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Dear Members, Neighbors & Friends,

Wow, where should I start? Now that I have the chance to 'write my own letters', the thoughts are just flooding out of my brain. Although that will probably change within a few months.

First, I want to THANK everyone that was involved in any way with Casino Night and Field Day. It takes many people to pull off these events and we all should be proud to have volunteer members of the NGLCO that are willing to give their time and efforts towards putting the details together. They include; Mark Gilson, Dave Kappele, Skip Dugan, Bill Weaver, Kurt Knisely, Tom Green, Chuck VonHof, Randy Zondag and of course Annette (what would we do without all her emails to keep us in line).

Secondly, sponsorships truly make things happen. I know we get hit from all sides to make a donation, contribute to this or that and sponsor different functions and in this 'economic time' (gosh, I dislike that phrase) we must draw a line on where our limited dollars go. Therefore, a huge THANK YOU to the companies that helped us with the Golf Outing, along with the Casino Night and Field Day.

Speaking of our three largest NGLCO gatherings, the Golf Outing's attendance was about average compared to other years and turned out great. Nice course, delicious pig roast, weather cooperated perfectly and most important, the participants had fun. We will be having the outing at Erie Shores again next June 17. The location for Casino Night was a huge hit and we received many favorable comments! You just can't beat LaMalfa's food, service and assistance with set-up. The Lake Farm Parks' setting was super for Field Day. Vendors and attendees enjoyed having the shady areas. Our vendor booths ran about average, but regrettably the attendee numbers were below average. We can only contribute that fact to the economy...not location.

On September 10, a few of our members met with John Miceli, Steve LaTourette's representative from Washington D.C. We discussed many of the important issues that we are all facing and he will relay them to the Congressman. Hopefully, this is a step in the right direction for future help from 'the government'. Speaking of government, due to scheduling we will not be able to have a 'meet the candidates' evening, but the Madison-Perry Chamber of Commerce is having a candidates luncheon at DeRubertis in Madison that we can attend (member or not). It is October 7 and cost \$12.00. Reservations are needed by September 30. I have attended their luncheon in the past and it is run smoothly and efficiently (in other words, it doesn't take up the entire day). Please seriously consider attending to keep up-to-date with our local representatives.

Other future ventures; everyone has already received the details of the AGI dinner at Holden Arboretum this coming Tuesday. Reservations can still be made by calling Beth at the Extension office 350-2584, there will be no walk ins allowed, so call ASAP. This is a nice chance to mingle with other associations.

The **NGLCO's October 12 dinner meeting** is going to be a very informative one. Kevin Thompson, the new Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association director and Jen Gray will be there, as well as Bob Dolibois, Executive Vice President of the American Nursery and Landscape Association and Craig Regelbrugge, V.P. of Government Relations & Research, also from the ANLA. If you have never heard Bob or Craig speak before, you will be glad that you came. If you have witnessed them before, you know that they always provide a wealth of knowledge from the Washington, D.C. side. The full details will be sent out soon, but mark it on your calendar now so that you don't miss the meeting.

Another quick note, be sure that your **dues** are up-to-date as we will be putting the **new map** (the biggest item that the NGLCO is known for) together in the coming weeks and you will not be included if you are not current.

In closing (I know, finally), please keep everyone in Wooster in your thoughts as they begin the long road of rebuilding and reorganizing!!!

Thank you for your attention,

Carol Lyons  
Sunleaf Nursery  
President NGLCO

'I know you cannot live on hope alone, but without it, life isn't worth living.'