

THE MANE TALE



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

January 2018

President - Kevin Hipp
Secretary-Dick Boose
Treasurer-Carole Babcanec
Newsletter—Jim Maul



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January Meeting and Board Meeting

The meeting was presented by Michael Pack of the Huron County Recovery Center. We also had Commissioner Terry Boose as a guest for the meeting who is one of the supporters of the center. The Center is associated with a group called FI out of Akron Ohio which is the largest Ohio based Drug Recovery group. Our speaker noted that 90% of addicts started on Rx pain meds. Since May when he started work in Norwalk he has assisted 150 people. He reported that 35 Billion dollars was spent last year in the US on drug addiction treatments. He noted that the average drug addict requires 5 trips through rehab to quit the drug and it took himself more than 10 rehab programs till he was able to stop. He is working with local businesses that have drug problems in their workforce to get them to hire people coming out of rehab and has a number of companies on board. There is a fund raiser Feb 24th at the Eagles club put on by Sharpnack and hopes all will buy tickets and attend.

We received thank you notes from the Library for the \$400 donation for large print books and from a number of people who enjoyed their fruit baskets, Christmas Dinner or throws. We gave out 45 fruit baskets and 25 throws, Dick Boose did most of the delivery but other club members helped him this year. Our 12-25 Christmas dinner attendance was reduced due to cold weather but club members Tracy, Wayne, Carole, and Mr. and Mrs Berry and their two children feed and entertained all that made it. Special thanks to those members for their service. The canned goods donated at the Christmas dinner were given to the Salvation Army.

In the Board Meeting the 2018 budget was discussed and approved, more below. The 2016 year audit was done by Doug Gates and all checked out fine. He noted the diligence of the Treasurer and the Beer Booth team of Jay and Paulette Ewell as doing very good work organizing their accounting. The board voted to fund Christian Day Nursery, NCS Friends of the Future and Abigail Ministry for \$100. The Sight Chairman Carol reported that she was planning on ordering a new magnifying machine to replace an older machine. There was discussion concerning the problem some people have the newer machines not magnifying as much as the older machines. She will discuss with the rep before she places the order. The machine she is ordering is different from the previous newer machines and is lighter than the old machines.

January and February

- Jan. 23 Meeting Berry's Restaurant
State of the City Address
Mayor Duncan**
- Feb. 13 Short meeting and Board
Meeting Berry's
Open Date**
- Feb 27 Meeting Berry's
Open Date**

"While I relish our warm months, winter forms our character and brings out our best."
Tom Allen

2018 Budget

The budget committee reported that the receipts from the beer sales were up this year by 35%. They allocated the extra money as follows. The Nicaragua Clinic received a 100% increase in funding from the total money received last year. We budgeted money to buy two new magnifying machines to replace the aging machine we provide. We made a investment of \$10,000 in the Scholarship Endowment because the money invested to date is not sufficient to fund the current Scholarship we provide. We put both the Norwalk Area United Fund and the Lions Park in the budget to fund these worthwhile local needs.

Esteli Clinic Eyeglass Progress

Now that the club has approved the purchase of another supply of reading glasses and bifocals for the Esteli Clinic our committee is working with Sergio to choose the frame style and sizes and powers he needs.

We will present a program for the District Convention in Sandusky in March and hope to elicit some interest in other clubs helping to fund some of the eyeglasses they need.

Our committee withdrew the request for funds for the building of the clinic in Nicaragua but if anyone has \$60,000 they do not know what to do with we will name the clinic for you.

Look Ahead

- March 13** Short Meeting Berry's Board Meeting to follow
- March 27** Full Meeting Berry's Police and Fire Awards Dinner
- April 10** Short Meeting Berry's Board Meeting to follow
- April 12-15** District Convention
- April 24** Full Meeting Berry's Open meeting date.



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