



The Lions Gate

Albion Area Lions Club

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"The Pride of Western Erie County"

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We Serve

MEETING SCHEDULE

A "Sons & Daughters Night" is planned for the dinner meeting on May 12, 6:30 PM at the Valenza Restaurant. Please plan on arriving 15-20 minutes earlier so the meals can be ordered from the menu and the meeting can start at the scheduled time. Lion Mike Thompson is in charge of the evening's entertainment.

WHITE CANE DAYS

White Cane Days are scheduled for Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10 at Shurfine, Dollar General and Country Fair. Chair Diana Perry has been successful filling in time slots and distributed copies of the sign-up sheet to all attending the April 25 board meeting. Be sure to check the chart so you arrive at the right location at the right time to work your shift.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

On May 13 two deserving Northwestern seniors will receive \$500.00 scholarships from the Albion Area Lions Club. Members of the scholarship committee will be attending the awards banquet to present the checks.

BUDGET MEETING

A budget committee meeting will be held at Diana Perry's home on May 19 at 7 PM. Other members of the committee are P. Perry, K. Graff, Dave Davis, B. Marino, R. Bennett, S. Johnson and G. Pinte. Plan to attend and help set the 2008-09 budget.

GOLF TOURNAMENT – JUNE 14

Chairman Mike Thompson reported that plans are progressing nicely for the golf tournament. He requests that each member have a goal to sign up a new hole sponsor, to sign up a 4-person team to play, and to obtain a donation of a case of pop or water for the event.

Any forms needed for the tournament can be downloaded from the Lions Club website.

MOPAR CAR SHOW – JUNE 1

Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting for workers who will be needed on the morning and afternoon shifts at the Albion Borough Park. Working at the car show earns a Lion 4 units per shift towards reducing his/her dues for 2008-09.

DISTRICT 14-F CONVENTION

Lions Ken & Wendy Graff attended the district convention in W. Middlesex on April 12. The Albion Lions received the membership traveling trophy for bringing in the most new members (6) for the year. Albion also won 1st place in the District Governors contest for Class B clubs. Secretary Ken received a 1st place plaque for winning the Secretaries Contest in Class B.

OLD FASHIONED DAY CAR SHOW-AUG. 9

Chairman Dick Bennett is making plans for the car show at the Albion Borough Park. 50-50 raffle tickets will soon be distributed. An added raffle this year will be a large bucket filled with \$50 worth of car-care products. Each Lions member will be asked to solicit an item or two to be used as door prizes. Proceeds from the car show are used for the Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

DONATIONS

CSFII – Chairman Gene Burns is still collecting \$6.00 per Lion for a special project that will provide eye care for a child in a developing country. Members who have already donated are Dave Davis, Tom & Becky Duda, Ken & Wendy Graff, Donna & Tony Gruzosky, Bill & Jeanne Marino, Phil & Diana Perry, Greg Pinte, Bob and Marcia Rabell, and Mike & Kim Thompson.

Beacon Lodge – Lion Diana Perry is still collecting money for the "365 Club" – one penny per day per year per member. All money is used by Beacon Lodge for the visually and physically handi-Capped. Donations have been received from Debbie Bennett, Dick Bennett, Dave Davis, Ken & Wendy Graff, Donna Gruzosky, Jeff Klemm, Bill

Marino, Phil & Diana Perry, Greg Pinteá and Mike Thompson.

SHORTY'S KITCHEN -- REPAIRS NEEDED

Chairman Dave Davis reports that the ceiling needs to be re-done before the kitchen can be rented out this summer. He will announce a Saturday work day at the first meeting in May.

The electrical outlets along the serving counter should be wired with heavier wire and put on separate breakers. The hot water heater had not been working properly and Lion Tom Duda donated a new element for this repair.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER

The dinner will be held at Crowley's Restaurant on Wed., June 25, 2008. Meal choices will feature beef, fish or chicken entrees. Price for each is \$16.00 and includes tax and tip. Payment for the meals will be due when reservations are made.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Bob Rabell on May 14. Please send a card to Richard Osterberg who turns 93 years young on May 21. --- His address is
28 Orchard Street, Albion

One more thing --- HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DICK!!!

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Shelly Lavelly -- one year -- May 14

Ed Tanner -- 42 years -- May 23