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A Message from our President:

Thanksgiving



Westerville Lions
President
Forrest Hoppe

Soon the ghosts, skeletons, and jack o lanterns will be put away and we will begin preparing to celebrate our national day of Thanksgiving. Much of the news on television or the internet and our personal conversations focus on the problems and challenges we face as individuals and as a nation. It is true that many people are hurting and the problems are very real. Yet as individuals and as a nation we have much to be thankful for. A good message for this Thanksgiving season might be: **"God shares abundantly. We should too."** I believe God provides abundantly for all of us. We live in a very rich country in a rich world; however many continue to suffer the consequences of greed on the part of a few. There is enough for all if we share and if we organize our life together in ways that care for each other, that show our love for each other and for creation.

During this season I am especially thankful for the service and sacrifice of our veterans. Both my father and my father-in-law served in World War II. We remember our nations veterans on Veterans Day, November 11th, what I knew as Armistice Day growing up because it was the day the First Great War ended.

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Calendar of Events



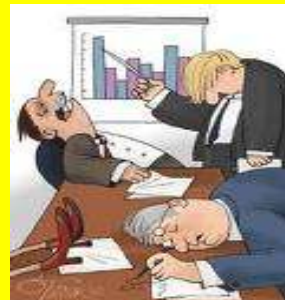
November 3rd Meeting
Cheryl Wooten, WARM



November 17th Meeting
Pilot Dogs
PDG Jay Gray



December 1st Meeting
Robin Agler, ARC



Board Meeting
December 8th



December 15th Meeting
Christmas Party



Past and Upcoming Events

Ned Mosher Apple Butter Festival

The Third Annual Ned Mosher Apple Butter Festival was a big success. Once again we opened the cabin to the community and many came to explore and learn. This year because of social media we had people from outside of the Westerville area attend. A new addition was Bill Bretthauer's pulled pork sandwiches and the smell of the cooking meat drew people from the neighborhoods around.

The crowning jewel was the newly completed cedar shake roof. Hundreds of hours were spent by Jerry Cavinee/ his trusty assistant Bill Phythyon and main roof men Skip Bennett, Don Moninger, Dave Marhover and Jim Shively. On the ground crew we had many others who cleaned the cabin grounds, flowerbeds and the exterior of the cabin.

The McVay students surprised us with a check for \$376 which they had collected to help with the expense of fixing the roof. Jerry inquired and determined it would have cost \$8000 for a roofing company to replace the roof. The Lions completed the project for a total cost of about \$1500.

Hooray for the group that supported this event, making it the October Service Project of the Month!



President's Report (cont'd)

That was the "war that was to end all wars". It is sad that that hope and prediction did not come true and that we continue to need men and women to serve in our military. But I am thankful for those who have served and those who continue to serve our nation and that we are able to recognize the service of some by sending them on an Honor Flight.

Let us be thankful for much this month, especially our nation's veterans.

Lion President Forrest



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District 13-F News

The latest District 13-F newsletter, the Pride Report, is available at the district website using the following link:
<http://www.district13flions.org/pride-reports-1>





Lion Jim Shively—Melvin Jones Fellow Award

Dear Westerville Lions,

It's not often that I am left searching for words at a Lions Club meeting, but I was at the October 20 meeting. I had just been named the recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow award by PDG Len Myers and as I got up from my seat and begin walking to the front of the room, my mind was racing. The emotion welling up within me made it even harder to think. By the time I got to the podium, it was a lost cause. I know I managed to say thank you and a few other comments, but here is what I felt and what I know:

Doing something that compels your peers to recognize the work and you in a special way is not an individual accomplishment. Whether it's a Braille Card fundraiser, a glaucoma screening event or maintaining the club's website, none of these would benefit the club or, more importantly, the community we serve if not for the dedicated and hard-working members of our club who make it all happen. I may contact the businesses where we solicit the donations and manage the schedule and account for the funds of the Braille Card fundraiser, but it is the twenty-five members who went out for two to four hours in the cool evening or cold morning to look people in the eye and ask them to give a something to "help the Lions help the blind" that determine the success of the effort. It is the regular members, who take time from their weekend to work a glaucoma screening event, patiently explaining the testing process to the health fair attendee, running the machine and helping them understand the result, who make it possible for us to help in saving the eyesight of someone who's symptoms might have otherwise gone undetected. If the website succeeds as an information source for the club and as a face of our club to the community, it is because we have members in our club who provide content to pass on to the rest or who do the work that we can tell the community about that leads to opportunities to do more.

As I stood at the podium and looked around the room, I saw in every face not so much the person, but what that member has contributed to the club and community. I think I can honestly say that if I had taken the time, I could have pointed to each member and named a significant contribution they have made to the efforts of our club to succeed in its mission of helping the visually handicapped and making our community a better place to live.

So, again, thank you to the group of past Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients in our club, exemplary Lions all, who saw in me what it was they felt was deserving of such a high honor and selected me to join them. Most of all, thank you to the Westerville Lions, collectively and individually. You are an inspiration to me and you make our club a shining example of the ideals of the Lions organization and a vital asset to our community.

Sincerely,
Lion Jim Shively





Braille Card Fundraiser

The ghoulish apparitions wandering around Westerville during uptown's Midnight Madness weren't enough to scare away those willing to drop donations in the buckets of the Westerville Lions. With half the club pitching in by braving the cool Friday evening and cold Saturday morning weather, members collected nearly forty percent more than the budget for the Braille Card Fundraiser. The addition of selling Lion Bill Bretthauer's famous pulled pork sandwiches as part of the effort netted another few hundred dollars making the year's first fundraising project a roaring success. Lions worked at several locations uptown and three others outside of that area to not only get Westervillians to monetarily support our mission of helping the visually handicapped, but also to give us the opportunity for face to face contact with those we ask to provide that support. Thanks to all the Westerville Lions who held out the buckets and served up the pulled pork. A large debt of gratitude goes to the businesses that provide the places for us to do our work: Roush Hardware, Schneider's Bakery, Flags Center Carryout, Great Harvest Bread Company, Graeter's, Sunny Street Café and, last but not least, A Gal Named Cinda Lou. Please be sure to patronize them as often as you can and show our appreciation. Finally, special thanks go to Lion John Parrish for making his office space available as our "Braille Card Fundraiser Headquarters", to Lion Debbie Bennati for arranging the spot for our pulled pork concession and working so hard to promote it and to Lion Bill Bretthauer for the hours of work that he puts into making the best pulled pork in the universe.



Christmas Parade

Your Board of Directors approved participation in this year's Westerville Christmas Parade. The parade will be held on Sunday, December 4th. It was decided we would not utilize our float structure we use in the Independence Day parade but instead go "lighter" with the "Tin Lizzie", Lion L and marching participants distributing candy to the little ones. We might consider a vehicle, possibly a convertible (depending on weather) with officers riding inside. We would need someone in the club to offer the vehicle. We also will need to have the Tin Lizzie prepped and transported to the parade site. But even more importantly, we will need a large contingent of lions walking the route.

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In 1917, Melvin Jones, a Chicago business leader, told members of his local business club they should reach beyond business issues and address the betterment of their communities and the world. Jones' group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed.

After contacting similar groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917, in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The new group took the name of one of the invited groups, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and a national convention was held in Dallas, Texas, USA in October of that year. A constitution, by-laws, objects and a code of ethics were approved.

Within three years, Lions became an international organization. Since then, we've earned high marks for both integrity and transparency. We're a well-run organization with a steady vision, a clear mission, and a long – and proud – history.



Melvin Jones
Lions Clubs Founder



Harry Hance
Westerville Lion's 1st President