

## CLIO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL PO Box 574 Clio, MI 48420

Good day. I hope all is well with you and yours.

I am writing you today because we need your help. As you probably know, Clio is one of the few area communities that puts on a fireworks show on the 4th of July. The Clio Area Community Council has organized this patriotic event since its inception in 1984, the year after the first Fun Day in the Clio park, which featured the first public fireworks in Clio in several decades.

This event is paid for with volunteer donations but those donations are running behind this year. No tax dollars are spent on this event and this is why I'm writing you today. To pay for the fireworks and associated costs, we need to raise about \$11,500 In the past we have held raffles, had pasta dinner fund raisers, collected grocery store receipts and put out collection canisters. But our main source of funding comes from the Patriots Club made up of businesses, community organizations and individuals who contribute to the fireworks. I'm hoping you'll join us this year.

Why do this? It seems that there are many things today that are dividing Americans in communities across our nation. We need to focus on what unites us. This year is special because it is the 250th anniversary of the "shot heard 'round the world", the first battle of what became the American Revolution and America's fight for independence. Could there be a more unifying celebration?

There are four categories of donors in the Patriots' Club: platinum (\$1,000 or more), gold (\$500), silver (\$250) and bronze (\$100). All sponsors will be recognized in our advertising and promotions.

Please lend your support by sending your donation to Clio Community Council (memo line "fireworks"), PO Box 574, Clio, Mi. 48420 We are a 501-C4 organization EIN 38-2671795.

If you have any questions, please call me at 810-874-6845. Thank you in advance for your continuing support of the Clio community.

Sincerely,

Doug Vance, President Clio Area Community Council