

# THE MANE TALE

Special Parade Issue of the Norwalk Lions Club Newsletter

**JULY 2019**

Norwalk Lions Club, Inc.

Meetings: 6:00 PM on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
at Berry's Restaurant, Main Street, Norwalk  
P.O. Box 92, Norwalk, Ohio 44857

## Board and Officers:

President: Ken Leber

First Vice President: Jim Maul

Second Vice President: Cindy Penza

Past President: John Flickinger

Secretary: Dick Boose

Treasurer: Carole Babcanec

Lion Tamer: Diana Slauterbeck

Tail Twister: Jim Maul

Membership: Jon Ewell, Bob Slauterbeck,  
Bob Berry

Beer Sales: Jay Ewell, Jon Ewell, Ed Leroux

Sight & Hearing: Carol Hartzell, Jim Maul,  
Jon Zahler

Lion's Park: Ken Leber

Programs: Keith Kovarik

Parade: John Flickinger

Two Year Directors: Arthur Pember, Jeff  
Little, Ed Leroux, Wayne Babcanec

One Year Directors: Carol Hartzell, Bob  
Slauterbeck, Doug Gates, Bob Berry

Newsletter & Website: Amy Little

Scholarships: Wayne Babcanec, Jim Hage-  
meyer.

Budget and Finance: Linda Bersche, Carole  
Babcanec, Wayne Babcanec, Ken Leber

Projects: Jay Ewell, Arthur Pember

Nicaragua: Jonathan Christman, Art Pember,  
Jim Maul

Audits: Doug Gates

Dropoff Eyeglass Boxes: Dick Boose

## July 9th: Annual picnic and Installation of Officers

President	Jim Maul
1st Vice President	Cindy Penza
2nd Vice President	Open
Secretary	Dick Boose
Treasurer	Carole Babcanec
Membership	Jon Ewell & Bob Slauterbeck
Lion Tamer	Diana Slauterbeck
Tail Twister	Bob Berry
Historian	Ken Leber
Programs	Keith Kovarik
Beer Booth	Jay Ewell
Parade	John Flickinger
Newsletter Editor	Amy Little
1 Year Director	Arthur Pember, Jeff Little, Ed Leroux, Wayne Babcanec
2 Year Director	Carol Hartzell, Bob Slauterbeck, Doug Gates, Trina Wallace
Past President	Ken Leber

**Mission statement:** To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

**Vision statement:** To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

**Organizational statement:** We Serve. We have more volunteers in more places than any other service organization in the world. We are friends, neighbors and leaders ready to help our communities grow and thrive.

We are now 65  
members strong in Norwalk and  
1,400,000 worldwide!



# WE SERVE

[lionsclubnorwalk.org](http://lionsclubnorwalk.org)

This year's parade included more than 120 entrants. We saw firetrucks from Norwalk, Monroeville, Berlin Heights, Townsend, and Milan. There were marching bands from Norwalk High School and St. Paul High School. Baton twirlers marched in the 90 degree heat, jumping and dancing along the parade route. There was a circus float, military trucks, politicians running for office, church groups, service organizations, and baseball players on bicycles all making their way from Main Street to Benedict Avenue, to Norwood and on to the Fairgrounds. But our proudest moment was when long time Lion and United Fund of Norwalk, Executive Director Linda Bersche, waved to the crowd from her

seat in a beautiful corvette as our Grand Marshal.

Linda will be retiring from 40+ years of service to this community at the end of the month. The impact she has made on Norwalk is immeasurable. Under her leadership, the Norwalk Area United Fund has raised over 16 million dollars for those in need in our area! Amazing!

Linda has also mentored many young business people, teachers, and leaders in our city on how to be generous in giving our time, talents, and resources. She will be sorely missed at the helm of such an amazing philanthropic organization but she has taught us well! (More on page four.)



Registration Table: Trina Wallace, Cathy Beier, and Linda Bersche



Parade Marshal, Linda Bersche, driven by Lion, Keith Kovaric.

*"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."*

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson -*



Find us on Facebook at Norwalk Ohio Lions Club! Like us and help spread the word as we continue to serve the Norwalk as we have for the past 74 years!

**SIGN UP TO SELL BEER AT THE RACEWAY! TALK TO JAY EWELL FOR A SCHEDULE.**

# ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE...



Riding with the Huron River Joint Fire District Firefighters, Shelly Scheid (right) and daughters.



Two lifelong Norwalk residents and neighbors who love the Fourth of July Parade: Judy Herscha and Ron Draper of East Washington Street.



Our mascot!  
(Also known as Taylor Krupp, Art Pember's niece.)



Look who we found on the parade route! Last year's \$500 raffle ticket winner, Theresa Gregory. She said, "It was just in time for vacation!" She also mentioned that she gifted her children with \$50 each, which they greatly appreciated!

Theresa was ready and willing to donate again this year to the raffle that supported the Norwalk Area United Fund. Thank you, Theresa!!



Lion's Club President, Ken Leber and his wife, Jeanne help to **lead the way** on parade day just like they do in real life!

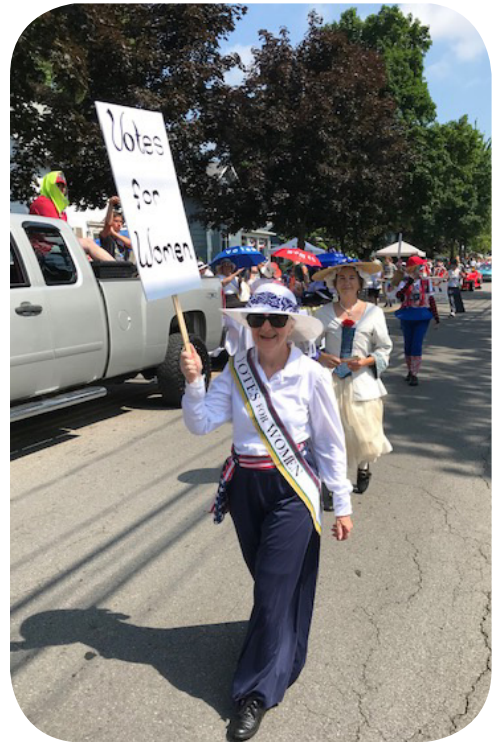
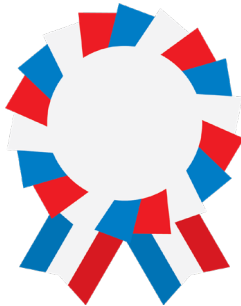


# FIRE TRUCKS!

Milan Antique Fire truck



Norwalk High School  
Marching Band



The Suffragettes were out in force!  
Votes for Women!



Lion Jay Ewell and his wife, Paulette,  
pull the Lion's Club float. Hi Jay!  
Hi Paulette!



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When asked about being the parade marshal this year, Linda said she was very surprised! Her first reaction was, "You can't do the parade without me!" She meant that she has jobs to do for the parade this year as in any other year. Linda runs the registration table as well as collects all of the raffle tickets, money from the sales of those tickets, and wraps everything up at the end of the parade. Those of us who walked the parade route selling tickets with our "Thanks Linda" shirts on, heard many, many appreciative comments about her life of service. For Linda, "It is humbling and hard to accept all of these kind words."



## THIS YEAR'S RAFFLE WINNERS WERE:

\$500 Sharon Jett

Other prizes were won by:

Aaron Holm

Erica Clinker

Kem Kelley

M. Hillman

Linda Markel

Steve Ludwig

Patty Smarr

Mike Benz

Ed McClendon

Dwight Alexander

Dan Gaston

Jennie Hipp

Mary Stoner

Mary Cisco

Trina Wallace

J. Miller

## TOP FLOAT WINNERS:

Commercial Float: Piney Paradise

Civic Float: Huron County Master Gardeners

Marching Unit: American Legion

Antique Auto: Tom Sloma

Most Unusual: Daniel, Hunter, & Marty Oney

Horse Unit: Stampede of Dreams

Drill Team Unit: Norwalk Blue Pride

Clown: Laney the Clown

Fire Company: Milan Township

Church Float: Norwalk Baptist Church

Truck Unit: Coles Energy

Business Float: Lody Paws Grooming & Boarding

Youth Float: Erie County Fair Royalty

TOP HONORS: Charlie Fisher

**CONGRATULATIONS!  
THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING!**



Special thanks to John Flickinger for, once again, leading all of us to make the 2019 July Fourth Parade a success! Thanks to everyone who put in time and energy to make the parade run so smoothly. It's a highlight of our year together and the community truly enjoys it so much.



Lance Corporal Shawn Daley from Veteran's Services. He is the Department of Ohio Adjutant for the Marine Corps League.

Thanks to all those who have served in the Armed Forces of the USA! Your service is greatly appreciated!

**Freedom isn't Free!**



See  
you all  
again  
next  
year!