



THE LIONS GATE Albion Area Lions Club

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2009-2010 DUES

Just a reminder that dues were payable by June 22. If you missed this deadline, please send a check to secretary Ken Graff as soon as possible. At this time, ten Lions still have not paid. Remember that you may pay the dues amount annually, semi-annually or quarterly.

100 CLUB RAFFLE - FOOTBALL TICKETS

Chairperson Bev Kennedy asks that all members sell, sell, sell the \$100 football tickets. A poster is included with this newsletter giving the details of this fund raiser. Please print it and use for emphasis when making sales. One idea from the committee was to stress that tickets can be put in the name of a business, and it is good advertising for that business if their ticket is drawn.

Please turn in any sold tickets and money to Lion Bev or the treasurer at the Steak Fry. Any unsold tickets are to be returned the first meeting in August to be redistributed to other members who may be able to sell them.

The top three salesmen will receive a prize.

STEAK FRY -- JULY 13

The Steak Fry will be held at Shorty's Kitchen at 6:30PM. Chairman Dave Davis and his committee remind everyone to bring their own table service. Callers need to notify Lion Ken Graff directly no later than Wednesday, July 8 so that steaks can be ordered and other food quantities prepared. Do **not** call reservation chairman Diana Perry.

MOPAR CAR SHOW REPORT

Chairman Dick Bennett reported that 16 Lions and 1 helper worked at the event for a total of 71 hours. Lion Dick thanked everyone who donated their time that day.

GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT

Chairman Mike Thompson was very happy with the help by Lions members and their positive attitudes on such a rainy day. After all the details are taken care of, the profit will probably be around \$6500, which is a very good year considering the economy. Lion Mike also reported that 5 Lions brought in new hole sponsors this year. They were Mike Thompson and Lynn Corder, each with 2 new sponsors; Greg Petrus, Dick Bennett and the Graff's all bringing in one new sponsor. Good job, everybody!

INSTALLATION DINNER REPORT

Amber Wellington, editor of The Albion News, was a guest at the installation dinner held on June 22 at the Valenza Restaurant. Lion Ken Graff presented her with a certificate of appreciation for the publicity given the club by their publishing of more than 30 club articles and photos in the paper last year.

Tail Twister Wendy Graff gave a brief report on the funds she had collected throughout the past year. The collection of fines in the Lion totaled \$55.31, the tail twister surprise gifts raised \$294.00 and two Chinese auctions brought in \$104.00. She also reported on the "members only" quarterly raffle which made a profit of \$467.00 for the year. Members who had purchased tickets in all quarters were given a small gift as a token of appreciation. Thank you to all Lions who supported the raffle and helped build up the General Fund.

King Lion Bill Marino received a gift bag of Steelers goodies and his personal "Book of Knowledge" Steelers notebook to help him with his duties as president for the coming year.

District Governor Becky Eldridge and her husband, Past DG Jim Eldridge of the Warren Lions club were also guests at the dinner. DG Becky conducted the ceremony to induct the following slate of officers:

President - Bill Marino

1st Vice - Greg Pintea

2nd Vice - Mike Thompson

3rd Vice - Bev Kennedy

Secretary - Ken Graff

Treasurer - Diana Perry

Tail Twister - Wendy Graff

Lion Tamer - Eugene Burns

Director, 3 year - Bob Rabell

Director, 3 year - Pat Mattera

Debbie Bennett and Greg Petrus will continue to serve as directors through 2011.

Tom Duda and Jeff Klemm will continue to serve as directors through 2010.

Phil Perry will serve on the Board of Directors as Immediate Past President.

MEMBERS ONLY RAFFLE

Tickets will soon be distributed for the first quarterly raffle of the 2009-2010 year. The prize will be a \$35.00 Shurfine gift certificate. After purchasing the initial 7 tickets for \$5.00, additional tickets will be available at 3 for \$1.00. The prize will be drawn at the September 28 board meeting at Rabell's office.

OLD FASHIONED DAY CAR SHOW -- AUGUST 8

Chairperson Debbie Bennett and committee will need volunteers to work different shifts that day. Each Lion is asked to sell their 50-50 raffle tickets and to solicit an item for the door prizes given to the car show registrants. Wendy Graff will be in charge of a separate large basket raffle on the midway. Each member is asked for a \$5.00 donation, to be given to the treasurer, to be used to fill this basket with goods in a "theme" to be determined.

FAMILY PICNIC -- AUGUST 10

The Lions/Lioness family picnic will be on August 8 at the Boro Park with vice-presidents Mike Thompson & Bev Kennedy in charge. More details will be in the August newsletter.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to:

Larry Herl - July 13

Greg Petrus - July 17

Bruce Hetrick - July 31

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Larry Klemm - 7 years - July 1

Brad Tomlinson - 6 years - July 28

Debbie Bennett - 3 years - July 31

Meredith Schickling - 3 years - July 31