

Selected articles from the Lion Magazine November.

November 1948-Forest, has completed the numbering of all houses in the town, without cost to the town or the citizens. Sponsored a one-night stand of Sparton Brothers circus. "Small financial gain, but much enjoyed by all - especially the children. Fine show, nice people," reads the report.

November 1948-Waynesfield, was chartered by District Governor R.H. MacCullough, in the presence of a large audience, half of whom were ladies. They came from Lima, the sponsor; and from Coal Grove, Forest, Bluffton, Beaverdam, Dunkirk, Bellefontaine, and Findlay, Ohio, and from Fort Wayne, Indiana. The speech of acceptance was by President Russell Bowman.

November 1950- Sidney , entertained well-wishers from Urbana, Troy, Dunkirk, and Piqua, the sponsor, at its charter night program. International Counsellors Lawrence Lotz and E. J. Ward took part in the affair. President J. E. Belser made the speech of acceptance after receiving the charter from district governor Merle E. Blue.

November 1950-Dunkirk , erected a shelter house in the new community park. It is 26 feet wide and 60 feet long, is made of cement blocks and has a cement floor. The cost of the building for material alone was \$1,500 and all the work of the building was done by the Lions club members. When it was completed the club donated the building to the park.

November 1952- Bellefontaine, purchased an iron lung portable respirator for the use by the fire department, the state patrol, and other emergency agencies. The equipment is complete with three sizes of portable iron lungs at an approximate cost of \$1,200.

November 1954- Findlay, cleared \$691 for its sight conservation fund by sponsoring a professional wrestling match at the county fair.

November 1956- Celina, made a \$914 profit from a white elephant sale.

November 1957- McComb, combed the community for contributions of items suitable for auction. Trucks for pickups, storage space and the services of the auctioneers were all donated. The club's profit was \$400 for community betterment.

November 1957-Mount Blanchard, held a community fish fry in conjunction with the Volunteer Firemen. From the 465 dinners served, \$490 was cleared. Half the profit went to the fireman and the clubs share was used for sight conservation.

November 1958-Bowling Green, Ice skates for children in the average Bowling Green home were about as scarce as horseshoes in a two- car garage due to the lack of skating facilities. But Lions members changed that. Using plastic and lumber they constructed a 200x60 foot artificial ice skating rink and operated it under supervision with gratifying results. The average attendance was 61 with the largest number attending on any one day totaling 182. Those who donated when entering the rink numbered 1,467. Figuring the cost of payroll, insurance and utilities against total donations showed an operating expense of \$308 which the City Board of Recreation gladly paid. At the end of the season the plastic and lumber were stored for next year's use.

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November 1960- **FOURTY-TWO HIGH SCHOOL** students were honored by the New Bremen club and six seniors received gold award pins for maintaining a three-point average or better for their four years in school. Ten other students received three-year pins, 10 got two-year pins and 16 were given one-year pins.

November 1961- **Lima's Show Plays to Capacity Crowds**- Rehearsals for the Lima, Ohio club's fifth annual minstrel show began well in advance and accounted for the capacity crowd every night of the five evening performances. On opening night, as in other years, all the blind of the area and their escorts were guests of the club. On a Sunday a week later, the club took the entire cast of 145 persons to the Veterans' Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. A chartered bus and private cars took care of the transportation problem. That evening, the complete two-hour show was presented before more than 900 veterans. The entire cost of putting on the show, including rental of the bus to Dayton, was more than \$3,000. However, the club still came up with a profit of approximately \$3,000.

November 1993-Toledo Host, Lions Club President Thurman Condon and Ohio Lions Foundation Trustee PDG Bob McMannes presented the President of the Toledo Sight Center with a matching grant of \$7,000 to purchase a van. The van will be used to transport volunteers, staff members and equipment to serve visually impaired people in 21 counties in northwestern Ohio.

November 1995-The Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation has presented a Braille-N-Speak machine to a supplement teacher for the visually impaired.

November 1997-**Lions Invitational Strives for 30-Year Mark**- For nearly 30 years the **Coldwater**, Ohio, Lions Club has hosted a cross-country invitational meet, which has grown from one race to live races and competitors from 25 high schools. The invitational began in 1968 when the coach of Coldwater's cross country team, Lion Gene Weber, asked the Lions to buy awards for a smaller invitational meet for four or five teams. The Lions bought the awards and the club president made the presentations, and the Lions invitational was born. Until 1984, the event was only open to seven schools in Mercer County, and today, many other schools participate in a boys varsity 5K race, a girls varsity 5K race, a junior high girls two mile race, a junior high boys two mile race and a junior varsity boys 5K race. The Lions also run a concession stand at the event and sell T-shirts imprinted with a "Coldwater Lions Invitational" logo. The stand remains one of the club's biggest fundraisers. Usually, after purchasing as much as \$600 worth of awards, the Lions clear a profit of about \$1,000. "This event has turned into something most Lions clubs want, a chance to do something for the community, the school, young people and still make some money for other community betterment projects," Weber says.

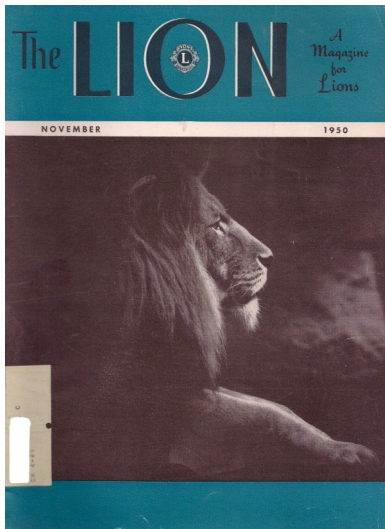
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November 1997-Delta, Lions Club had raised more than \$1,370 during its Tall Bridge fundraiser. About \$680 of the funds were donated to Delta Community Outreach and the remaining money will be used to purchase eyeglasses for needy students.

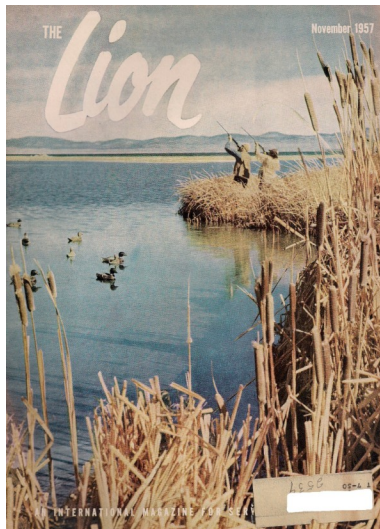
November 1997-Napoleon, Lions Club has donated \$1,000 to the Roger King Music Scholarship of the Napoleon High School Band booster Club.

November 2010-The Kenton Lions Club in Ohio financed a \$2,900 surgery that restored a 25-year-old resident's sight. Angela Cattell has adult strabismus that was untreated since birth. Cattell can now read and hopes to obtain a driver's license.

Editors note-The following clubs in the OH1 geographical area are now defunct: Beaverdam (1970), Dunkirk (1975), Sidney (2008), New Bremen (2005), Mount Blanchard #2 (2000), Bowling Green (2016) and Delta (2007). Forest is now know as Riverdale Community as of 2010. The following clubs in the OH5 geographical area are now defunct: Piqua (2013).



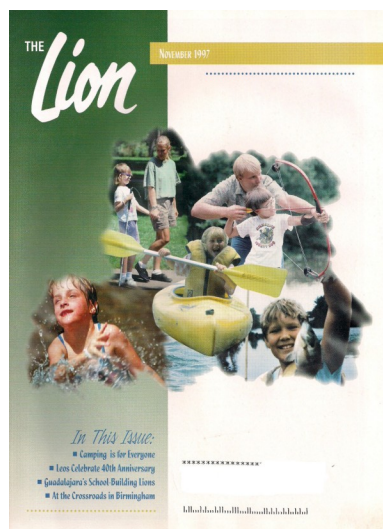
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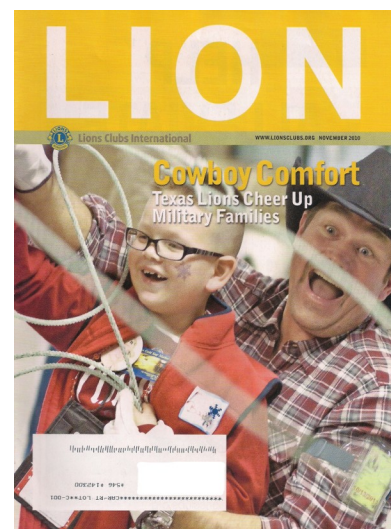
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