

***Lions Tracks***  
***In North Canton, Ohio***

***February 14, 2013***

**Did You Know?**

Lions International has 4 main projects: sight, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts. Sight and disaster relief are self explanatory. Regarding youth programs, besides the Leo program for youth, the Lions have Lions Quest, a program which supports character development, social and emotional learning, civic values, violence and substance abuse prevention and service-learning. More than 12 million youth have gone through this program. Humanitarian efforts include building homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and the Opening Eyes program, which helps Special Olympics athletes see the finish line more clearly, while also improving their quality of life.

**Craft Show**

Our spring show will be on March 23, 2013. So far we have 72 spaces paid for with another 10 spaces reserved for people indicating they will participate. Please keep the dates of March 22 and 23 open on your calendars to help.

**Service Projects**

Hopefully we can do a preschool eye screening this spring. The dogwood trees that we distribute to the elementary schools each year have been ordered. At our 2/12 meeting, we had a speaker from Camp Echoing Hills, the disabilities camp the Lions supports. We donated \$700 to provide a campership to someone who would like to attend the camp but can't afford it.

**Acme Cashback Program**

The program concluded 2/9. However, if you have receipts that are dated prior to 2/9, they are still eligible. We don't have to turn in our receipts for several weeks. Right now we are several hundred dollars short of the required minimum amount. If you still have receipts, contact Bennett. If we don't get the minimum amount, we will give ours to another charity.

## **District Convention**

Several of us will be going to the District Convention on 3/16. If you have any interest in attending, contact Joan. It will be held at the McKinley Grand in Canton again this year 3/15-3/17. There will be Forums on Saturday morning to attend and a Model luncheon.

## **Visitation**

The Ferris's, Bob Wolf, Bennett and I recently visited the Hartville Lions. Besides a delicious meal at the Hartville Kitchen, and selling a couple Smith coupon books, we heard a talk on the Hartville Tool Exchange.

## **Valentine Party**

The party was on February 9<sup>th</sup> at La Pizzaria. Stringed Fantasy performed selections with guitar, accordion, hammer dulcimer, Celtic harp and Celtice drum accompaniment. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Linda Myers for setting up the party.

## **Smith Dairy Coupon Books**

Bob Wolf, Bennett, and I sold 26 books at Acme on 2/9. Bob is trying to set up another day at Buehler's to sell the remaining books. See Bob Wolf if you need books.

## **Entertainment Books**

We have a couple 2013 Entertainment books to sell. The books are selling for \$30 each. See Dave Greek for books.

## **Fun Calendars**

The number of one of the calendars the club purchased was drawn and the club received \$45.

## **Dues**

If you haven't paid your dues for 2012 – 13, please get them to Dave Greek as soon as possible. . Dues are \$70 for members, \$55 for at-large members, and spouse memberships were \$50.

### **Website**

Our website is *northcantonlions.org*. Check it out and pass your comments on to Howard.

### **Membership**

We will have a membership night on 2/26. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Contact me if you have additional names to invite.

### **Sympathy/Prayers**

Keep Eric Bowles in your prayers as he recovers from surgery. Keep the family of Gene Rankin in your prayers. Gene was a former member of our club and was killed in an accident recently while bicycling.

### **Calendar of upcoming events**

February 18 – Board meeting at Ferris's

February 20 – Lions Night with the Canton Charge

February 21- Zone meeting hosted by the Jackson Club

February 26 – Regular meeting with N Canton Fire Chief as speaker

March 15-17 – District convention at the McKinley Grand in Canton

March 15-17, 22-24 – Massillon Lions Variety Show

March 22 – 23 – Spring Craft Show

April 27 – Spring Conference at Alliance Middle School

Yours in Lionism,  
Bill Humphrey

