

January 2020



Hello there, friends and family! We have had a great finish to 2019. We hope you all have had a fun end of year filled with friends, music and an abundance of facial hair! Our total amount raised for 2019 is \$12,533.47!!! That is completely amazing and has been our best year yet!! Let's see if we can beat that total in 2020!

First of all, we'd like to express our most heartfelt gratitude to our 2019 members, both Standard and Support. Without you all, we wouldn't be here. It's that simple, and we love you all for it!

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To all of the others who contributed time, money, supplies, encouragement, and patience- words cannot describe how appreciative we are to have your support for our organization!!

Our 2019 Sponsors:

Next, we'd like to send another big THANK YOU out to all of our Sponsors for 2019. 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!!

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Jeremy & Melissa Crafton

Golf Sponsors: Fortville Feeders, Advantage Wire and Machine, Lapel Eagles #4323

CLUB EVENTS/INFO/FESTIVALS

We are now sponsoring a new student who just started band this past year playing the saxophone. His application essay was priceless as he plans to "get all the ladies with his smooth jazz"! He's already excelling and playing wonderful music with the school band! We look forward to supporting his future musical endeavors!

Our 5th Annual "Beards for Band; Mustaches for Music" we held in October was a huge success! We raised \$5,222.00! Included in that total is the \$1749.00 raised for Breast Cancer Awareness via the "Mystery Boobie Garden" auction! That's the most we've ever raised in one evening- Stellar Job!! We would also like to thank the two bands that continuously donate their time for us for the day and we can't thank them enough! **Thomas Wayne Pruitt and Whiskey Machine (aka The Stampede String Band)**- you all are the most amazing fellas and we can't thank you enough!! We had a new photographer this year, and Laura Getzen kept up with all of our craziness and captured some great photos!! Great job and many thanks to her!! We can't wait to do it again in October!

We had another great year setting up at a couple of festivals; Lapel Village Fair in July and at Atlanta Earth Festival in September, and even a "Back to School Bash" here in Lapel in August. We always love seeing repeat customers and

meeting new people that have a love of facial hair and music! If you've never made it to Atlanta, IN the last weekend of September, you're missing out!! Come and visit us on Broadway Street this coming fall!

Although we only had one golf outing this year, the fall golf outing was so much fun! Everyone seems to enjoy the games we have at the holes, and we even had a chance to win \$10,000 on a hole in one. No one managed to win, but Shellie Sanford was pretty darn close—literally only feet away! (Maybe next time!!) We'll continue to have "Beards, Bogeys and Mustaches for Music" golf outings twice a year- once in the spring/summer, once in the fall. Tentative date for the Spring/Summer outing is: Sunday, June 7th-more details to come, watch for updates on the TCBMS Facebook page.

We were the event host again for the Annual Bearded Family Christmas Party put together by Bearded Hero. We had so much fun and hope you all did too! We had chili cook-off, ugly sweater contest, raffle table, and white elephant gift exchange! Best part? We raised just over \$800.00 for our two charities, splitting 50/50!!

We have sent out almost \$4000.00 to all of our schools in our 3 counties that have active music programs. Each school received \$100.00 to be allocated for the purchase of sheet music. We also included an introduction packet with the donation that includes copies of our applications, FAQ sheet, and a letter to let each school know who we are, who we can help, and what we offer. We hope that this will intrigue students and get them to apply for assistance. We'd love to be helping more students in need! We have also sent out \$100.00 each to the Lapel Food Pantry, Frankton-Lapel Community Schools, and Madison County Humane Society as a Christmas donation, and also collected a ton of school supplies that were donated to the Lapel Elementary/Middle School.

Our date for our 6th Annual "Beards for Band; Mustaches for Music" is Saturday, October 24th! Mark your calendars! It will remain at the Lapel Eagles #4323. 21+ only. Similar schedule as the last several years.

OTHER EVENTS AND LOCAL(ISH)COMPETITIONS COMING UP:

New Beards Bash- Richmond, IN- Saturday **January 11th, 2020-** **(Bearded Villains Indiana)**

WhiskerMania 4- Louisville, KY -Saturday **January 25th, 2020-** **(Derby City Whisker Club)**

Love is in the Hair- Celina, Ohio- Saturday, **February 15th, 2020-** **(Mercer County FHC) **Kid friendly!!**

Beards for Brains & Bridges- Kokomo, IN- Saturday, **March 7th 2020** ****Kid friendly!!**

Bearded Hero 4- Fort Wayne, IN- **April 4th, 2020-** **(Bearded Hero)**

Bentley's Buddies Bowling/Beard Competition- Saturday, **May 2nd, 2020-** **(TCBMS) **Kid friendly!!**

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

See you all at the next meeting on Thursday, January 16th, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Lapel Eagles!

For the love of music, keep it growing!!

Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society