



CORTLAND LIONS CLUB **May 1, 2007**

# Monthly Newsletter



## A GREAT CHARTER NIGHT!

### Monthly Events

#### Meal Teams

- May 2 & 9 - Bob Popovich & John Company
- May 16 & 23 - Bill Hallett & Tom Williams
- May 30 & June 6 - Joe Giardina & To be Determined

#### Events:

- TBD - Texas Hold'em Poker
- May 30 - Membership Steak Fry
- June 21, 22 & 23 Cortland Lions Club Street Fair
- July 22 Cortland Lions Club Car Show

#### Web Site:

[www.Cortlandoh.lionwap.org](http://www.Cortlandoh.lionwap.org)



L to R: Lion Carl Leonhardt, District Governor Elect, and our King Lion Dan Pedigo

Our paid admissions equaled \$655 so we should be pretty close to even financially. The speeches were short but "quality" and to the point - just the way we like them - a great job by our speakers.



L to R: Dan Polivka, Trumbull Country Commissioner, with Lion Dan Pedigo

### OFFICERS OF THE CORTLAND LIONS CLUB 2006 - 2007

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Ryan Barnot,
- Secretary..... 847-0227  
Dennis Cook
- Financial Secretary...637-2652  
Marc Arnal
- Treasurer.....638-1795  
Lee Ford
- Tail Twister.....638-5701  
John David
- Lion Tamer.....637-3552  
Justin Klamut
- Past President.....637-2731  
Bill Hallett
- Chaplain.....637-9978  
Bruce Gullberg

## THE KING LION OF CORTLAND



**KING LION**  
Dan Pedigo (with Nugget)

This did the trick. Fortunately, the fact that I was the only one on the plane with headphones must have escaped his notice and we passed the rest of the flight in peace. One the way home I pondered Atheists and tried to understand their point of view even though I vehemently disagreed with it. I even tried think of good things to say about them as a group.

Lions Peter Kozup & Tom Williams hosted a fine 68<sup>th</sup> Charter Night for us on April 18th. All went smoothly and the 42 Lions & guests that attended had a wonderful time. Our after dinner speakers included District Governor Elect, Carl Leonhardt & Trumbull County Commissioner, Dan Polivka.

Honorable mention goes to two of our Lions for helping the cause: Glenn Dales for providing our "BAR" and Bob Popovich the background music.

I knew it was going to be a long flight. I was stuck in the center seat between a rather large individual with a mysterious body odor and a professed atheist determined to prove his point. I don't remember the opening I gave him; I think I said something like "God willing and the wings stay on!" Then he started to tell me how organized religion had it all wrong and all the logical reasons why accepting something on faith didn't make sense etc. etc. ad nauseum. Every seat was taken so I couldn't get away from this tirade. I got up to go to the restroom (a lot). Finally the stewardess took pity on me and came up with an old pair of non-working headphones for the non-existent audio system.

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To my knowledge Atheists had never started a religious war! Hitler and Stalin were atheists but their wars were political. I haven't heard of atheist suicide bombers but that was about it, couldn't come up with anything else. Not that I have given them much thought over the years. As Americans we abide all faiths or lack thereof because that is one of the cornerstones of our country.

As Lions we do no less for the ones that we are able to help. We open each meeting with a prayer because that is what we are and what we believe. We do not ask those that come to us for help what their faith is or even if they have one. Even my overbearing atheist from the flight would be eligible. It's one of the things that makes being a Lion feel so good.

Dan Pedigo

## NEW OFFICERS FOR 2007 - 2008

Here is the slate: President - Jim Gorse, 1<sup>st</sup> VP - Ryan Barnot, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Joe Arp, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP - Mike Wisniewski, Secretary - Tom Williams, Treasurer - Lee Ford, Financial Secretary - Mark Arnal, Tail Twister - John David, Lion Tamer - Pete Kozup, Past President - Dan Pedigo, Chaplain - Bruce Gullberg, 2yr Directors - Dennis Cook & Bob Popovich and 1 yr Directors Basil Jarrett and Dennis Demsey.

Our president elect, Jim Gorse, and our new secretary, Tom Williams, are headed to the Spring Conference in Alliance. This is a wonderful instruction for new officers.



## STREET FAIR UPDATE

### “A CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN HEROS”



L to R: Lions Bob Popovich, Mike Wisniewski, John David, Joe Arp, Dennis Demsey, Justin Klamut, Parade Co-Chairpersons: Lisa Schill & Shari Baxter, and Street Fair Secretary Betty Robbins

Well just when we found a guy that liked placing those concessionaires' trailers up and down Main Street - he gets moved. Rats! Best of Luck to Justin Klamut on his new job in Newark, Ohio but we will miss him.

Taking Justin's place will be King Lion Dan Pedigo, John David, Street Fair Chairman (if he doesn't announce his retirement again), Bob Popovich, Director and Lion Bill Hallett. What a list to replace our one person "Street Chairman!"

At our latest street fair meeting we continue to plan; Justin is here for a few more weeks to make sure the transition is smooth. See the Committee at the Left.

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## ZONE CHAIRMAN VISITS

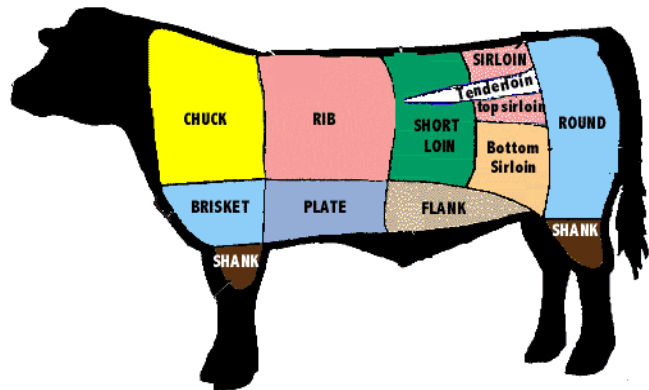
On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 it was our pleasure to welcome our Zone Chairman, Lion Jeff Eacona. After our Tail Twister got done with him Lion Jeff gave us a fine talk on our jobs as Lions and the pride we each should have for being members. He encouraged us to support the Lions Eye Research which he is becoming the new District Representative. (Jeff will be replaced as Zone Chairman by Rick Albrecht of Lordstown - The Cortland Lions wish you Good Luck Lion Richard Albrecht on your new job!)

Our best wishes go out to Lion Jeff Eacona on his new job and we have enjoyed his leadership as our Zone Chairman. Best of Luck Lion Jeff!!!!!!!



L to R: Cortland Lion Dennis Cook, Secretary with Lion Jeff Eacona, Zone Chairman

**“PLEASE” SELL THOSE BEEF  
RAFFLE TICKETS - WE  
HAVE COLLECTED ENOUGH  
TO PAY FOR THE BEEF SO IT  
IS PROFIT NOW - WE NEED  
THE MONEY!!!**



## THE MAIL AND OTHER NEWS

- Lion Bruce Gullberg - authorized 2 eye exams and glasses for a total of \$300 and informs us we have 7 boxes of used eyeglasses to be turned in to Lens Crafter.
- Beef Raffle Tickets - We sold about \$160 worth of tickets at Sparkle tickets and a total of \$375 was turned in at the April 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting. We are now on the profit side so we should be very excited about selling these tickets! Also, we will be selling tickets at Sparkle Market on, May 18 & 19 .
- Scholarships - Lion Bruce Gullberg is getting ready to give out the Lions Club Scholarships.
- Lion Jim Elliott - is very sick and is taking limited visitors; please call ahead to make sure it is OK.
- Cortview Elections - In a smashing victory our own Tail Twister, John David has received the necessary votes to continue as a board member. Also, in a twist of fate he has somehow managed to secure the Vice President position on the board? Bev Helmick was also re-elected to a board member - we appreciate her community involvement in a project that the Lions Club started.

# MEMBERSHIP STEAK FRY MAY 30TH, 2007



SPEAKERS: Lion Joe Giardina  
Membership chairman  
&  
KING LION DAN PEDIGO

Chief Cook will be bob popovich

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