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## President's Message

December 2014

As I write this article, it's cold and brisk. We've had several snows and thaws here in Strongsville. A couple of warm days were thrown in there also. During these warm days, the bees came out for cleansing flights, then went right back in as the temperatures dropped again. Folks, this is winter in Northeast Ohio!

You'll notice dead bees on the bottom of your hive. This is a natural occurrence. Just take a piece of curved wire and clean them out. You may also use this same wire to keep the entrance clear after a heavy snowfall. It is advisable to wear your headgear while doing so. Don't use your fingers to pull out the dead bees, you'll find out why!

Hopefully all the work you've put into getting your bees winterized will pay off in the spring. But for now, it's time to relax and go over your supplies. Repair or replace broken equipment. If you'd like to expand your bee yard next season, start planning now. You'll need to order packaged bees sooner than later. Catch up on those articles you've been collecting throughout the season. There is a wealth of knowledge also available to us on the internet. Take advantage of the time now.....before you know it, spring will be here.

It's been a great year and I want to thank each and every one of our members for their help and participation throughout the year. It is only possible to have such a great organization because of members like you. Enjoy the coming holidays with your family and friends.

Happy Holidays!

Dennis

## Association Notes

Reminder – the December meeting will have the annual Christmas potluck and have a honey tasting with prizes awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We will also elect the 2015 club officers. Every position is open – trustee, president, VP, treasurer and secretary.

Please bring a dish to share!

## Salted Honey Fudge

1/3 cup honey

24 oz. chocolate chips

1 can sweetened condensed milk

1 teaspoon vanilla

Sea salt

Spray 9 X 9 pan with Pam. In a large pot, melt together the honey, condensed milk and chocolate chips. Stir until completely melted and smooth. Remove from heat and add vanilla extract. Pour into pan. Sprinkle with a generous amount of sea salt on the top...pat gently. Let it cool. Cut into squares and serve. (from Ohio State Beekeepers Association)

## Honey Cranberry Jam

1 bag (12 oz) cranberries – fresh or frozen

¾ cup honey

Rinse cranberries and remove any stems. Place in saucepan. Add honey. Heat over medium/low heat until cranberries start to pop open. Stir frequently. Lower heat and continue stirring until jam thickens. Remove from heat and pour into containers.

You can even add a few grates of lemon rind or orange peel! Or you could throw in a cinnamon stick while everything is cooking - remember to remove it before pouring into containers. (from Ohio State Beekeepers Association)

## Holiday Honey Ham

Taken from American Bee Journal, November 2014

Place a bone-in country ham in a roasting pan (large enough to cook ham with cover on).

Score the upper surface of the ham in a cross hatch pattern about one inch deep using a sharp knife.

Place one whole clove in the center of each + made where the cuts intersect.

Use the one half cup of juice from a can of whole pineapple slices to mix a half cup of honey and one tablespoon of Maraschino cherry juice. Drizzle the juice/honey mixture slowly over the surface of the ham. Reserve the whole pineapple slices and cherries.

Place as many whole pineapple slices as possible on the surface of the ham. Pin a Maraschino cherry in that hole in the middle of each pineapple slice using a toothpick for the pin.

Cover your ham with the lid of your roasting pan. Place the ham in a 200 degree oven about between 10PM and midnight before your big holiday meal. The ham needs to cook for 8-10 hours on low heat.

# Association Finances

**Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of November 30, 2014

	<u>Nov 30, 14</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Fifth Third Bank	14,195.65
Petty Cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>14,295.65</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>14,295.65</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>14,295.65</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	12,126.59
Retained Earnings	31.77
Net Income	2,137.29
Total Equity	<u>14,295.65</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>14,295.65</u></u>

**Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association**  
**Profit & Loss**  
November 2014

	<u>Nov 14</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Fair Honey Sale Proceeds	50.00
Membership Dues	120.00
Raffles	
50/50	42.00
Total Raffles	<u>42.00</u>
Total Income	212.00
Expense	
Cuyahoga County Fair	
Supplies for Fair	23.68
Total Cuyahoga County Fair	23.68
Drawing Prize	185.95
Dues and Subscriptions	55.00
Total Expense	<u>264.63</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-52.63</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-52.63</u></u>

**Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association**  
**Profit & Loss YTD Comparison**  
November 2014

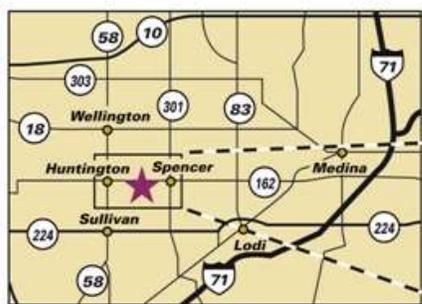
	<u>Nov 14</u>	<u>Jan - Nov 14</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Beekeeping Class Fees	0.00	2,705.00
Books-Beekeeping for Dummies	0.00	20.00
Conference		
Admissions	0.00	130.00
Food Sales	0.00	158.50
Raffle 50/50 - Conference	0.00	20.00
Raffle Hive-Conference	0.00	427.00
Sponsors	0.00	1,000.00
Total Conference	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,735.50</u>
Fair Honey Sale Proceeds	50.00	50.00
Membership Dues	120.00	1,160.00
Raffles		
50/50	42.00	344.00
Raffles - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>214.00</u>
Total Raffles	<u>42.00</u>	<u>558.00</u>
Total Income	212.00	6,228.50
Expense		
Conference Expense		
2014 Conference Raffle Items	0.00	334.00
Conference Speaker Fees	0.00	219.00
Food Expenses	0.00	741.53
Printing and Reproduction	0.00	9.17
Supplies	<u>0.00</u>	<u>46.37</u>
Total Conference Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,350.07</u>
Contributions	0.00	147.00
Cuyahoga County Fair		
Fair Prizes	0.00	90.00
Supplies for Fair	<u>23.68</u>	<u>117.50</u>
Total Cuyahoga County Fair	<u>23.68</u>	<u>207.50</u>
Drawing Prize	185.95	359.50
Dues and Subscriptions	55.00	112.00
Equipment	0.00	33.90
Exhibitor Fees	0.00	75.00
Insurance		
D&O Insurance	0.00	798.00
Liability Insurance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>348.00</u>
Total Insurance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,146.00</u>
Marketing / Advertising	0.00	82.50
Office Supplies	0.00	60.70
Ohio Registration Filing Fees	0.00	50.00
Postage and Delivery	0.00	69.20
Printing and Reproduction	0.00	116.80
Professional Fees		
Speakers	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Professional Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Refreshments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>81.04</u>
Total Expense	<u>264.63</u>	<u>4,091.21</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-52.63</u>	<u>2,137.29</u>
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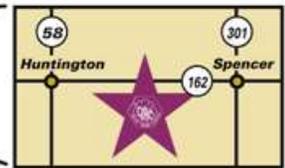
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