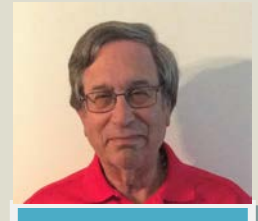


Fairborn LIONS NEWSLETTER



Gary Siembab

Helping our club achieve its goals!

January 2017

Happy New Year!

REMINDER: Semi Annual Dues are due again in Jan 2016. For an individual member it is \$40 semi-annually; for spouse or second person in family it is \$30; or \$70 for both. Send checks made out to Fairborn Lions Club, P.O. Box 87, Fairborn, Ohio 45324.

The Prez says: I hope everyone had a very joyful Merry Christmas surround by family and friends and a safe New Year's! 2017 is here and with the new year come great expectations and challenges for our Club. 2016 was highly successful. We were challenged by the Zone Chief to add 6 new members by June 30 of 2017 and we met that before Christmas and we're not done yet. Our Sweet Corn Festival and Pancake breakfast were highly successful. We signed up over 450 applicants for our Christmas project and were able to place 160 families with sponsors and handed out over 250 vouchers. We helped support over 25 different projects and donated several hundred food items to the Fairborn Kids at risk. So now a new year and new challenges. The first challenge is insuring that our first fish fry is successful. The event almost didn't get off the ground due to a City policy of no sale or consumption of alcohol on City property but after reviewing the lease it was determined that there was nothing in writing prohibiting our having beer. So, it's up to all of us to sell our event to everyone and we still need items for the silent auction. We have two more fundraisers in the coming months leading up to the Sweet Corn Festival. We will be selling Mikes Carwash coupons in May and working a concession at the Dayton Vectron Air Show in June. There will be more on those events as they get closer. We're working on a joint project with the Fairborn Rotary but this is still in the discussion stage. The Club is growing in membership and activities we involved in and I know we will be even more successful in 2017!

December 2016 Activities:

- On 2 December the Fairborn Lions Club co-sponsored the Fairborn Christmas Parade, 5:30-7:00. Lions Gary and Jackie rode in the horse driven wagon with the Fairborn City Council.
- On 10 December, Fairborn Lions Club held its Christmas Party in Meister Hall at Abiding Christ Lutheran Church. Lions Leanna and Julie did a great job planning a meal and leading the exchange of ornament gifts. Thanks to Lions Tony and Bill and many others who provided the much needed labor for setup and teardown. Tickets for the 3 Feb 2017 Fish Fry fundraiser were handed out.
- On 15 December, Lions Charles, Gary & Jackie Siembab, Debbie Fox, Fred & Mary Pumroy plus Rhonda Day handed out 265 food Vouchers for the Christmas Project. 161 families got sponsored out of the 466 families who registered for the Project. Thanks to all who donated and sponsored families.
- The Fairborn Lions Club purchased a Bench to be placed on Main St. with Fairborn Lions Club and We Serve engraved. This will be one of our Centennial Signature Projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **The January Dinner and Business meetings will be combined with the Lions Mentorship Orientation meeting on 21 January 2017 to be held at Abiding Christ Lutheran Church, 6:00-8:00. Refreshments will be provided. This is an orientation for new members and final planning for the Fish Fry. Please let Lions Clint and Craig know if you have guests and what their contact information is by 14 January.**
- On 3 February 2017, plans are being made to have a Fish Fry prior to the Super Bowl as a fund raiser. It will take a lot of volunteers so let Lion Gary know if you are available. Tickets were distributed at the Christmas Party. Fliers have been published and in the process of being handed out. Let Lion Gary know if you want to help.
- On 13 February 2017, a Dinner Meeting will be held at the Fairborn Senior Center, 6:30-8:30.
- 9 March 2017, District 06 Zone 5 meeting, 6:00 P.M.
- 21-22 April 2017, District 13 OH6 Convention, Embassy Suites, Blue Ash, Ohio
- 12-14 May 2017, State Convention, Kalahari, Sandusky, Ohio
- 30 Jun – 4 July 2017, International Convention, Chicago, Illinois

Club Web-site and Facebook: The Fairborn Lions Club Web-site (www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/Fairborn) and Fairborn Lions Club Facebook page is a work in progress. Search on “Fairborn Lions Club” and “like” it to link it to your Facebook page if you are a user of Facebook. Thanks to Lions Rich and Roger for some great changes.

Gmail.com account: Lion Rich created an account that anyone can send photos or documents to so we can save them on line. The Gmail account is Fairborn.lions@gmail.com .

District Directory: You can find any information on our new District 13oh6 by going to: www.district13oh6.org . The District Directory is the last link shown on the blue area on the home page.

The Motto of Lions is “*We Serve.*” Lions are part of a global service network, doing whatever is necessary to help our local communities (see more at www.lionsclubs.org; click on the tab for



“Our Impact” at the top to get the full story!)

LEO CLUB: The Fairborn Leo Club met on 12 December at the Fairborn High School. President Madison Errett announced there were two new Leo members inducted at the Nov Lions meeting. Lion Fred Pumroy attended. On 19 December the Leo Club sold donuts to raise money. You can keep track of the Fairborn Leos on FACEBOOK by searching on Fairborn Leo Club and liking their page.

The Vision Statement for the Lions is “To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.” The Mission Statement is “To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.”

If you want to know more about Lions, go to the website www.lionsclubs.org or www.ohiolions.org to learn about the Ohio Lions. You can see what events are coming up in the Ohio Lions like the conventions, winter retreat, learning about the 10 districts and which counties belong to each district and lots more!

Yours in Service,

Lion Gary

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