

# THE MANE TALE



Norwalk Lions Club, Inc.  
meets 6:00 PM  
2nd & 4th Tuesday  
Berry's Restaurant

November 2017

President - John Flickinger  
Secretary-Dick Boose  
Treasurer-Carole Babcanec  
Newsletter—Jim Maul



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## Meeting and Board Meeting

Our meeting was a presentation by the Huron County Veteran's Service office. The director reported that they serve 4200 Vets in Huron County. Last year they had an increase in claims but a decrease of vets in the county. The office has a Transpo team that has 6 vans and they make daily trips to the Wade Park Vet's hospital in Cleveland. For the most recent year they provided 1642 van rides. He reported that Ohio has the sixth largest veteran population of the 50 states. His office budget for 2017 was \$564000 and for next year will be \$570577. He reported the veteran's benefits provided to the vets living in Huron county was more than 24 million dollars. The Bell Ringing sheet was passed and filled so we will provide bell ringers for two Saturdays in December at Schild's IGA.

At the board meeting following the regular meeting we discussed how to spend the balance of the discretionary fund that was setup at the beginning of 2017 to cover non-budgeted items that come to our club. There was a request to help cover the crossing guard fund shortage which is still in need of \$11,000 which was deferred to next years budget. We donated \$250 for the Race Track annual banquet. We voted to send \$2000 each to the Milan and North Fairfield clubs for their help at the track. We voted to spend \$2500 for the Huron County Peer Support after treatment center. We voted to spend not less than \$2500 toward the new Fire Station but any more will have to come from next years budget. We discussed but did not approve needing to allocate \$6000 for purchasing eyeglasses for the Nicaragua Clinic next year and Lion Jim will get a detailed list of required items to keep the clinic running with donated glasses and currently budgeted \$300 per month funding.

## November an December

- Nov. 28**    **Berry's Restaurant**  
**Answering the Call Together**  
**David**
- Dec. 12**    **Christmas Party at the Res.**  
**Shelter House**  
**District Gov. Visit**
- Dec. 25**    **Christmas**
- Jan. 1**      **New Years Day**

Once again, we come to the Holiday Season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice. Dave Barry

## Christmas Party

You and your spouse are invited to come to an all expense paid Christmas Party at the Reservoir Shelter House. The dinner is catered by Arvy at Catering By Design alos including delicious Christmas Cookies made by April Hipp . We are collecting canned good for the food bank so please bring some with you that night. If you have not signed up there is still time. To sign up either come our next meeting at Berry's or contact John Flickinger.

## Esteli Clinic Report

In June of 2014 we purchased 2000 premade bifocals and sent them to Nicaragua and they are running out. In 2015 we send reading glasses and last year we sent the new autorefractor. They are requesting more reading glasses and bifocals. If prices are holding steady we should be able to buy both for \$6000. Sergio and the Nicaragua Committee are deciding on what power lenses are needed and getting details for the budget committee. There is an attempt to begin building a clinic in Esteli to house the clinic. There is no funding available from LCIF for building but they will consider an application to provide equipment. The local Lion's District has been approached about helping with this funding but last year's leadership did not approve any help.

In September the clinic saw 75 patients in the regular clinic and did an outreach clinic at a cigar factory where they saw another 56 patients. This totals 131 patients for the month.

## Look Ahead

- 1-9-18 Berry's Restaurant Board Mtg. Short Meeting Skip Wilde Community House for recovering Addicts.**
- 1-23-18 Berry's Restaurant Full Meeting State of the City Mayor Rob Duncan.**
- 2-13-18 Berry's Restaurant Board Mtg. Open Date**



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