



Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve, Inc.

Dedicated to Service in Conservation

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To our members and friends:

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Turkey Raffle and Auction Results

Our Annual Fall raffle and auction fundraiser was again a great 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: attendance at the event was a bit larger than last year and our pre-event pizza and pop sales (new this year) were quite popular. Net revenue increased again to another record though only slightly higher than last year. Overall revenue was down 5% but we reduced expenses by 26% for a net positive. Membership participation rate was down a bit but still a strong rate of which we can all be proud. Note the financial results outlined below for the last four years. This year's winner of the raffle Grand Prize of \$500 cash was Jim Fogerty from Lansing. Congratulations to Jim!

This year's results as compared to the prior 3 years:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Turkey Ticket Sales	\$13,245	\$16,125	\$17,575	\$16,584
Auction	939	1,419	1,526	1612
Bake Sale	395	443	200	173
Pizza /pop sales				145
Expenses	\$4,459	\$3,381	3,407	2,501
Net Revenue	\$10,120	\$13,986	\$15,895	\$16,012
Member participation rate	25%	24%	28%	23%

Many thanks to the top sellers of our Turkey Raffle tickets who sold 5 or more books:

<u>Seller</u>	<u>Books Sold</u>
Gerald Tienstra	12
Dan Boss	8
John Sandala	6
Renata Burroughs	5

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

Tony and Marie Talerico - donated and obtained pizza; served and sold pizza and pop
Tony Talerico Jr - helped with snacks and served water and soft drinks
Shawn Straney - Solicited gift cards
Dan Carey - assisted auctioneer
Dave Smith - all things "treasury"
Joyce Semmler - recording raffle ticket and Grand prize winners
Fred Kolodziej - Accepted raffle tickets during office hours
Jill Sharbano - donated all snacks; hall set up
Craig Johnson - bake sale crew coordination
Bob Enright - Accepted and recorded raffle ticket sales
John Newgard - assisted auctioneer
Dan Galen - hall set up and take down
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, donated drinks
Todd and Cindy Wittenberg - assisted with Door prize coordination

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

Our \$30 gift cards are printed and provided by Walt's Foods. Walt's also generously provided \$200 in gift certificates for the auction. Thanks to Kathie Neumeyer and Sherry Dunlap for their assistance. Walt's Foods supports the Preserve in many ways throughout the year which we greatly appreciate.

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 Snack and Dine 18147 Harwood Ave, Homewood
Dunnings Market 1050 Sterling, Flossmoor	Healthy Hounds Canine Nutrition 2546 Central Dr., Flossmoor
Twisted Q BBQ 2053 Ridge Road, Homewood	Lassen's Sports Bar & Grill 2131 183 rd St, Homewood
Copper Still Martini Bar & Lounge 1961 Ridge Road, Homewood	La Voute Bistro 2034 Ridge Rd., Homewood
Tin Ceiling Tavern 2021 Ridge Rd, Homewood	Mama & Me Pizza 18219 Dixie Hwy, Homewood
Flossmoor Station Brewing Co. 1035 Sterling Ave., Flossmoor	Mulch Masters 17900 Harper St., Lansing
Van Sipma Jewelers 2011 Ridge Road, Homewood	Neil Decorating 708-758-5840

2018 RUN FOREST RUN TRAIL RACE WINNERS

On a beautiful but chilly morning in early November, 65 runners participated in our twelfth 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! Unique to the race this year was a 50' water hazard as a result of the flooded trails. Dan Galen and John Brinkman built a small walkway out of spare wood planks to allow the runners to avoid the water on the trail. 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 2018 Run Forest Run a great race and a resounding success.

Thanks to Ashley Heyman, Brian Quirke, and MJ Mahary 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: David Cooke	24:11
2: Michael Baxa	25:16
3: Angus Atkins-Trimnel	26:21

FEMALE WINNERS

1. Valerie Valenti	28:49
2. Kate Wachtor	30:31
3. Margie Hockenberry	29:53

Link to full results can be found at: <http://www.runtheforest.com/2018>

FLOODED TRAILS---UPDATE

We reported this problem in our last (October) newsletter. The Village made best efforts to alleviate the problem with their pump until the onset of colder weather made further use of the pump infeasible. Subsequently, we experienced two bouts of rain/snow so now the flooding has become much worse. As of this writing (12/10) the county is scheduled to begin work on the blockage on Tuesday (12/11) somewhere out on 175th St. Hopefully, we will have resolution soon and the water level will recede so that the trails are no longer flooded. We will update you again in our January newsletter.

ROOF REPAIRS

Due to ice damming on some improperly installed roof shingles, we had some water damage inside the cabin in March. A falling branch also poked a hole in our eastern pavilion roof. We asked Mike Triumph to make the repairs for us as a volunteer and he graciously did so. So, we thank Mike for his volunteerism and we encourage our members to contact him at 708/ 798-1348 for any needed roof repairs. Mike took over the business of D Brown Roofing which has been operating in Homewood for many years.

Your President,
John Brinkman

NO JANUARY PROGRAM THIS YEAR

! HAPPY HOLIDAYS !