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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Memorial Day 2003. We find ourselves reminded of all the wars we've been involved in. This year is special, for again we have stemmed the tide of tyranny and oppression. Unfortunately, lives were lost to achieve this goal. This is why we celebrate this day, to honor those who gave their lives for us to live in freedom in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Opening day was a huge success, with the weatherman cooperating fully. We have over 800 kids participating. A big THANK YOU goes to Randy Pollitt for the effort he is putting in every day to keep the fields ready to play and to help out with the fix-it problems with the club. His effort should be remembered when you consider who should help run your club next year.

Thanks again Randy.

This is the biggest time of the year for the club. Please put forth the effort wherever and whatever you can do to help. Sell those tickets, volunteer to help at the carnival, plan to march in the parade, and come down and enjoy your club.

Ray Bricking Jr.

Letter to Community News

As the flowers are in bloom and everything is growing, we are happy to see that spring is here to stay. Although our grass has been cut a few times already, it's a great feeling to know the warm weather is here. We can't wait to get outside and do our yard work and let the children out to play once again.

Our Youth Baseball and Volleyball Leagues have been playing for a few weeks now and should be getting the feel of their game by now. These players enjoy all the fun of playing on a team that will be a competitive sport where every player will get to play regardless of their ability. Our Club has been here to help these children for many years. We offer the children of this area a safe place for them to play and enjoy the summer. Our Club is here for the children and is planning to be here in the years ahead. As always, our hope is that you will come down and watch your child play and give them and their team a lot of support. They will love you for it.

Our Ladies Auxiliary has been spending lots of time and money to add some new equipment to our children's playground in the picnic area. We are sorry to say that someone has been doing damage to this new equipment already. It is a shame that they would come down and destroy this very nice area that is for the younger children. Should you see or know anyone doing damage to this area **please** let us know or call the police. Who would think that someone would do this, with that all we do for the youngsters of this area.

We hope you'll remember our Carnival again this year. The dates are June 13, 14, 15 this year, so come down and join the fun. There will be games, rides, food and drinks for the young and old. Along with our Carnival is our Money Raffle, which will be awarded on the Saturday night of our Carnival. You can get a raffle ticket from any member of our club or at the Money Raffle booth on the grounds.

Don't forget our Ladies Auxiliary is also selling their Lotto tickets, which will have 15 drawings of \$100.00 each. The first drawing will be held

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on June 6 and then every other Friday after that. The donation is \$10.00 for each ticket. Each winning ticket will be put back in the bin for more chances for you to win. Be sure and get your ticket from a Ladies Auxiliary member or call Denise at (859) 431-6317.

As we know this is the month for us to honor our fallen comrades with a Memorial Day. Every year our city holds a parade to honor these brave men and women. Various services will be held along the route. We at the Bellevue Veterans Club will march in great numbers down Fairfield Avenue to our Club, where a ceremony will take place, to honor all our fallen comrades. We must not forget these brave men and women for the sacrifice they made for our country and us so we can be free. Our country has been in many wars over the years and we have saved so many other countries and their people from evil dictators to help them obtain freedom. In doing that our comrades made the supreme sacrifice so those people could see what it is to be free. Lady Liberty stands in our New York Harbor and tells all who sees her know that she

stands for freedom of opportunity, speech, and the pursuit of happiness. This is what our brave men and ladies wanted to protect for our country and us. Lets not forget them and please keep them in your prayers.

As we watch all the TV coverage of the war in Iraq we are given a feeling of just what war is about. It shows the pain and suffering of our fighting troops and the people of Iraq. Some of the people of Iraq and our troops will die or be injured. But as we know it's the big price we must pay for freedom. We have seen how happy these people are to have a chance to see what freedom is. Lets hope it will last a lifetime and we have no more wars. We pray that these tropes will be coming home to their families very soon.

GOD BLESS AMERICA and KEEP OUR TROOPS SAFE

Dick Schaiper

Carnival

Carnival planning is in full swing now. The details are being worked out and the event

is starting to come together. If you would like to work at the carnival or help setting up please contact Terry, Kris or

anyone on the committee. This event takes a lot of work and is our main fundraiser.

New booths this year:

The Rat Man (similar to the old turtle race game.)

Money Raffle by Marylou Hampleman

Let's have a great year. Sell, Sell, Sell those tickets.

Dates to remember

June 12,13,14 Carnival

OPENING DAY

A great turnout for this event. Our grounds were filled with activity for the day. Great job of planning by the Baseball and Volleyball Committees.

Memorial Day Parade and events

The parade will start on May 26th at Dayton monument at 11:30am. Uniform is dress black pants and white shirt with black tie