

# LION TALES

## NORTH SUMMIT LIONS CLUB

### Fun at Our Family Picnic

Our Family Picnic on August 12 was great fun for our members, families, and friends. Thanks to Lion Gary Police and his wife Ellen for having the event on their grand property. In addition to the abundance of food and beverages, highlights included:

- The Cornhole Tournament, won by Lion Lucky and R.J. Lewis, Lion Bob's grandson. Lucky walked away with the "mack daddy" cornhole set prize at the end.
- The Watermelon Eating Contest, won by Lion Craig in a tie breaker over Lion Don. It has to be noted that the top "seeded" entry, Lion John, had to withdraw from competition due to illness.



**Through the efforts of Lion Bob Lewis, our club donated \$1,020 to the local Team Tessa Fundraiser. The funds went toward installation of a handicap accessible tub, new bathroom plumbing, and floor tile.**

### Ed Gerard Receives His High School Diploma After 50 Years



In 1967, Lion Ed knew it was a mistake when he dropped out of high school while he was a senior at Paul D. Schreiber H. S. in Port Washington, New York. But he joined the Marine Corp and passed his GED to receive his high school certification. Ed received an Honorable Discharge from the Marines and went on to college, earning an Associate's Degree and a Bachelor's Degree. Since then, Ed has enjoyed a successful career in business. But something was missing. When his 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion was approaching, he asked if he could come to the reunion as a graduate. So, he was welcomed by his Class of 1967, and on June 1 formally received his High School Diploma with the **Class of 2017!** Ed's advice? "Never give up no matter how many mistakes you make. There is always someone to help you out—in life and in business."

### IN MEMORIAM



**Norm Kubbins**, one of our past Presidents and 40+ year member of The North Summit Lions Club, passed away on July 28. He was one of the six remaining members of the Garfield Heights Lions Club before the name was changed to North Summit. Norm was a service Veteran and long-time mortgage loan officer. He loved traveling, golf, and Canadian Club. In fact, this year's golf outing was the first Norm missed since 1994. Norm leaves behind his wife Blanche, 7 children, 16 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. As Lion Kerry put it, "Norm was one of those guys that would help anyone and everyone."

THIRD QUARTER, 2017

### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 22 ~ Blood Drive, Spennato's Restaurant

December 3 ~ Breakfast with Santa, Spennato's Restaurant

December 4 ~ Christmas Party, Spennato's Restaurant

January 27, 2018 ~ Night at the Races, Birchwood Party Center

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Vini Ventura



Vini is N.S.L.C.'s Vice President and has been a proud member for 5 years. As a Lion, Vini is most proud of being in a position to meet others who are as dedicated in doing something good for our community. In particular, he gets great satisfaction in the work the Club does to have school-age children receive eye exams and glasses. Outside of the Lions, Vini stays active in other community affairs. He is currently running for a seat on the Macedonia City Council. Vini is a 43-year law enforcement veteran and has been married to his wife Darleen for 36 years. They have three children and 3 grandchildren. Vini's advice to anyone considering joining the Lions is "Go for it! This Club has taken the lead in community service. I believe we have already 'set the bar' for others."

**Our Sportsman's Fundraiser again generated a good sum of money that will go towards local charitable needs. Thanks to Lion Gary Pugh for spearheading the event, and to all those who bought tickets.**

**Welcome to our NEW Members, Ron Yarbrough and Jim Welsh!**



### OUR MISSION

*To help people in our community with services and fundraising activities. We will continue to support our community's needs.*

**Where There's a NEED, There's a LION**

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