



July 7, 2008

Coming to the airport near you

As imposing as the graphic is to the left, it will be more impressive when you get to stand next to the real thing! On July 22 & 23, one of the few remaining flying B-17 bombers, nicknamed the 'Aluminum Overcast', will be at the Elkhart Municipal Airport. Sponsored by the local EAA chapter, you can also schedule a flight in this historic 'Flying Fortress' (For details, call 800-359-6217).



HERE's the GREAT NEWS- The date for our special July meeting has been CHANGED to Wednesday, July 23 (not July 16 as originally planned). And, our meeting will be at the airport's EAA clubhouse (immediately adjacent to the control tower. Show up at the regular time (Noon) at the Control Tower. You will be directed from there. We are attempting to have tours available. There may be a \$5 per person charge, however, we hope to have part, if not all, of that waived.

What Else Is Happening?

- We made over \$500 on Rhapsody in Green's water sale. Our profits from the Chicken B-B-Q sale are around \$1200.
- Our Eyeglass Assistance Program has received 119 applications this year, of which 106 were approved and resulted in our expenditure of \$7734 for examinations and eyeglasses.
- Jack Goodman reported that a few weeks ago he and other club members processed over 2300 pairs of eyeglasses in a three-day period. Since we obtained our lensometer, we've 'read' over 6400 pairs of glasses and have sent them for recycling.
- if you want more information on the B-17 that will be the focus of our July 23 meeting, go to the website, www.b17.org.

Dues statement will be sent out in the next day or so. Please respond promptly and be sure to return the member information form if your listing in the directory needs any changes.

Cub Flub day will be August 20. It was supposed to be earlier, but remember, it's a 'cub flub' event!

Other Stuff

Our STRIDES Walk for Diabetes Awareness will be

Sunday, Sept. 21. Be sure to reserve this date and plan on volunteering. Bill Loftus is our chairman and can be contacted if you want to get involved.

Other Stuff

Plans are being made for our entry in the city's 150th anniversary parade later this year. Contact Nancy Carter if you can assist in this planning effort.

Other Stuff

We have received memorials totally nearly \$450 in memory of Larry Derrenberger. We'll be forwarding these checks to the Elkhart County Community Foundation later this year, when they traditionally match contributions by 20%. If you want to contribute, send (or bring to one of our meetings) your check to the Lions Post Office Box 81, made payable to: Elkhart County Community Foundation and write 'Elkhart Lions Club' in the memo area.

Other Stuff

Eyeglass Recycling Needs Help

Jack is still busy reading glasses. If you want to help, call him and arrange a time to help process glasses (522-2045).

Next Meeting

As you learned from above, our next special summer meeting will be Wednesday, July 23 at the Elkhart Municipal Airport. Come to the control tower located on CR 6 for parking.

Lions:

Words to live by as Lion's, especially Elkhart Lion's! ***WE SERVE...STATUS QUO IS A NO-NO...GET INVOLVED! WHAT GOT US TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY IS NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP US THERE TOMORROW. SERVICE...BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION NOT THE PROBLEM...HELP ME, HELP YOU...SEE THE SMILES AND HEAR IN THE THANK YOU'S OF THOSE THAT WE SERVE. IF WE CAN PREVENT ONE PERSON FROM GOING BLIND WE WILL COUNT OUR TIME AS LION'S A BLESSING. PLAN YOUR WORK-WORK YOUR PLAN. LET'S LEAVE A LEGACY THAT ALL LION'S CAN BE PROUD OF. WHAT WOULD YOU ATTEMPT TO DO IF YOU KNEW YOU COULD NOT FAIL? PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU DID, PEOPLE MAY FORGET WHAT YOU SAID, BUT THEY WILL NEVER FORGET HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL. LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!***

President's Message

Some updates from our July Board meeting: The Board voted and we will be moving our July meeting to July 23rd and it will be at the Elkhart Airport. Park near where the Control Tower is located and a Lion will be there to usher you to our venue. This meeting will showcase the "Aluminum Overcast", and a tour thereof. The Aluminum Overcast is a WWII era B-17 with combat experience.

The Board received a petition with several member names requesting that our meeting venue be changed to Christiana Creek (the Elk's). A motion was made to research this more thoroughly and bring a recommendation to the general membership to vote upon once our contract with the Matterhorn is up. (May 2009)

A special "THANKS" to Lion Jack Goodman and Lion Marty Juel for their hard work with the eyeglass reading,

cleaning and collection program. Also, THANKS to all of the volunteers who were able to stop by Lion Jack's house to help! The Board voted in favor of pursuing the Community Service Project involving Veteran's Memorial Bridge Flagpole. If this is a project that you feel is near and dear to your heart contact 2nd VP Lion Karin Frey or Lion Chuck Stenberg for more information. Club Flub will be held during our August meeting on the 20th. Watch for more information. The lead on this is Lion Chuck Stenberg.

Keep Current

Be sure to put the Lions home page on your 'Favorites' list. Check frequently for news of projects and events, as well as to remind you of the summer meeting schedule. Be sure to check our website regularly, as we'll have photos and news about programs/projects. Just because we may not be meeting every Wednesday, doesn't mean the Elkhart Lions aren't busy!

Thought for the Day *It's been my observation that most people get ahead during the time that others waste. (Henry Ford)*



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