

----- **THE LIONS GATE** -----
Albion Area Lions Club
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WHITE CANE DAYS - MAY 8 & MAY 9

There are still open slots on the sign-up sheet for White Cane Days workers. If you can help, please call chairman Diana Perry, or sign up at the April meeting.

MEMBERS ONLY RAFFLES

3rd Quarter and 4th Quarter

Lion Tom Osborne was the lucky winner of the 3rd Quarter Raffle. The guest speaker at the March 9 meeting drew the winning ticket for the \$35 gas card. Twenty-three of the 38 club members purchased tickets this quarter.

The 4th quarter tickets will soon be distributed with the prize being a \$35.00 Wal-Mart gift card. Members are encouraged to participate in this raffle by purchasing the 7 tickets for \$5.00 to help build up funds in the General Account, which covers the club operating expenses. Additional tickets are then available at 3 for \$1.00. The 4th quarter prize will be drawn at the Installation Dinner on June 22.

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEETING -- APRIL 8

Chairman Mike Thompson has scheduled a golf committee meeting at his home, 280 E. State St. on April 8 at 7 PM. Lion Mike and other committee members, Bruce Hetrick, Ken Graff and Greg Petrus would welcome any other Lions who would be interested in attending the planning session.

BUDGET MEETING -- APRIL 22

The budget committee will meet on April 22, 7 PM at Rabell's office to plan the 2009-2010 budget. Committee members are Lions Dave Davis, Ken Graff, Bruce Hetrick, Bill Marino, Diana Perry and Greg Pinte. Please bring a copy of last year's budget with you to the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning in April, treasurer Diane Perry will be sending out the monthly financial report by email. Please print out a copy for yourself, review it and bring it to the business meeting with you. Printed copies will be available for those Lions who are not online.

FUND RAISING PROJECTS

Project chairman, Bill Marino, once again asks that members be thinking ahead and buying prizes for the summer fund raisers in June and August.

MOPAR CAR SHOW, JUNE 7

No word has yet been received from MOPAR officials if the club will be permitted to sell hot dogs. Workers will be needed at the gates.

GOLF TOURNAMENT - JUNE 20

Chairman Mike Thompson reported that team registration forms are already being submitted. All members are asked to try to sign up more teams and more sponsors for this important fund raiser. Many door prizes will be needed that day.

OLD FASHIONED DAYS CAR SHOW -- AUGUST 8

Chairman Dick Bennett will need workers and door prize items at the registration table.

The chairmen of these events would greatly appreciate help from all club members with donations of prizes and willing workers at these fund raisers.

FUND RAISING IDEAS

Project chairman Marino would also like everyone to be thinking of "sidebar or mini-fund raisers" to be held in conjunction with the three major events listed above. These would be smaller raffles or projects to bring in a little extra cash while members are already there working. Give Lion Bill a call if you have an idea, no matter how big or small, or discuss the ideas at the next business meeting.

REPORT ON EYEGLASSES

On March 12, Lion Dave Davis delivered 800 pairs of glasses to Lens Crafters. These glasses were all collected locally and will be donated to the Give the Gift of Sight Foundation.

LIONS OUTINGS

On March 5, several Lions & Lioness enjoyed dinner and the show at Jr's Last Laugh sponsored by the Erie County Diabetes Association. Attending were Lion Bob & Marcia Rabell, Lion Dick & Mary Jane Bennett, Lion Tom & Becky Duda, Lion Debbie Bennett, Lion Shelly & Bill Lavelly, Lions Ken & Wendy Graff, Lioness Evelyn T-Armstrong, and Lioness Lisa Graff and Ray Golubieski. The Duda's and Rabell's were lucky winners of a Chinese auction gift.

On March 10, eight Albion Lions visited the Waterford Lions Club and enjoyed dinner at Jakes-on-the-Park. Attending were Lions Debbie Bennett, Dick Bennett, Gene Burns, Dave Davis, Ken and Wendy Graff, Tom Osborne and Bob Rabell.

On March 21, Lions Bev Kennedy and Ken and Wendy Graff attended the Meadville Lions Club 85th anniversary celebration at the Conneaut Lake Boating Club. Lion Wendy was lucky enough to win two Chinese auction prizes that evening.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual Election of Officers will be held at the April 13 dinner meeting at the Valenza Restaurant. Nicole Wolf, director of programs and services, from the Erie County Diabetes Association will be the featured speaker.

The April 27 business meeting will be at Rabell's office at 7:00 PM.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to:
Ken Graff -- April 17
Sam Steff -- April 14
Brad Tomlinson -- April 13
John Yazembiak -- April 28

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Ken Graff --April 9 -- 21 years