

Holiday Auction Nets \$18,000

The annual GreeneBuc Holiday Auction was a great success again this year. Attendance was around 150 with 30 first time attendees. With over 190 silent auction items, 'big ticket' live auction items and the ever popular 5 dollar table, there was something for all those present, to bid on and win.

Sandy Zimmerman did a great job with food selection, and everyone seemed to enjoy the change from a traditional sit-down meal to hor'dourves stations, and there was plenty of tasty items to sample, from shrimp, to roast beef.

Of course, enough cannot be said for all the businesses, and individuals who donated so many great auction items, each and everyone of you are vital to our organizations success, and are great GreeneBucs supporters.

Enough cannot also be said for those that attended and spent their hard earned money to help a great cause. Families and children all over the area are better off because of you.

Finally something has to be said for the 'boots on the ground'. Without the leadership of Gussie Jones, Pat Buckholt, Sandy Zimmerman, and the rest of the auction committee, along with Cathy Peters and her crew of money handlers, Sue, Traci, Lea, Devlynn and all the rest of the basket wrappers, and item taggers, there would be no auction at all. We should all give ourselves a pat on the back for a job well done.



Moose Happenings

Yes the 'Year of the Moose' may be over, but our friends in the Moose organization are still there for us. Our past and ongoing relationship with the Moose Lodges promises to have far reaching rewards for our organization.

Jim O'Neil, the administrator of the Miamisburg Moose Lodge, is going to add us to their gaming license as a 501(c)(3) charity to receive money for AmTrykes !!!!

Jim is also a friends member who was brought into GreeneBucs two years ago by Lora Stagler.

Along with this, the Lexington Ohio Moose Lodge has added us also, and has already sent us a check!

The Dayton Moose Lodge is once again holding The Blessing of the Bikes, and GreeneBucs has been invited to attend and once again have been chosen as a sponsored charity. This is a huge event for Dayton Moose, and requires a lot of planning and organization, and GreeneBuc members are active in that roll too.

There are big changes this year to the event, the biggest one is a complete change in location. This year The Blessing of the Bikes will be a Welcome Stadium in Dayton. The day has not changed it will still be the first Sunday in May, which is the 4th. The Moose are in need of a lot of support, and Greenebucs are going to help when and wherever we can. So, mark your calendars, and plan on coming out helping with our display, and helping the Dayton Mooseriders in making this years Blessing the best ever.

Browns Backers Holding 11th Annual Fish Fry

Another group who support GreeneBucs with donations is the Browns Backers of Greater Dayton. GreeneBuc members are needed work this event. Brown Backers are asking for people to run the games, pour beer, and serve food, we have a few members committed to working this event, but they can use plenty more. Contact Paul Monnig, or Chuck Gibson if you want to help out, or if you just want to attend the fish fry.

This year their 11th Annual Fish Fry will be January 26th at 6:00 PM. The place is the IUE-CWA Local 755 Union Hall 1675 Woodman Drive. Note that this is a change of location from last year.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. They will have many games of chance, door prizes, raffles plus plenty of fish, chicken, sausage, soda and beer.

Stop by Champion Insurance Associates on Dayton-Xenia Road and see Paul Monnig (GreeneBucs Member) for tickets.

Proceeds go to GreeneBucs. For more information about the Fish Fry and or the Browns Backers go to their web site at <http://www.bbzd.com/index.html>

Ambility Needs Your Help

Here is a great problem to have! We have so many AmTrykes to get out to children, that our Ambility Chairperson Charlotte O'Meara is swamped!

Right now there are about 15 AmTrykes that need delivered to children and families. Not only are we running out of room to store the AmTrykes, but there are all those deserving children who are waiting for their new AmTryke to arrive.

Please, lets all step up and give Charlotte a hand. Call her at 937-429-3405 or email her at omeara1111@aol.com

Big Hat Meeting

The next Big Hat meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 23 at 6:00 PM at Beef O'Brady's. This is a newly opened restaurant in the Beaver Valley Center (US 25 and North Fairfield Road – where Lofino's and the Beaver Valley Cinemas are located).

The restaurant has a “semi-private” room and they will set it up so we are as private as possible. (The manager indicated that he would not use the rest of the room unless it was necessary.) I chose this site for 2 reasons – 1 because of the room (there is some “history” attached to it) and 2 because the owner of the restaurant is KNOWN for his dedication to community activities and charitable causes and I thought perhaps we could whet his appetite through his on site manager (whom I invited to stop by the meeting – also gave him a brochure about AMBUCS so he would know what we are all about!) The prime topic for this meeting will be to determine activities for National Visibility Month (February) and National Service Day (Feb 16).

Please let Gussie Jones know if you will be attending this meeting so the room can be set up in the best way possible.

Scholarship Applications Online January 15

As most of you know, scholarship applications will be online around January 15.

Please keep your eyes and ears open to learn about worthy candidates.

2 of our winners from 2007 will automatically carry over into 2008 as they were selected for the mentor's program – and 2 others have finished their masters and are not going on so we are 4 candidates “short” before we begin.

The District Board Meeting January 31

The District Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 31st at Pat's house, beginning at 6PM.

Both AMBUCS National President Connie Oltman and Sue Haywood – “AmTryke MAMA” will be in attendance.

GreeneBucs members are encouraged to attend, and meet and hear two of the most passionate advocates of AmBucs, AmTrykes, and our mission of helping those in need.

Among other items to be discussed will be election of a new District Governor (Pat has served for 3 years now).

Spring Training April 25th and 26th

Spring Training will be April 25th and 26th In Battle Creek Michigan. At the Holiday Inn.

It is for all District Governors and Officers and anyone else that would like to come for some Ambucs training and friendship.

This is a great opportunity to get some real understanding of all the ‘ins and outs’ of Ambucs.

Contact Sandy Zimmerman for more information at 937-429-3764 or email zimmzimm@sbcglobal.net

Christmas Auction Brings Holiday Cheer To Four Oaks Families



Once again, because of the success of the Christmas Auction, Greenebucs was able to provide gifts, toys and food items for families of Four Oaks children.

With the aid of the Four Oaks staff, four families were chosen to be sponsored by Greenebucs. The sizes, needs and hopes of all these families varied, but the outcome was the same – many smiley faces and happy families on Christmas morning. This year's families included a single mother with 1 child, grandparents raising grandchildren and a family with 5 children. Sizes vary, but there is no common thread that runs throughout – the need for assistance is real!

7 of us gathered on Monday, December 10th and “shopped until we dropped” – and then went back the next day to finish off what we had not purchased the night before! And then on Wednesday, December 12th about 20 of us gathered for an evening of non stop wrapping, socializing and good food while we organized all the gifts by family. Gifts were brought to the MRDD Board office on Thursday and were delivered to families before the Christmas break began on December 24th.

In addition to the Four Oaks families, Greenebucs also sponsored a family supported by United Way of Greene County. Because over the last several years this need has surfaced, and because of the generosity of our members and community friends who support the auction, Greenebucs has been able to expand its base of support.

Needless to say all the families were overjoyed and full of gratitude for our efforts. If you were not able to participate in any of these activities this year, mark your calendars early for 2008. The auction will be held on Wednesday December 3, while the shopping and wrapping will be on December 8 and 10 respectively.



More Pictures From The Auction



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REMEMBER: GREENEBUCS LUNCH IS HELD THE 1ST & 3RD WED. OF EVERY MONTH 12-1 AT THE BEAVERCREEK GOLF COURSE
1ST OF MONTH IS BIG HAT MEETING AND RAFFLE : THE 3RD OF EACH MONTH IS SPEAKER MEETING .

January 2008

January 7th

Board Meeting
Place TBA

January 16th

*Luncheon Meeting

January 23

6:00 PM
Beef O'Brady's

January 31st

District Board Meeting

* Note switch of meetings, Big Hat
is now the 1st Wednesday

February 2008

February 4th

Board Meeting
Pat Buckholt's

February 6th

*Big Hat Meeting

February 20th

*Luncheon Meeting

March 2008

March 3rd

Board Meeting
Place TBA

March 5th

*Big Hat Meeting

March 19th

*Luncheon Meeting