

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Village president, Ed Hettermann, thanks these generous residents of Johnsburg

In the last issue of our newsletter, I expressed how fortunate we are as a community to have businesses and individuals who help raise and donate money, time and expertise to support causes and people in need in our community. This month I would like to take an opportunity to recognize and say thank you to three organizations that have always given back to the Johnsburg community. The Johnsburg Community Club, the Johnsburg Community Men's Club and the Johnsburg Lions Club always stand out at this time of year because of their involvement in organizing the **annual Saufen und Spiel event** and **Banjo Beer Night Music Festival** (for more information on these events, see page 5 of this issue.)

The Johnsburg Community Club, established in 1922, and the Johnsburg Community Men's Club have been responsible for many major accomplishments within our community. The Community Club owns the buildings and grounds where the Saufen und Spiel festivities are held. Both the Community Club and the Men's Club maintain the buildings and grounds which are available for the entire community to enjoy. The Community Club was a political voice for the unincorporated areas of our community before Johnsburg annexed into Sunnyside. They were instrumental in the building of our current bridge across the Fox River in 1938. The bridge replaced what was known as "One Lane Wagon Bridge". They also led a campaign called "Neighbors Joining Hands" which resulted in the merger of the Village of Sunnyside and the unincorporated areas of Johnsburg. The accomplishments for both the Community Club and Men's Club include supporting many non-profit organizations within our community such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and many baseball and softball programs. They also sponsor and organize the Friday Night Bean Bag Tournament and Sunday's parade and festivities during Saufen und Spiel weekend.

The Johnsburg Lions Club directs much effort to helping those in need of sight and hearing assistance. This assistance includes sponsoring vision and hearing screenings every other year. They also fund other community needs including the Johnsburg Police Charities (Shop with a Cop), and the Johnsburg school's Young Author program.

The Lions Club sponsors and organizes Banjo Beer Night held on Saturday during the Saufen und Spiel weekend.

In this issue I also wish to express thanks to **Johnsburg resident Barb Pierce** who for the past thirty years has donated her time and resources in running the **FISH Food Pantry**. Barb has retired now and will be greatly missed by so many people who came to count on her generosity. How do you give recognition to a person who has donated 40 to 60 hours of her time a week for the past thirty years? I have no idea, but on behalf of the Village of Johnsburg, its residents and staff, THANK YOU! We wish Barb and her husband Jack the best in their retirement.

In the next issue, I will update you on **Walla-Pa-Looza, a new event that took place in the Village on Saturday, August 1st**. Walla-Pa-Looza is an event that raises cash for cancer. This year's event was a success but the sponsors promise to make the event even bigger and better next year.

MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGES FROM LAST NEWSLETTER

- Community Affairs Committee will be meeting on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Ordinance Committee meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

See page 2 for a complete list of Village Meetings.

JOHNSBURG HAPPENINGS

Visit www.johnsburg.org for more!

3RD ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR & TRUCK SHOW

September 12th and 13th from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

FREE DIABETIC RETINOPATHY/MACULAR DEGENERATION EYE SCREENING

Friday, September 25, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Johnsburg Educational Partnership Foundation (JEPF) CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Visit www.johnsburg.org for more information on each of the above events and other happenings in the Village of Johnsburg.