

# THE MANE TALE

*The monthly newsletter of the Norwalk Lions Club*

## SEPTEMBER 2020



### Norwalk Lions Club, Inc.

Meetings: 6:00 PM on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Take note of the upcoming schedule because of COVID-19.

### Board and Officers:

President: Cindy Penza

First Vice President: Wayne Babcanec

Second Vice President: Jeff Little

Past President: Jim Maul

Secretary: Dick Boose

Treasurer: Carole Babcanec

Lion Tamer: Diana Slauterbeck

Tail Twister: Bob Berry

Membership: Bob Slauterbeck, Bob Berry, Jim Maul

Beer Booth: Jay Ewell

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

Lion's Park: Ken Leber

Programs: Keith Kovarik

Parade: John Flickinger

Two Year Directors: Carol Hartzell, Bob Slauterbeck, Doug Gates, Treena Wallace

One Year Directors: Arthur Pember, Jeff Little, Paul Hiszem, Wayne Babcanec

Newsletter: Amy Little

Scholarships: Wayne Babcanec, Jim Hagemeyer.

Budget and Finance: Linda Bersche, Carole Babcanec, Wayne Babcanec, Cindy Penza

Projects: Jay Ewell, Arthur Pember

Nicargua: Jonathan Christman, Art Pember, Jim Maul

Audits: Doug Gates

Dropoff Eyeglass Boxes: Dick Boose

### Upcoming Meetings:

TIPS training is put off until next spring.

Next meeting: **September 8th:** Meeting at Lion's Park. Bring \$5 for pizza. RSVP to Cindy Penza (she will send an email before the meeting).

### Membership News:

41 members have paid their dues. Membership stands at 62 and 1 Associate. If you have not paid your membership, please get in touch with Dick Boose, our secretary.

Membership cards will be hand written as International's new application is not up and running.

### Melvin Jones Award Recipients for 2020

On August 25th at our meeting at Lion's Park, two Melvin Jones awards were presented. The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the backbone of our foundation. Presented to those who donate \$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others, it's a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of our founder, Melvin Jones. (Source: Lions International Website)

This year's recipients were Lion Paul Penny and Lion Dennis Henkle. Congratulations Gentlemen!

District Governor Kerry Parker was present to give the awards. Below are a few pictures from the ceremony.



# WE SERVE



Check Out Our Website:  
[lionsclubnorwalk.org](http://www.lionsclubnorwalk.org)

## Update on the Whitney Field Project by Lion Joe Widman

Dear Lions,

I had hoped to present at one of the last months' scheduled meetings, however the virus situation has made that difficult.

First, I wanted to thank the Norwalk Lion's organization for their "League Champion" donation. In return the Norwalk Lions Club will receive their name on the recognition plaque, their name in the athletic programs for the 2020 season, a 1/4 page ad in the fall and winter programs, and a 10 second ad on the video boards during all high school football games and in the NHS gym during the volleyball and basketball seasons.

Thanks to the support of our local contractors, businesses, civic organizations, and community members many wonderful improvements have/will be made before the scheduled start of the football season. The synthetic field for the football and band members has been put in (both football teams practiced on the field Wednesday August 5th). The new track base has been down for 30 days and the final coat will be administered over the next several days, final striping is schedule later. The new digital scoreboard is scheduled to be put in place the weekend of August 8th.

Additional improvements include: new fencing, walkway around the track, new entrance, additional parking and paving, and concrete work around the home and visitor's locker rooms.

When you get a chance, drive down and look at the improvements made to the Whitney Complex. There is a new stadium name, "Contractors Stadium," with the "Fisher-Titus" track.

In closing, I would ask that our individual members consider helping to reach our financial goal. Please consider a \$50.00 or \$100.00 donation check made out to the Whitney Field Improvement Committee, that can be sent to 269 W. Main Street, Norwalk, Ohio 44857. If it is easier for your family to donate electronically, go to the Norwalk Truckers Athletics Facebook page.

The Norwalk Lions Club organization has been very supportive of all activities in the Norwalk area, and I am proud to be a member.

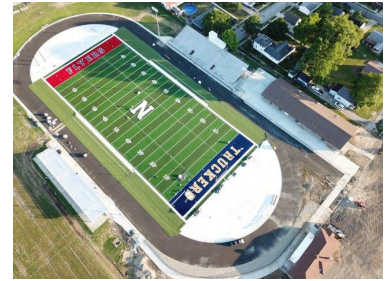


Photo courtesy of NHS Athletics

Keep in Mind These Opportunities in the District:

OH2 - Steps Walk/Run

13 Sep 2020

10:00AM -

Fostoria, OH

Week of Service in September.

We are encouraged to do at least one hour each of service in our community. Please report any service hours to Secretary, Dick Boose.

## Happy Labor Day: September 7th

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 75 years!



*Everyone can be great,  
because everyone can serve.  
- Martin Luther King Jr. -*