



**Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve, Inc.**

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To our members and friends:

November/December 2017

**Turkey Raffle and Auction**

Our Annual Fall raffle and auction fundraiser was again a smashing success thanks to your enthusiastic participation: contest ticket sales and purchases, donated gift cards, generous bids for donated auction items and delicious donated baked goods. Your enthusiastic support for, and attendance at, the event was strong and gratifying -- an 11% increase in net revenue after last year's 38% increase! Approximately 28% of our members sold raffle tickets; a strong participation rate for any group of which we can all be proud. Note the financial results outlined below; large increases in raffle ticket sales despite lower auction and bake sale proceeds caused us to increase our net by almost fifteen hundred dollars over last year. This year's winner of the raffle Grand Prize 55" Television was Jenna Curran. Congratulations to Jenna and her family!

**This year's results as compared to the prior 4 years:**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Turkey Ticket Sales	\$12,928	\$13,504	\$13,245	\$16,125	\$17,575
Auction	790	444	939	1,419	1,083
Bake Sale	383	210	395	443	200
Expenses	\$4,758	\$4,980	\$4,459	\$3,381	3,407
Net Revenue	\$9,343	\$ 9,177	\$10,120	\$13,986	\$15,460

Many thanks to the top sellers of our Turkey Raffle tickets who sold 6 or more books:

<u>Seller</u>	<u>Books Sold</u>	<u>Seller</u>	<u>Books Sold</u>
Gerald Tienstra	12	Wedy Potterton	8
Craig Johnson	10	John Sandala	8
Dan Boss	8	Roy Jimenez	6
Jeanette LaPlante	8	Anthony Gaik	6

**Thank you to the volunteers supporting this year's event:**

Shawn Straney -- solicited gift cards, auctioneer, hall take down  
 Mark Leschuck -- assisted with auction and bake sale, solicited gift cards  
 Dave Smith -- all things "treasury"

Joyce Semmler -- recording raffle ticket and Grand Prize winners  
 Fred Kolodziej -- accepted raffle tickets during office hours.  
 Henry and Marie Jassica -- refreshments and supplies purchase, PA set up, hall set up  
 Craig Johnson -- bake sale crew coordination  
 Bob Enright -- accepted and recorded all raffle ticket donations, set up event sign, solicited gift cards -- a special thanks to Bob for the many hours he worked in the office!  
 John Newgard -- assisted auctioneers and set up event sign  
 Dan Galen -- hall set up  
 John Sandala -- hall set up and take down  
 Greg Busler -- accepted raffle tickets during office hours, helped set up event sign  
 John Brinkman -- auctioneer, hall set up and take down, solicited gift cards  
 Dan Carey -- assisted auctioneers

Thank you to Walt’s Foods and our local merchants:

Our turkey coupons are printed and provided by Walt’s Foods. Thanks to Sherry Dunlap for her assistance. Walt’s Foods supports the Preserve in many ways throughout the year and we greatly appreciate it. The following merchants made generous donations of gift certificates and/or merchandise in support of that event. We thank them wholeheartedly for their generous and increasing support and we urge all of our members to send business their way.

5th Quarter & Press Room 18105 Dixie Hwy, Homewood	Goodspeed Cycles 2125 183rd St., Homewood
Aurelio's Pizza 18162 Harwood Ave., Homewood	Grady's Grille 18147 Harwood Ave, Homewood
Bohemian Joes 17940 Torrence Ave, Lansing	Healthy Hounds Canine Nutrition 2546 Central Dr., Flossmoor
Bozo’s Hot Dogs 201 S. Williams, Thornton	Jimboos 106 E Margaret St, Thornton
Care Cleaners 18215 Dixie Hwy, Homewood	La Voute Bistro 2034 Ridge Rd., Homewood
Copper Still Martini Bar & Lounge 1961 Ridge Rd, Homewood	Mama & Me Pizza 18219 Dixie Hwy, Homewood
Flossmoor Station Brewing Co. 1035 Sterling Ave., Flossmoor	Mulch Masters 17900 Harper St., Lansing
Gabe's Place 9 E Main St., Glenwood	Neil Decorating 708-758-5840
Glenwood Oaks 106 N Main St., Glenwood	Tin Ceiling Tavern 2021 Ridge Rd, Homewood
Glenwood Paint & Wallpaper 113 E Main St., Glenwood	Twisted Q BBQ 2053 Ridge Rd., Homewood
Tool Planet 831 Maple Ave, Homewood	

**General Meeting Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>---“All About Bees and Beekeeping”**

Back by popular demand, our chief beekeeper, Mike Rusnak, will present a program on beekeeping and bees. Mike will discuss the benefits of honey bees as pollinators, discuss this

year's success at the recently established apiary on the Preserve near the Dedert property, and provide an overview of getting started in beekeeping. On 6 successive Mondays starting Feb 19, 2018, a **BEEKEEPING COURSE** will be conducted in the cabin. The course will be limited to 25 participants (first come, first served) costing \$50 for current members and \$75 for non members (who will then get a membership valid to 3-31-19) . Members get an exclusive to sign up through Jan 2; thereafter, open to all. To register please drop off a check (include a note referencing the course) at the cabin made out to HIWP. Lastly, our **IZAAK WALTON HONEY** is available at the cabin for \$8 for an 12oz jar -- makes an excellent stocking stuffer.

### **2017 RUN FOREST RUN TRAIL RACE WINNERS**

Lightening, thunder and a downpour 20 minutes before race time did not discourage the 60 runners who participated in our eleventh annual 4 mile Run Forest Run trail race. We keep this event simple: fastest men and women are the winners-no age brackets, no corporate sponsors, no loud music or big banners to mar the beauty of our Preserve! Thanks again to all of the participants and volunteers, and especially race organizers Nick Quirke and John Brinkman, for coordinating this event and making the 2017 Run Forest Run a great race and a resounding success.

Thanks again to the Fifth Quarter and Mark Madison for donating the excellent pizza, and to Ashley Heyman, Brian Quirke, and the Quirke girls for timing the race. Thanks also to volunteers Henry Jassica, Greg Busler, John Sandala, Craig Johnson, John Newgard, and Kevin Jennings acting as trail marshals and manning the water stand. We look forward to hosting all of the runners again next year.

For updates throughout the year, photos from race day, group run schedules and chances to win entries into next year's race, like RUN FOREST RUN on FACEBOOK.

#### **MALE WINNERS**

1: Gareth Reeves	26:34
2: Will Maharry	26:39
3: Joe Eagle	27:18

#### **FEMALE WINNERS**

1. Kaila Konecki	28:37
2. Valerrie Valente	29:40
3. Allison Foster	29:53

Link to full results can be found at: <http://www.runtheforest.com/2017>

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Memberships for 2017 totaled 1,242. This is 77 under the year-prior number for a reduction of 6%. Despite the disappointment, the Board feels that activities at the Preserve are as high as ever and these activities include hundreds of volunteer hours from our many members. Volunteer efforts include the installation of handrails on bridges, efforts to restore native plants while eradicating invasive species, many tons of gravel placed on top of trails, lake-shore improvements, fish stocking & water quality monitoring, building & equipment maintenance, rehabilitation of gardens with native perennials, snow removal, and the list goes on and on. Your

membership dollars help to make this all possible so please spread the word that Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve needs annual memberships – still only \$25. Memberships for 2018 are now available in the office.

Your President,  
*John Brinkman*

## **HOMEWOOD IZAAK WALTON PRESERVE PROGRAM**

### **JANUARY 2017 PROGRAM**

**DATE: THURSDAY JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**PLACE: ARTHUR SENIOR HALL 1100 Ridge Road, Homewood**

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