

Leesburg Lions Club

Newsletter

May, 2007

Pres. Ron Barber

Sec. Georgia Barber

Treas. Jay Newland

Guest Speaker April Meeting:

Guest Tim Hughes spoke to the Lions concerning his work at Fairfield School with students to create a butterfly garden. He stated that 110 acres of rolling hills, meadows, streams and woods have been given to school and his personal goal is to “use this land to expose kids to nature”. Three acres of the land surrounding the soccer fields have been planted with Native American prairie grass. The planting was done last fall using a variety of wildflowers and grasses. The prairie grass will be economical by reducing the need for mowing and will provide habitat for wild animals and birds. He stated that they have a need for signs stating that the land is planted with the grasses so visitors to the site will know that it is not just a weed patch, but a nature center. The seed was donated to the school and the area will be used by biology and science classes. Bluebird boxes were built by the Agriculture class and put along a trail around the property. The fifth grade class is monitoring the boxes. The ¼ mile trail with a bridge was created by Boy Scout Travis Butler as his Eagle Scout project. The butterfly garden is situated between the middle and elementary schools. There is a landscaped pond with numerous plants, bushes and trees that will attract butterflies. Walmart has just given \$500.00 towards this project. Brad’s Garden Supply has also donated plants for this project. Planting has been done by the science and AG students. There

is a need for a storage shed and gardening tools. Tim Hughes stated that everyone is invited to visit the school and see the progress of the outside landscaping projects. He stated the Lions are invited to work along side of the student to maintain the area. President Ron explained that there is a Grant by the Jim Coffey Scholarship Fund for such projects. He stated forms for the Grant has been given to the Elementary Principal. Tim was thanked by the club for sharing with them the projects being done at the school.



Membership contest:

Lion Charles Newland, membership chairman, will give \$50 to the club member that brings in the most new members by June 30th. The club also voted to add to the \$50 making the total worth \$100.00. All club members are in the contest except for Lion Charles. Lion Charles has ordered printed materials from Lions Club International for everyone to use.

Ask someone if they would like to join the Leesburg Lions and help with projects that make our community a better place to live.

Eddie Eyeglass: Eddie Eyeglass visited the second grade class at Fairfield Elementary on March 27th. President Ron Barber assisted Eddie Eyeglass during the 45 minute program. The cost of the program, \$250.00, was paid for out of the Sollars Fund. Thank You notes were received from the three second grade classes.

Dear Lions Club,
Thank you for sending Eddie Eyeglasses to our school to speak to us. He told us not to throw rocks and to be careful with scissors because it could hurt our eyes. He told us that we should recycle eyeglasses, with frames or just sets of lenses. He also said we should go to the eye doctor once a year. Your friends,
Mrs. Gilbert's class.

Dear Lions Club,
Thank you fro sending Eddie Eyeglasses to our school He was fantastic! We learned how to be safe with our eyes. Thank you for the coloring book. From,
Mrs. Allen's Class

Dear Leesburg Lions Club,
Thank you for taking the time to come to our school . We enjoyed meeting Eddie the Eyeglasses. He taught us many things. Now we know to be safe around our eyes. He told us that we only get one set of eyes, so be careful! Eddie also reminded us to visit the eye doctor. He told us to be kind to people with glasses and do not make fun of them.
Eddie told us about how the Lions Club wanted old glasses.

Thank you for helping poor people get glasses if they need them. We will try to collect old glasses for you to recycle.
Thanks Again! Your Friends,
.....Mrs. Zimmerman's Class

Officers for 2007-08:

Lion Charles Newland gave a report from the nominating committee. The officers are:

- Lion Tamer – Lion Jerry Rudd
- Tail Twister - Lion Ron Barber
- Membership - Lion Charles Newland
- Secretary – Lion Georgia Barber
- Treasurer – Lion Jay Newland
- First VP – David Reeves

Lion Kathy Huff made a motion that these officers be elected. Lion Jay Newland seconded the motion. President Ron Barber stated that he would remain as president for LCI records and would receive information for LCI but only if members take turns leading the Lions meeting each month. Lion Charles Newland made the motion with Lion Jerry Rudd seconding. All members present agreed to the terms.

Upcoming Events:

- Club meeting May 15th at 6:30 pm. Our guests will be Fairfield junior high and high school students that have been chosen by their teachers as a G.O.O.D. student. Please come and add your voice in support of our young people
- The Mother's Day Rose presale is on. Announcement has been posted in the local businesses. Flyers are at the post office and banks. We have ordered 150 dozen

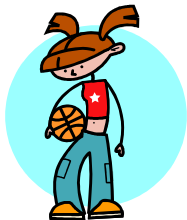
roses and need sales people to spread the word. A dozen roses is \$16.00 and a half dozen roses sales for \$9.00. The actual sales and delivery days are May 11th and 12th. Plan now to help either Friday or Saturday. Many hands make light work. Make this project succeed.....

WE NEED Orders!!!!

- Our annual 5-K run (Donut Run) will be held June 16th. Lion Raymond Friend is the chairman for this project. Sponsors are now being contacted and t-shirts will be ordered. Workers will be needed that day to man the registration desk, be spotters along the route and hand out water.



Lion Raymond also would like to have a 3 on 3 basketball tournament that same day. What do you think? It is our understanding that there is no village festival planned at this time. Your input and support is needed for this fundraiser.



District J Convention this weekend May 6th & 7th at Southern State Community College, 1270 U.S. Rt. 62 S.W., Washington Court House, OH 43160 and Fayette County Fairgrounds (Mahan Bldg.), 213 Fairview Ave., Washington Court House, OH 43160

Saturday, May 5

Registration 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. SSCC front lobby (which is actually on the back side of the bldg. as it faces the street)

Business meeting: 9:30 to 11 am. SSCC Luncheon 11:30-1:30 pm at fairgrounds with guest speakers ID Bill Hansen & Melvin Jones.

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Seminars SSCC
 ALL SEMINARS ARE FREE. NO REGISTRATION FEE IS CHARGED FOR THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND SEMINARS ONLY!

- 2:00 – 3:00 Presidents/VicePresidents with Jim Faust & Debbie Lloyd
- 2:00 - 3:00 Campaign SightFirst II with PDG Bill Brown
- 2:00 - 3:00 Quest with Charles Newland
- 3:00 - 4:00 Secretaries/Treasurers with Georgia Barber
- 3:00 - 4:00 Zone Chairs & prospective Zone Chairs with Elaine Newberry
- 3:00 - 4:00 Legal Issues with PCC David Risen
- 3:00 - 4:00 Leo Seminar with Jeannie Snapp
- 4:00 - 5:00 Q&A with ID Bill & Carole Hansen



6:00 pm - ?? BUCKEYE TAILGATE PARTY SSCC

Bring your chairs, canopies and join us for the fun of a real tailgate party. Barbeque dinner and soft drinks provided. WEAR YOUR SCARLET AND GRAY and Have Fun! (Yes, we will have more raffles)

Sunday, May 6

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Necrology Service

Breezeway behind the Mahan Bldg, Fairgrounds to honor Lions, Lioness, Leos we've lost this year. There will be a hospitality table of coffee, juice, & pastries available

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Election of Officers Breezeway behind the Mahan Bldg. We will be voting for 2007-08 District Governor, Vice and Deputy District Governor

11:30 AM - 3:00 PM Grand Banquet Mahan Bldg, Fairgrounds. Club Awards, Raffle, Auction Results will be on the agenda. Guest Speaker is International Director William Hansen

Also remember:

- State Convention at Aurora May 18th-20th.
- LCI Convention in Chicago July 2nd – 6th. This will be a celebration of the Lions Clubs 90th birthday, the LEO's 50th birthday, the Peace Poster 20th anniversary and Women in Lions 20th birthday. Come celebrate with Lions from around the world.



Picture taken Cummings Hardware in January where Lion Jim Cummings received a certificate and pin with chevron for his 50 years of service. Front row: Lion Georgia Barber, Betty Cummings, Lion Jim Cummings, Lion Janice Kisamore. Back row: Lion Ron Barber, Lion Richard Kisamore, Lion Charles Newland, Lion Jerry Haines and Lion Ed Eyre.

