

# Presidential Pardons

## Calendar

- Nov 16 - Pat Harrington-Tipp Co Prosecutor
- Nov 23 - Jim Sands - GLASS
- Nov 29 - Board Mtg - 6pm @ 9 Irish SR38
- Nov 30 - John Pearl - Battle Ground Elementary Principal
- Dec 7 - Business Meeting
- Dec 14 - Carrie & Kelly - Junior Achievement

## Optimist Membership Anniversaries - Nov.

- Achgill, Ralph - 12 years
- Bryja, Tom - 1 year
- Butz, Brian - 12 years
- Hyser, Larry - 1 year
- Welch, Bryan - 2 years

## Board Members

President: Conrad Walters

Pres - Elect: Rich Ritter

Past - Pres: Doug Fowler

Secretary: Nick Reutter

Treasurer: Ann Shaw

Sarge: Tom Bryja

Lt. Governor: Mahlon Butz

Board Members:

Steve Bruhn - 1 year

Ellie Butz - 1 year

Angela Vinson - 1 year

Tom Bryja - 2 years

Jeff Oliver - 2 years

Ed Pearson - 2 years

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## Meeting Recap!

Here's what you missed last month if you weren't able to make it. First Purdue basketball coach Greg Gary gave us a run-down of the upcoming men's basketball season. Michelle Warren with the Humane Society saved me and came at the last minute when our scheduled speaker had something else pop up. Nadine Morgan came in-between her practice and getting wisdom teeth pulled to talk about the Purdue Women's team's season and their trip overseas this year. Then last week Detective Jeff Rooze came and spoke about his work with the Juvenile Dept for the Lafayette Police force. From his speech you could tell he is very into what he does. Thanks to all our speakers! If you have someone in mind you'd like to hear, let Jeff Oliver or myself know.

## Haunted House

As reported there was no official Haunted House this year. However Brent Ritter and a few others dressed up at St. Mary's Health Care and helped with the candy anyway. Thanks everyone!

## GaGa Pits

Both Gaga pits at Camp Straightarrow are now complete. Thanks to our many hard workers led by Gary "GaGa" Buttry and his crew of Mahlon & Ellie Butz, Rich & Brent Ritter, Jeff Oliver, Larry Loft, Bryan Welch, Dave Norman, Ann Shaw, Bob White, Mike Amato, Doug Fowler, Russ "Watch out for the RV" Clark, Conrad & Jake Walters and I apologize to anyone else I may have missed. Great job everyone!

## Board Meeting

Dean Upshaw agreed to take on the lead role for the Box Tops & Campbell's Soup Labels for Education. Save up and keep Dean busy! Agreed to contribute towards the Holiday Bags for the backpack program at Battle Ground Elementary. Received a thank you letter for the donation made by Jeff Oliver of his Sgt funds from last year to the Boys & Girls Club. Talked about this year's approved budget which will be less than past years unless we come up with another fundraiser or two. George talked about the upgrades coming to our website. It will look much more professional and be easier to use. And went over the 3 proposed changes to the By-Laws, which everyone should have received an e-mail about. These changes will be voted on at the next Business Meeting on Dec. 7.

## Fundraising & Projects

The committee is looking into a few ideas for new fundraisers. If you have any good ideas let us know! We haven't looked into any new projects yet, other than the ones already suggested of building a new playground.

### LOOK WHO'S ON TV!

Watch Friday's addition of "Heroes Among Us" on TV-18

news to see who donned the make-up for the TV camera's. If you don't catch it on TV, they also put it on their website. The principal from Battle Ground Elementary nominated us and the Battle Ground Lions Club as heroes for doing the backpack program to help feed some of the families that might otherwise go without a meal.

## Flower Power!!

Don't forget to sell Poinsettia's. Our deadline is drawing near. This is one of our few fundraisers for this year. Try selling to someone new this year along with all your old customers.

## Teacher Grants - A Huge Success

Two years ago the Lafayette Breakfast Optimist Club fielded 10 teacher grant requests. Last year there were 17. In 2011 the committee had to review 45 grant applications with requests totaling around \$40,000. What a difference a year makes. The softball event probably had something to do with the publicity for this.

After whiting out all names and schools from the grants, the applications were passed on to the members of the committee for further review. It was very

difficult making choices this year. The committee ended up funding 8 full grants and 5 partial grants totaling over \$6,000! The committee even took the time to find other sources of funds, but were not successful in doing so this year, however maybe it is something we can do in the future. Look for the teachers to be our guest speakers in June. You won't want to miss out on that! Many thanks to the committee of Lou Carr, Patty Evans, Ann Shaw, Conrad Walters and Chris Whitehead.

## PIZZA!!!

On November 9th several LBOC members spent part of the evening with our Junior Club at the Boys and Girls Club, shared some pizza and got to hear some of the exciting projects the Jr. Club is working on. A fun time was had by all, especially Gary & George, they were at the kids table! Thank you to everyone who came and shared with our potential future adult members!

**“One hundred years from now it will not matter how much money you made, what kind of car you drove, what sort of house you live in, but one hundred years from now the world will be a better place because you made the difference in the life of A CHILD”**

**- seen on a poster at pre-school**

### Upcoming Events:

Keep your eyes and ears out for notes on Tri-Star basketball and Fat Tuesday coming up in the future!

### New Member:

If you haven't had a chance to meet our new member Mike Amato take the time to say hello. Rumor is the way to his heart is to be able to shingle a roof!!! Just ask him :-)

We've had some pretty good speakers lined up so far this year. Grab a guest if there's a topic that might interest them and bring them along. Let's get some new faces involved in the Club.

### **WARNING!**

Not sure how this got to be 2 pages long. So yes it took a while. No I did not proof read this before sending it out, I work for a construction company not the education department! The first person to register any complaints about type -o's, improper verb usage, terrible punctuation, etc. etc. gets to write the newsletter next month, so please fire away!!! :-)

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