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Meetings held the third Tuesday of every month (except December and January), at 7:00PM, at the Longview Center, 1497 Longview Ave., Mansfield, OH. Beginners' Half Hour from 6:30 to 7:00PM. Members and guests welcome.

Newsletter, February 2018

Happy New Year, fellow Beekeepers!

Hope this finds you and your bees doing well...I know we are all so very ready for SPRING!

Our next meeting will be February 20, 2018, at 7:00PM, at the Longview Center, immediately preceded by our **Beginners' Q & A, from 6:30 to 7:00**. This is an open question-answer session for beginning beekeepers, or anyone who has a question or unusual situation to discuss, mentored by Hager Hicks (and possibly others). *If you arrive early, please be respectful of this learning session.*

We will be electing officers and discussing committees and activities for the coming year at this meeting. We are still looking for a new secretary, as Janet Cramer (that's me) has fulfilled the four years in that office allowed by our constitution. If you would be willing to be nominated for this position, please let Nominating Committee Chairman Brian Wade, or any of the officers, know in advance or at the meeting. Your club needs you! (I will be available to guide, assist, annoy, if you want.)

Our new webmaster, Bruce Briggs, is working hard on our new website and would welcome your ideas and suggestions for what you would like it to be and do. Look him up at the meeting and give him some input and encouragement! As part of our OSBA affiliation, our new site will be linked to and accessible from theirs. (I'll update our web address as soon as Bruce gives me the OK.) You can also take a look at our Facebook page - and don't forget to 'like' it!

Our program will be presented by Doug Stanton, Morrow county apiary inspector, who has been keeping bees since he was just a kid; his topic will be Bringing Your Bees from Winter into Spring. This can be a very tricky time of year and this winter has been hard on the bees already. Come and bring your questions and concerns for Doug and our experienced beekeepers to answer and opine. Let's get our bees strong and healthy for those lovely dandelions!

Refreshments will be provided by Hager Hicks. Raffle will be held if someone brings something! *Hope to see you all there!*

REMINDER: Only the officers and directors will introduce themselves at the beginning of each meeting, rather than all members. **Please state your name when you introduce or second a motion for vote, or have a comment or question.** The minutes of the November meeting and treasurer's report for December 31, 2017, are attached to this newsletter. Please review them and be prepared to approve or amend as needed, as they will not be read in the meeting.

Please feel free to email or call me if there's something you would like to see in future issues, either one-time announcements or ongoing features. This is YOUR newsletter! **HAPPY BEEKEEPING!**

Janet Cramer, Secretary