2010 the Orrville Lions completed our first season of Adopt a Highway. We were fortunate enough to complete a total of five pickups for the season. What interesting things people leave behind for us!! We have found anything from lawn mower seats to well, not so nice things. It has been a pleasure to be able to be in the company of my partner in crime, Hank Troyer. Hank bought our vests for us which I will have silk screened before next spring with our logo. I usually deal with ODOT and get the signs and then give the count and return the signs the following week.

We are really doing a great thing by picking up and I hope to be a part of this service for a long time to come. I would really appreciate a large turnout in the spring of 2011 because this first pickup is the hardest for us. If we had more volunteers it sure would make a big difference in the months through summer. I was just amazed to say the least at how difficult that first pickup is. I can also tell you that driving that stretch of highway and knowing that we are the ones that keep it looking beautiful is a great feeling.

Hank and I would like to thank all of those that helped out and to those that turned up time after time, well thank you so very much. Since joining the Lions club I am so much more aware of the wonderful community that I live in and I am proud to be in such good company with such wonderful caring people. Here is to all of you and here is to garbage that somehow has made me proud. Looking forward to next spring !!!!



Steve Thornton growing up in the Lions Family

Submitted by Gail Steiger

The Orrville Lions Club met in the Community Room of Dunlap Community Hospital on September 14 and was honored to have Past District Governor Steve Thornton as the guest speaker. Thornton shared about growing up in a Lions family and in a Lion's town, Doylestown.

Thornton joined the Madisonburg Lions in 1980 and within three years became president of the club; a position he held for two years. He found himself in the position of Zone Chairman for two years and then two more as Chairman for the State Committee for Sight and Youth. That allowed him to help arrange for youth from France and Germany to visit this country through the Lions organization. Thornton's love for Lions was reignited when he was invited to speak to the Wooster Noon Lions in 2004, transferring to that club soon after. In 2007, he was elected Deputy District Governor and eventually District Governor. With 5,000 miles added to his car visiting 45 clubs and meeting great people, one of the highlights of his year as District Governor was seeing two new Lions clubs born (Carrollton and Martins Ferry).

Thornton stressed the importance for members to go out and meet other Lions and try to build the membership of the club. For 2010, he was elected Council Chairman; in this position, he serves as the administrator for the Lions of Ohio. He described examples of the issues he'll be reviewing and highlighted upcoming events.

Trip to Pilot Dogs Inc. in Columbus

We'll carpool from Hawkins parking lot at 8 AM Nov. 13th Saturday. Tour starts at 10 AM and will last about an hour. Spaghetti Warehouse is nearby, for those wanting to stop for lunch. RSVP by Nov. 6th