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## Westerville Lions Club

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**Westerville Lions  
President  
Forrest Hoppe**

**Calendar of Events**



**October 6th Meeting  
Lucy Cryan,  
Otterbein Equine  
Program**



**Ned Mosier Apple Butter  
Festival - October 16th**

A Message from our President:

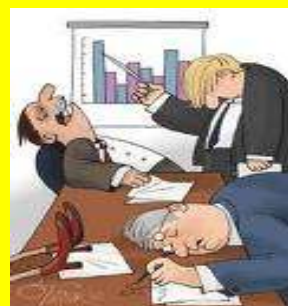
## Community Service

The motto of the Westerville Lions is We Serve. Service to the community is at the core of what we are about as a club and as individual Lions. It is important to be regularly reminded of our motto for it is easy to have the meetings become our primary reason for being. It is a bonus that we enjoy each others company and that our programs are informative and entertaining. But our purpose is not to gather to have a good meal together and share in fellowship and camaraderie. Our purpose is to serve those in need in Westerville and beyond. We do this by engaging in direct service projects and in fund raising activities so we are able to financial support the many organizations and individuals who need our assistance. May we always remember we are Lions to Serve those in need. Yours in service to the community.

*Lion President Forrest*



**October 20th Meeting  
Visiting the  
South Pacific**



**Board Meeting  
October 27th**



**November 3rd Meeting  
Cheryl Wooten, WARM**



## Past and Upcoming Events

### The Growing Legend of Lion L

On September 8th, Lion L made an appearance at the Marion Popcorn Festival parade, riding on the Marion Noon Lions Club float. With the rain threatening, wind gently blowing and an ideal outdoor temperature of 71 degrees, it was hard to imagine a better setting to celebrate a brand new club's participation in the parade. The float won First Runner-Up in the Civic Division. As Lion L surveyed the setting and enjoyed the waves and cheers from the crowd, he couldn't help but think about how Lions clubs work each and every day to ensure "picture perfect" outcomes for their clients, communities and stakeholders.



### Third Annual Ned Mosher Apple Butter Festival

The club will hold their 3rd annual Ned Mosher Apple Butter festival on Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 pm. The event will take place at the McVay Elementary log cabin located in the forest on the school's grounds. Demonstrations of apple butter making and tasting as well as apple cider making will be done by the Lions. There will be old fashioned games and crafts for the children to participate.

Ned Mosher led the Westerville Lions in a project to move and rebuild the log cabin on the property owned by Maurice McVay a fellow Lion before McVay Elem. was even built. Ned, a teacher in the Westerville School system, used the cabin to facilitate learning about maple syrup making in Ohio and other hands on science lessons. Ned was given the position of Outdoor Education Director. Under his guidance students as well as teachers experience many hands on lessons that helped them grow.

After retiring he continued to do presentations for teachers within the district who asked for his expertise as well as volunteering at McVay for 9 years at their monthly cabin days. The Larimor Land Lab at Westerville North High School and the McVay Log Cabin are examples of his dedication to the Westerville community of learning.

### Note From Lion Bill Phythyon

A recent issue of the Lions International magazine had an article about the International President and his goals. The president's primary message was to treat every club member as family and after Darlene's passing in April, I know our club has the *family attitude*. The number of Lions and wives who came to Moreland Funeral Home to pay their respects to my beloved wife, and in most cases, wait one hour or more with the long lines was truly amazing. My immediate family and I will always treasure your support and consider you family.

Lion Bill

**Braille Card Fundraiser**

After a couple of years of struggle to reestablish the Braille Card Sale to its former status of being one of our club’s biggest fundraisers, the pieces seem to be falling into place to achieve that. By setting the dates for the fundraiser to coincide with Midnight Madness, expanding locations and working in Lion Bill Bretthauer’s pulled pork concession, this project is building momentum to reclaim its rightful place just behind the chicken barbeque, Hoff Woods concession stand and the pancake breakfast as a significant source of revenue for our club’s philanthropic efforts.

In addition to our regular locations, in the last year we’ve added Great Harvest Bread Company and Sunny Street Café. Our hours at Sunny Street Café will be on both Friday and Saturday mornings. Also, we are expanding our hours at Schneider’s Bakery to include Friday evening during Midnight Madness. The hours at our other locations will be approximately Friday evening from 5 pm until 9 pm, and Saturday morning from 9 am to 1 pm.

A sign-up sheet with specific times will be circulated at the October meetings on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>, so please mark your calendar for this important event and be prepared to sign up for your shift at the upcoming meetings.



**2011-2012 Westerville Lions Club Officers**

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| President                | Forrest Hoppe                 |
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| 2nd Year Director        | Gary Bix                      |
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| 1st Year Director        | Jim Keane                     |
| Membership               | Merrill Castle                |
| Immediate Past President | A.J. Westlund                 |

**2011-2012 International & District Officers**

**International Officers**

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
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**District 13-F Officers**

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| Immediate Past District Governor | Bob Berry       |

**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 Hank — “Bon Vivant”

My wife Janet and I celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on a week-long bicycle trip to Provence in southeastern France. To our surprise, the trip turned out to be an epicurean tour as well, so we used the daily bicycling (30 to 40 hilly miles) to work off the great food and copious amounts of wine that we consumed during the week. We were in a group tour with 18 other Americans of various cycling abilities. We visited Aix, St. Remy, Arles, and Avignon, all in Provence, rode across the Rhone River several times, and tried to speak a little French whenever we could. One of my highlights was getting caught in the lead of a peloton of about 50 bicyclists who were on a training tour (I led them for about 10 feet before getting forced off the road)!

We ended our trip in Paris where we spent three additional days. One of the highlights there was seeing Jim Morrison's grave in Pere LaChaise cemetery. Another highlight occurred while walking in the Rue Cler district near the Eiffel Tower. We came across the French Headquarters of Lions International (photo below). There was a meeting going on inside, but I didn't want to embarrass myself with my inability to speak French, so we didn't go in. They say that the French are arrogant and snooty, but we found them to be quite friendly though not outgoing. We had a great vacation and a great adventure!



### September Honor Flight

At 5:00 am on Saturday, September 10th, 81 World War II veterans and their guardians gathered in the Southwest Airlines baggage area at Columbus International Airport to begin their trip to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial dedicated to all those veterans who served during that great conflict. This chartered flight was completely funded by the Community of Westerville including funds and volunteers from the Westerville Lions Club. Serving, as guardians from the club were Dave Bergman and Jeff Reschke. Bill Bretthauer was also on board as the official photo journalist. Also serving as a guardian was Jeff's wife Lisa.

Upon arrival at Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) the vets were met by a large crowd of uniformed military personnel from Fort Mead along with travelling civilians thanking the vets for their service to our country. It was a great tribute to those of the "Greatest Generation".

Three buses were boarded for the trip to DC. Upon entering the outskirts of DC the lead bus blew a rear tire and had to pull off the roadway. The other two buses proceeded to the memorial, dropped off their vets and returned to pick up the vets from the disabled bus.

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## September Honor Flight (Continued)

As near as anyone could remember that was the first time that a bus was disabled due to a blown tire. As it turned out the veterans on the lead bus, while getting to the memorial late, had the opportunity to meet Senator Bob Dole and his wife Elizabeth. Almost all of the vets on that bus had their picture taken with the Doles, a great memory of their trip. Because of that interruption the vets from the lead bus did not get to the Iwo Jima Memorial, as did the other two buses. However, the other two buses did not get to meet the Doles. Other memorials visited during the trip were Tomb of the Unknown, Korean, Vietnam, Air Force and Navy.

On the way back to BWI all of the vets received letters and post cards during "mail call". Each vet received several of each. Many of the letters were poignant and thoughtfully written and brought many a tear to the eyes of the vets.

Upon the return to Columbus at 9:30 pm the vets were met by the largest turnout ever to welcome an Honor Flight back home. It was estimated that over 1,000 people were there to pay their respects. A first was the OSU Alumni Marching Band along with members from the current OSU Marching Band. There was an Honor Guard, a group of bag pipers, boy and girl scouts, parents, siblings, children, grand children, and military personnel along with the media and several from the Westerville Lions Club. It was fantastic. The flight was concluded as it always is with a prayer – the singing of "God Bless America".

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