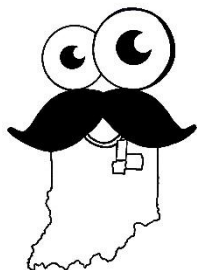


Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society Newsletter

January 31st, 2018



Hello there, facial hair friends! We have had such a stellar second half of the year! We sure hope you all had a fantastic 2017 and we wish you all the best for the New Year!

First of all, we'd like to express our most heartfelt gratitude to our current members, both Standard and Support. Without you all, we wouldn't be here. It's that simple, and we love you all for it!

Standard: Jeremiah Crafton, Melissa Crafton, Joshua Eaks, Ashley Eaks, Jeff Wren, Tom Pruitt, Thomas Pruitt, Chris Crafton, John Gilson, John Blair, Ty Chittum, Frank Utt, Wade Rainey, Cory Hemp, Chris Mershon, Eric Wertz

Support: Marian Wren, Teresa Pruitt, Annie Pruitt, Shellie Sanford, Helen Tierney, Laurie Reynolds, Brandi Chittum, Shanna Utt, Mandy Mershon, Karen Gilson, Haylee Hemp

****If you are still receiving these newsletters but aren't listed above that means WE MISS YOU and would love to have you back again as one of our members and proud supporters! It also means that your dues are PAST DUE. So get those in!! You can renew online at www.tricountybms.weebly.com under the STORE tab, or send your payment via PayPal to tricountybms@yahoo.com!**

****On the same subject- We have updated our bylaws to reflect the changes of women being able to be a standard member and have a vote. These changes were effective 01/01/18. In addition, there have been slight changes to the definition of what a Standard and Support Membership entails.**

Next, we'd like to send a big THANK YOU out to all of our 19 sponsors for 2017 and our new (and renewing) 16 sponsors for 2018!! Without the following list of people, there are so many things we wouldn't be able to do. We APPRECIATE EACH ONE OF YOU MORE THAN YOU KNOW!!

Our 2017 Sponsors:

Slick Music Studio

Bastin Honey Bee Farm

Haley's Lawn Care

Winzer

Advantage Wire

Chittum Studios

The Stampede String Band

The Rugged Company

Lapel Eagles #4323

Chris Crafton

Jeff & Marian Wren

Davey & Kelly Avenatti

Dennis Molina

Momma & Poppa T

Thomas Wayne Pruitt

Eric & Cortney

Angie & Scott Brownfield

Jeremiah & Melissa Crafton

Teacher's Credit Union

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Chittum Studios

The Stampede String Band

Thomas Wayne Pruitt

The Hammer & The Hatchet

Applied Tree Services

Bearded Hero, LLC

Fortville Feeders

Nancy Elliot

Eric Baker

Momma & Poppa T Pruitt

"The Chief" AKA Dennis

Dan & Dawn Milburn

Jeremy & Melissa Crafton

OTHER NEWS

Our student at Studio 3 in Pendleton is doing an awesome job! She even recently auditioned for The Voice in Indianapolis, but unfortunately didn't advance. We are super proud of this young lady and can't wait to see how she progresses in the future!

We've only repaired a few donated instruments, as it was decided that we repair on an as needed basis to save the integrity of strings, pads, corks and the like. We are always collecting instruments! (Except pianos, organs and the like.)

The 3rd Annual "Beards for Band; Mustaches for Music" was a huge success! We had a great raffle table thanks to all of you, and couldn't be more thrilled with the evening! Together we raised over \$1700! Thank you, thank you!

Elections we held at the November monthly meeting. 2018-2019 Board is as follows:

Jeremiah Crafton- President,
Ashley Eaks- Secretary,

Joshua Eaks- Vice President,
Jeff Wren- Sentinel,

Melissa Crafton- Treasurer,
Ty Chittum- Recruiter

CLUB EVENTS/FESTIVALS

Golf Outing (The "Fun" one), will be on Sunday, May 20th, 2018. Course to be determined at next monthly meeting. We will need some volunteers for this one! Round up your teams of 4! We're always looking for hole sponsors, as well as beverage cart sponsors, and gift bag sponsors!

We're scheduled for our first festival **July 13th and 14th** at the **Lapel Village Fair**, in Lapel, Indiana! Be sure to stop by our booth and say hello! Town wide rummages also all weekend!! We are also looking into doing a kid-friendly competition the same weekend, during the festival. More details in the coming months, has yet to be finalized and/or approved.

OTHER EVENTS AND LOCAL(ISH)COMPETITIONS:

Beards for Brains and Bridges- Saturday, **February 10th, 2018-** Kokomo, Indiana at the Event Center

Cincinnati Bock Fest Beard Competition- Saturday, **March 3rd, 2018**

Bearded Hero 3- Ft. Wayne, IN- Saturday, **April 21st, 2018**

Beards Behind Bars 2- Mansfield, Ohio- Saturday, **June 30th, 2018**

2018 Great American Beard & Mustache Championships- Richmond, Va- **LAST weekend in September**

Cincinnati Beard Barons Competition- Newport, Kentucky, Saturday, **October 13th, 2018**

4th Annual "Beards for Band; Mustaches for Music" Saturday, **October 27th, 2018-** Lapel, Indiana

Circus of Whiskers- Detroit, Michigan- Saturday, **November 3rd, 2018**

As this is the beginning of the year, there will be many more events and competitions posted in the future. We will keep you updated on those via our FB page!

For the love of music, keep it growing!!

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