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NEIBA NEWS



It All Depends on the Queen... and You!

RSVP FOR OUR HARVEST BANQUET BY NOVEMBER 12

Make reservations now for our annual Harvest Banquet featuring commercial beekeeper Kent Williams. The event will be held Thursday, November 21. Reservations are required by November 12. (See page 4.)

*Photo by
 Dean Gerber*

Kent’s talk will be “It All Depends on the Queen.” He will share insights gleaned from more than three decades as a beekeeper and the experience of managing 400 to 800 hives.

As we prepare our bees for the winter and make plans for 2020, remember that NEIBA depends on you. Just as every bee in the colony has its job to perform, we’ve got a role for you, too. (See page 2.) Your leadership and volunteerism are needed now more than ever to keep our association strong. We invite you to step forward and do your part! 🌻

President's Minute

Well, we have come to the end of another bee season. I want to thank John Paff for doing a great job with the newsletter and even a bonus newsletter.

John is looking for additional help with managing the newsletter, so if you can volunteer with this important task, please contact john@tuliptreehoney.com.



On a business note, I have not had anyone come forward with interest in leadership for the club. This includes President, Vice president, Treasurer, Secretary, or directorship. The directorship role has a 2 year commitment and all 4 directors have completed 2 or 3 years. The officers are a yearly appointment. If anyone has interest in participating in the leadership of the club, please send me an email. Thanks to all of those who do so much for this club both as officers and volunteers.

We will be planning to have our Trunk sale at the next meeting in February 2020. It will be at 6 p.m. which is one hour prior to the meeting. This was a huge success and would be a great time for new beekeepers to get equipment at usually great savings.

I will be holding a planning meeting in January (provided I'm still president) to discuss next year's agenda. March will be beginner's night but the rest of the year is open. I need to hear from you as to what you want to hear. Our club tries to balance teaching the basics and keeping the more advanced members interested. Remember, **this is your club** and we need your input.

Our speaker for the 2019 Harvest Banquet will be Kent Williams who runs 400-800 hives. I am sure this will be another interesting meeting with much to learn. Thanks to Duane Rekeweg for finding our speakers this year. His network of beekeepers has been invaluable.

As the bees hunker down for the cold winter, I wish a happy holiday season to all. Thanks for a great year.

— Chris

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October Minutes

President Chris LaSalle called the October 17, 2019 meeting to order with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. In matters of old business, it was noted that current officers and directors are up for re-election at the November Harvest Banquet. If anyone is interested in filling a position on the executive board, please contact President LaSalle.

We are also looking for another newsletter editor and extend thanks to John Paff who has done a tremendous job over the past year.

Three charitable contributions from the association were voted on and unanimously approved: \$2,000 to Classic Café for tables, \$200 to Becky Masterman, our June speaker for her beekeeper training program (University of Minnesota Bee Squad), and \$90 to Heifer International for 3 beehives to third world countries.

Dean Gerber gave the treasurer's report: \$392.04 in checking, \$8,253.15 in savings, for a total of \$8,645.19.

It was noted that the American Beekeeping Federation will hold its annual conference January 8-11, 2020 in Schaumburg, IL. This is likely the closest to us that the national organization will ever hold meetings. More details can be found at <https://abfconference.com>.

Dave Shenefield, our evening speaker, shared a wealth of practical knowledge from his many years as a commercial beekeeper. Dave is the largest commercial beekeeper in Indiana and has served several times as president of the state beekeepers organizations.

He said at the outset that if you're doing something with your bees that is successful, don't change your methods just because someone else is doing something else. Find what works for you. His main suggestions:

1. Use local bee stock
2. Monitor and control Varroa
3. Work with the bees "when they need it." Don't disturb the hive any more than necessary.

He also believes that Varroa mites become resistant to all treatments, so it's a good idea to change your treatment from time to time. He gave hints on when to treat, what you can treat with based on outside temperatures, and how often to treat. Based on his experience he shared thoughts on feeding bees, wrapping hives for winter, Varroa transmission of diseases to hives, raising queens. ☀



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HARVEST BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Thursday, November 21 - \$12 per person

Reservations must be received by November 12, 2019.

RSVP to Dean Gerber: 260-565-3773 or djgerber@adamswells.com

Guest Speaker: Kent Williams, commercial beekeeper

Classic Café Menu: Fancy Tossed Salad, Apple Almond Stuffed Chicken Breast, Ossian Pit Ham carved to order, Roasted Red Russet Parmesan Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans with Bacon, Assorted Cake/Pies, Rolls, Beverages.
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Upcoming Events

All meetings will be held at Classic Café

Harvest Banquet

Thursday, November 21 - 6:30 p.m.

Reservations required. See page 4.

Our annual Harvest Banquet will feature guest speaker Kent Williams, a commercial beekeeper from Kentucky. Kent has been a beekeeper for 30+ years and manages 400 to 800 hives. He raises queens and nucs, pollinates crops, and packs and sells honey. His topic will be "It All Depends on the Queen."

Welcome New Members

Lynn Anderson, Spencerville

Shawn Gatke, Churubusco

Reena Ramos, Auburn

No meetings in December or January

See you in February! ☀

Invite a New Beekeeper to join NEIBA. Share this newsletter and membership form with a friend and invite them to our next meeting!



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