

LAPEER OPTIMIST- LUNCH BULLETIN

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An unknown number of members (your bulletin editor forgot to count) met at Gerlach's and enjoyed a hamtastic Christmas lunch. In addition to the ham there were many side dishes including of course the fresh baked cookies. Tis the season of Christmas miracles as there was also free beer for those in attendance for an early pub crawl start. It was a great birthday celebration for Gary Bates, Tony M. and some guy named Jesus.

Another program streak has begun – 1! Courtesy of Rick Burroughs (he's the older Burroughs with the pretty hair) was Nancy Boxley the new Executive Director of the Lapeer County Community Foundation. Nancy was hired just a couple weeks ago after having spent most of her career as the DDA director for the village of Almont. She provided a brief history of the LCCF, including that it was established in 1996 with an initial gift of \$20,000 from Bob and Laura Meyers. The foundation has grown significantly and now has assets in excess of 9 million including over \$19,000 from the Optimists. The Foundation is expected to grow its assets by the hundreds of dollars upon the settlement of the Cassabon trust. The LCCF donates about 4% of its assets annually to varied Lapeer county causes. All of this money is raised without chicken, beer or gambling. Very impressive.

In other news, our Lapeer Days fine for serving a minor is officially \$300. At least we know the state will spend it more productively than we would have. Upcoming programs:

- 12-29 new sheriff Scott McKinnon (another Burroughs)
- 1-5 Tyler Schull to discuss his vision for a permanent enclosure for four of the Optimist tennis courts (Butterfield)
- 1-12 tba (Roy)
- 1-19 tba (Carter)
- 1-26 how to break an irrevocable trust (Cassabon)