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LION'S BULLETIN



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We Serve, Like Never Before!

Kim Conrath Addresses Cambridge Lions



{Kim Conrath, Cambridge City Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer shown here with Lion Steve Gierhart}

Kim Conrath outlined her responsibilities for notifying property owners concerning safety hazards, deteriorating residences, garages and outbuildings. This includes uneven sidewalks, loose or falling rain gutters, missing siding, broken windows, caved-in porch roofs, junk cars, lawns that are not mowed, and other code violations.

Conrath regularly checks on the exterior appearance of properties as she travels about the city. She also takes complaints from citizens regarding unkempt or deteriorating properties and moves those to the top of her list. When Conrath finds a violation of the maintenance code she contacts the property owner by sending a letter outlining the violation, what needs to be done to correct the problem and the time frame for completing the work.

Houses that appear to be beyond repair may need to be condemned. The property owner is sent a letter outlining what must be done to make the property safe and habitable. If that cannot be done, then the house is condemned and must be demolished. It is the responsibility of the property owner to pay for the demolition. If the owner will not or cannot pay for the demolition, then the city hires a demolition contractor. The cost of demolition is placed as a lien against the property and must be paid before the property can be sold. Conrath stated that the typical costs for demolition of a house range from five to seven thousand dollars.

Conrath encourages property owners to participate in the sidewalk replacement program. Residents can sign up in the spring for this program that offers a 50/50 cost sharing with the city. Sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner even though they are technically city property. Uneven sidewalks or broken concrete slabs are considered a safety hazard that may cause people to trip and fall. Hazardous sidewalks need to be replaced to prevent injuries.

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Conrath said that she has contacted the Landlord’s association to try to get them to incorporate aspects of the maintenance code into leases and rental agreements. While the property owner is responsible for the structure, the tenants are often responsible for mowing the lawn, trash disposal and snow removal.

Unkempt properties affect the value of neighboring properties according to Conrath. Since deteriorated buildings also affect the quality of life in the community, Conrath said she encourages everyone to be a good neighbor by keeping up with maintenance of their properties.

Guernsey Co. Family History Book



“Your family history is what really makes the Guernsey County, Ohio, Family History Book,” said Jolene Sigman to the Cambridge Lions’ Club members. Sigman was accompanied by Sheila Cochran. “Just as important is the history of your businesses, clubs, and other organizations in Guernsey County,”

Members of the community may submit articles and pictures related to the history of the county in addition to their family histories. Churches, schools, clubs, civic and service organizations have been contacted to submit their histories. “We want to record the past and future history of the county,” Sigman said. “It is important for future generations to know about our present community.”

“Someone may want to write a memorial or an article in honor of another person. This could be a favorite teacher, a grandparent, a minister, a business person, a mentor, or another special person in your life,” said Sigman. “We will consider including these in the book.”

Cochran emphasized that help was available from the Genealogical Society to help people write their family histories. “We have writing workshops from 6:00-9:00 P.M. to help those who want to record their histories,” she said.

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The books will be numbered so that those who sign up early will get lower numbered copies according to Cochran. “These will become more valuable as time passes,” she said. “These books would make great presents for your children or other relatives.”

Photos of people, agriculture, buildings, businesses, transportation, military service, floods, fires, churches, schools, clubs and organization should be submitted in a format no larger than 8 X 10. They must be

professional copies not ink-jet printer photos. Family histories are free if under five hundred words. There will be an additional charge for histories over that limit. For more information about writing your family history contact Sigman at 740-439-7513 or Cochran at 740-439-4289. The deadline for submitting your business or family history is September 15.

Society for Equal Access (SEA)



“You don’t notice the little things that are in your way until you are in a wheelchair.”

Jerome Geisinger is an independent living specialist with the Society for Equal Access (SEA), Independent Living Center, Inc. “We provide information references to those who have become disabled. We provide education for independent living skills for those who can live on their own and not have to go to a nursing home,” Geisinger said. SEA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to assisting individuals with significant disabilities who can live independently. It also seeks to educate and advocate for making every public place accessible to all people in its eight county areas that includes Guernsey County.

“We are trying to get a progressive feel rather than using force to get businesses to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act,” Geisinger said. “We try to give positive press to businesses that provide access to those who are disabled,” continued Geisinger. “We recently met with twenty four people including the Mayor of Cambridge, the Guernsey County Commissioners, other public officials and interested citizens to make them aware of accessibility problems that still exist.” The City of Cambridge has applied for a grant for improvements to the downtown including making sure all sidewalks have cuts in the curbs to allow wheelchair accessibility. This would take place over the next two years.

Those who need assistance or more information can contact SEA at its New Philadelphia offices at 1458 Fifth Street or email at hheid@seailc.org or Geisinger at jgeisinger@seailc.org.

STAG NIGHT AT SHOOTING RANGE WAS A “BLAST”



If you missed last month’s Stag Night at the Cambridge Police Department’s shooting range, you missed an incredible time. There was a big turnout and many Lions brought out their firearms for a chance to do some target practicing and test their skills on clay pigeons. The evening was topped off by a great meal cooked up by our very own Joe Spilker and tons of door prizes. Many thanks go out to organizers, Terry Losego and Gary Lyons, and all the Lions who helped with this event.



LIONS MISSION STATEMENT

“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.”

LION LAUGHTER

HAVING A BAD DAY????

In a hospital's Intensive Care Unit, patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11:00 a.m., regardless of their medical condition. This puzzled the doctors and some even thought it had something to do with the supernatural. The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11:00 a.m., all of the doctors and nurses nervously waited outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books, and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits. Just when the clock struck 11:00, Pookie Johnson, the part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so he could use the vacuum cleaner.

Still Having a Bad Day????

The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez Oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000.00. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.

Still think you are having a Bad Day????

A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm two places. Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to his Walkman.

STILL think you're having Bad Day????

Two animal rights defenders were protesting the cruelty of sending pigs to a slaughterhouse in Bonn, Germany. Suddenly, all 2000 pigs broke loose and escaped through a broken fence, stampeding madly. The two helpless protesters were trampled to death.

THERE, NOW FEELING BETTER????

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" she asked. "Hunting flies," He responded. "Oh, killing any?" she asked. "Yep, three males, two females," he replied. Intrigued, she asked, "How can you tell?" He responded, "Three were on a beer can, two were on the phone."

PUN OF THE MONTH

A local monastery was going bankrupt. The abbot didn't know what to do. The brothers decided to open a great Olde English Fish-N'-Chips stand. One day, a man knocked on the door. After one of the brothers answered the door, the man asked, "May I have just an order of fries?" The brother said, "Hold on a moment. I'm the fish friar. You want the chip monk."

HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

High Blood Pressure and Excess Baggage

Your heart and the 60,000 miles of veins, arteries, and capillaries in your body have enough work to do when you lean. Don't make matters worse by adding a beer belly, which requires more blood supply, putting additional strain on the heart and rising overall blood pressure. By bringing your weight into line with what it should be, you can produce a 10 to 29 point drop in blood pressure. For people with borderline high blood pressure, that alone is enough of a drop to eliminate the need for pharmaceutical intervention.



"Mane Lions"



A Profile of our Club Members

JOE SPILKER

Joe has made his mark in life by being a surveyor, but his fellow Lions agree his other great talent is that of a chef. Joe is famous for his barbeque expertise in cooking up his mouth-watering steaks at the Lion's Stag Night. Joe has been married to his lovely wife, Shirley, for 47 years. He has 3 children: Monique, Michael, and Melody. When I asked Joe what he did in his free time he quickly replied, "Work!" But he did say he manages occasionally to get in a little fishing when there is time.

His favorite Lion's moment occurred at one of the Minstrel Shows. He said Bistor and Barbarak did a routine about a truck loaded with chickens over turning on Interstate 77 that brought the house down.

OSCAR BROWN

All you have to do is mention the name "Oscar" and most of the folks in the surrounding counties know who you are talking about. One of the most loved and unique member's of our club, Oscar is the minister of the Central Christian Church in Quaker City. He is also the president of Big O Cleaning Inc. Oscar has been married to his lovely wife, Julia, for 27 years and has four children: Dr. Sherry Dean, Michael Eugene, John Paul, and William Lee. When not being up to his ornery mischief, in his free time Oscar visits shut-ins, makes hospital calls, and likes to do his favorite activity which is meeting people.

Oscar has had numerous favorite moments as a Lion but his favorite also occurred at a Minstrel Show. It was at the beginning of the Iraq war and several of the girls in the choir had husbands that had just been called up to active duty. Everyone stood, Oscar led them in prayer, and then as only he and his beautiful deep voice could, sang the ever inspiring, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

LIONS' NEWS

LION'S "ROSE SALE" GROWING STRONG

Gene Moore and Dan Luskovich would like to remind all fellow Lions to get out and secure their rose orders. Roses will be delivered on September 20. If everyone get out and does their part we can make this the best rose sale we've ever had. Proceeds from Lions fundraising events help support the local diabetes support group and people with eye care needs.

SEPTEMBER 22ND FLY-IN

Dave Conrath announced that the club will help at the September 22 Fly-in at the airport. Further details will be forthcoming.

SEPTEMBER 30TH BASS TOURNAMENT

Les Wymer reported that flyers have been distributed for the September 30 bass fishing tournament at Seneca Lake. Please spread the word to you fishing buddies.

ANNUAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Ken McConnell reported that materials are ready for distribution for the annual peace poster contest for school students

DERRICK FETZ INDUCTED INTO CLUB

Francis Markley sponsored our latest new member, Derrick Fetz, into the club. Deputy District Governor, Steve Thornton, conducted the induction ceremony citing the symbolism of the two headed lion logo. One lion looks back at our heritage including Helen Keller's 1925 challenge that the Lions Clubs become "knights of the blind" and one looks forward to continued service.

USED EYEGLASS PROGRAM

Bill Wagner reported that the recently collected used eye glasses are ready to be sent to Columbus for refurbishing and distribution to those in need. Bill proudly informed the club that 9,877 pairs of glasses have been recycled since he began keeping records. Used eyeglasses can be dropped off at the 10th Street Antique Mall.

DAN LUSKOVICH HONORED

King Lion, Pat Craig had the privilege of presenting Dan Luskovich with his twenty-five year membership pin. Congratulations and thanks to Dan for all you years of service.

GREAT TURNOUT MAKES PROJECT EASIER

Thanks to all who brought their trucks and trailers and helped move the Variety Show boxes on Saturday, August 25. Eighteen Lions and 5 of their children helped get this job done in 42 minutes. "Special Thanks" goes out to Bill Cowgill for providing the storage area.



Lion's Calendar – Sept. 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1
						ANDY PEARCH BIRTHDAY
2	3 TROY SIMMONS BIRTHDAY— LABOR DAY	4	5	6	7 REGIS WOODS & MIKE UPTON'S BIRTHDAY	8
9	10 LION'S MEETING NOON HOLIDAY INN- Bd. Meeting 6:30 1 st Baptist Church	11	12	13	14 MIKE NEILSON BIRTHDAY	15 MILT LAW BIRTHDAY
16	17 LION'S MEETING NOON HOLIDAY INN	18 STEVE GIERHART & TOM CAHOON'S BIRTHDAY	19	20 ROSES WILL BE DELIVERED	21	22 FLY-IN AT AIRPORT
23	24 BRYAN FALL BIRTHDAY— MEETINGS – NOON HOLIDAY INN & 6 P.M. MR. LEES	25	26	27	28 BERK JONES & STEVE WILSON'S BIRTHDAY	29
30 BASS TOURNAMENT SENECA LAKE						

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Meetings

Weekly:

Monday 12:00 Noon at the
Cambridge Holiday Inn.

Monthly:

4th Monday of every month,
6:00 at Mr. Lee's
Restaurant, Cambridge.

Board Meetings:

Second Monday of every
month, 6:30 P.M. at First
Baptist Church – All
Members Are Welcome!

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.cambridgelions.com

LESSONS FOR LIFE

"Luck is when preparation meets opportunity."

President's Message

I would like to start this month off with a message to our newest members Lion Derrick Fetz and Lion Rodney Polasky - "Welcome to the club and we look forward to working with you on our various projects". Speaking of projects the upcoming month of September is a busy month as the last three fund raisers of the year are coming up.

ROSE SALE!!! *It's that time of year again. September 20th & 21st is the annual Rose Sale. Pride Leaders call your prides and get them out selling roses. Every Lion should be able to at least sell one dozen and if you ask your co-workers and neighbors you should be able sell a few more. Let's make this a successful sale and SELL, SELL, SELL!*

FLY-IN!!! *On September 22nd the Fly-in is scheduled and the Lions will be setting up a food stand again. So, let's get a good turn out to support this annual event.*

Bass Tournament!!! *The last Bass Tournament for this year is scheduled for September 30th. Please see Lion Les Wymer to get signed up to work.*

Campaign Sight First II *is off and with a strong start with pledges and donations now total over \$10,000 and looking for more pledges to come in soon. Your pledge or donation of even \$6.00 will prevent blindness in one person. So if you have not gotten your pledge in yet, please do not wait any longer in getting your pledge in to Lion Les Wymer. Your pledge or donation is tax deductible.*

*For those of you that missed the **Zone Meeting** that was hosted here last Monday night at the Holiday Inn by our own Zone Chairman Dave Jacobs you missed a good meal and a lot of insight of what is going on in our district. Also, given at this time were reports by all the attending clubs on the activities and fund raisers that each club is involved. Every Lion, if they have not been to one of these meetings or have not been to one in a while, needs to attend one to remind them that Lions are committed to the motto of "We Serve".*

*If you missed the "**Stag Nite**", you missed a great steak, thanks to Lion Joe Spilker, There were lots of door prizes and a fun time for all. Thanks again for everyone that donated items and worked to put this event together, with a special thanks to Lions Losego and Lyons for making this a successful evening.*

Until next time, Yours in Lionism!!

King Lion Pat

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