

Along the Lions Trail

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Upcoming meeting

Our next meeting is Monday, April 27, at 6:30 pm at the Senior Center. We'll conduct election of officers for next year and our program will feature Centerville Police Department Sgt. Matt Alexander and K9 officer Kendra.

Lion Jim Howell receives Melvin Jones Fellow

A member of the Centerville Lions Clubs for nearly 52 years, James I. Howell was awarded Lions Club most prestigious award Monday evening, April 13... the Melvin Jones Award, named after the founder of Lions. Awards Committee member Dennis Stephen read the nomination for the award.



A 1950 Centerville High School graduate, Jim attended Butler University receiving his bachelor's and Masters degrees. He served in the U.S. Army and returned to Centerville to embark on his teaching and coaching career at Milton High School. After six years, he returned to Centerville as coach and guidance director. From this position, he became Junior High principal and from 1967 to 1993, served as principal of Centerville Senior High School.

Professionally, he was a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. He served on various state committees.

Jim has always loved working with children, helping plan and build the present Little League Diamonds. He has been a 4-H leader, a Fair Board member and a member of the 4-H Sale Committee for over ten years.

Jim helped to get the Jaycees underway in Centerville. As a member of Centerville Christian Church for more than sixty years, he served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon and elder. He was instrumental in establishing the Centerville Senior Citizens Center and has served on the Reid Hospital Foundation Board and Wayne County Health Board.

As a Lion, he was inducted into the Lions Silver Anniversary Basketball Hall of Fame in 1975. He served as the club president in 1970-71 and served in many other leadership roles. He was the first chairperson of the club's annual fish fry and has regularly been a top salesman.

When someone has a problem, Jim is there to help, advise and encourage. His leadership ability and caring way have left their mark on many in our community.

Our club's 70th Anniversary was observed

The Centerville Lions Club observed its 70th Anniversary Monday evening, April 13, at the Centerville Senior High School Cafetorium. Long time former club secretary Jim Resh told about the club that was chartered in 1944. He said there were 46 charter members inducted into the club that decided to meet on Mondays, which we still do.

He said the club has met at various churches in town, several different restaurants, the elementary school and now at the Senior Center. At first the club met with no meals, but later members wanted the fellowship of a meal together.

He pointed out from the program, the Lions have held many different events and projects throughout the last 70 years. He said we continue to sponsor the Community Fish Fry, the Halloween party for the area, sponsor 4-H Fair events, provide college scholarships, eye glasses for students, support
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Anniversary continued

Archway Days, Christmas in Centerville and provide convalescent equipment free to those in need along with sponsoring the high school Leo Club and the Awards Banquet.

Resh said, "Melvin Jones was thinking ahead when he organized the Lions Club in Chicago in 1917 with Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety (Lions) and we look forward to celebrating 100 years in 2017. Resh introduced several representatives of the club's charter members.



District Governor William Uhrig (left) presented club president Jack Farmer with a Certificate of Achievement for the past 70 years of service.

Community Awards presented

The Centerville Lions Club presented its annual Community Awards Monday evening, April 13, at the Centerville High School Cafetorium in conjunction with the club's 70th Anniversary Celebration.



Centerville Fire Chief Dennis Spears received the Community Service Award. Spears, who has served with the department for 35 years, has been chief for the past 14 years. Born in Loogootee, Indiana in 1965, he moved with his family to Centerville when he was in the 6th grade, graduating from Centerville Senior High School in 1974.

The Centerville 2014 Bicentennial Committee also received a Community Service Award. The group headed by David and Beverly Nixon included Marie Elstro (first row) Kate Johnson, Dan Wandersee, Beth Treaster, Loren Vance (back row) and Jim Resh (not pictured). The Committee hosted numerous events during the year and published a 169 page hard copy book to tell the story of Centerville. It was entitled "Through the Archways of Time."



25F District Governor William Uhrig presented Centerville Lions Pam Tidrow with an Outstanding Service Award, for her efforts as as the District and State Chair of the Leos Club.

Fish Fry tickets are on sale

Tickets for the 36th Annual Centerville, Indiana Lions Club Fish Fry are now available for sale. Advance tickets this year are \$9.00 and will be \$10.00 at the door. Tickets include drink and dessert. The menu again includes fish, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, french fries and cole slaw.

The fish fry will be held at the Centerville Christian Church Fellowship Hall at 111 North Morton Avenue.

Tickets are available from any Lions Club member.

Future meetings and events

- May 11, regular meeting
- June 1, Fish Fry Meeting
- June 5 & 6, Fish Fry
- June 8, Installation of Officers
- June 22, Family Picnic