



# The Garfield Backer

Newsletter for the "Garfield Heights Browns Backers"



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## General Membership Meeting

*Sunday, Nov 2, 2003 @ 2:30 PM*

All GHBB members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Discussions to include the planned creation of separate committees for charities, future events and this newsletter, as well as any suggestions our members may have. ❖

## 2004 Membership Applications Available Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

*2003 Memberships expire February 29, 2003*

The GHBB membership year runs from March 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year through the end of February the following year. Current 2003 memberships will expire on February 29, 2004. Starting November 1, 2003 we will start accepting new & renewal applications for the upcoming 2004 membership year.

Membership renewal fees will remain at \$15.00 per individual, and \$25.00 per family. **New** members will be charged on the following pro-rated schedule, dependant on which month they sign up. The additional fees help pay cost for the additional month(s):

Nov 1 through Nov 30, 2003

Individual--- \$20.75  
Family ----- \$34.50

Dec 1 through Dec 31, 2003

Individual--- \$18.75  
Family ----- \$31.75

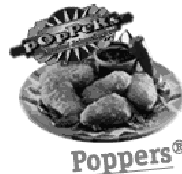
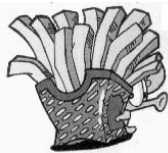
After Jan 1, 2004

Individual--- \$15.00  
Family ----- \$25.00 ❖

## Kitchen NOW OPEN



Venture Inn's kitchen is now offering a wide assortment of food items to satisfy any hunger.



## Last Minute Reminders

### Browns/Cincinnati Road Trip Dec 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Packages MUST BE PAID IN FULL no later than Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, in order to take advantage of our club's special pricing. After the deadline, regular costs (approx. \$50.00 more) will apply. You do not have to be a GHBB member to take advantage of this special pricing.

### Browns/Ravens Home Game December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003

Tickets for this home game are still available for GHBB members ONLY. Money must be in our hands no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> in order to have a chance for attendance. In the event tickets remain after that date, they will be sold on a first come first serve basis. ❖

## GHBB Signs its 100<sup>th</sup> Adult Member.

*Club passes yet another mile stone*

On Saturday, August 23, 2003, the GHBB added it's 100<sup>th</sup> adult member to our roster. With his family membership, Paul Schoonover brought our adult membership total to 101 adult members. ❖

## GHBB raises \$250.00 for The Cleveland Browns Foundation

The Cleveland Browns Foundation provides charitable outreach to Northeast Ohio by funding a number of programs that improve the lives of disadvantaged children.

The GHBB started their drive (as did many other BBW clubs) on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, by donating all proceeds from the day to the *Browns Foundation*. Following up, the proceeds from our side boards were included the following three weeks (9/28, 10/5 & 10/12). This brought us ever so near to our \$250.00 goal. The shortage of \$8.00, donated from our club's treasury with officer's approval, brought us to the \$250.00 mark.

We sincerely would like to thank all who donated to the cause, and assisted the GHBB in meeting this goal. ❖

# Have you been to the "Venture Inn" for a Browns game?

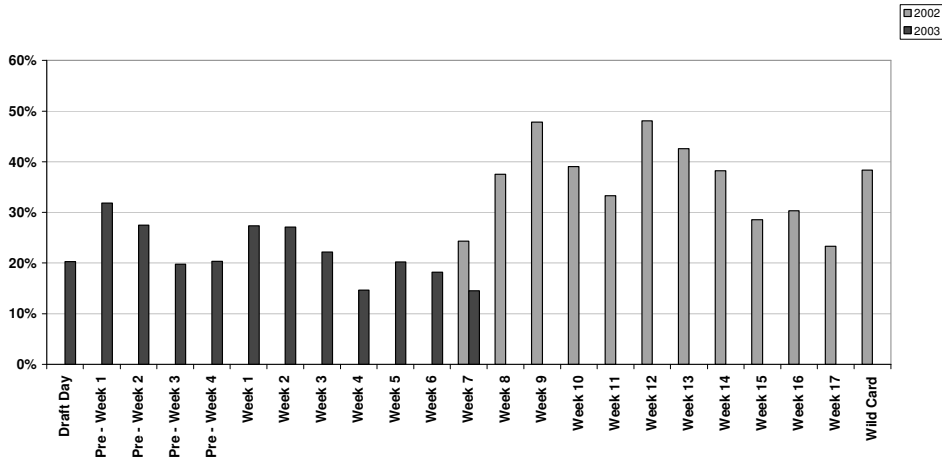
If not ... WHY NOT?

**By: Joseph F. Hammer Sr.**

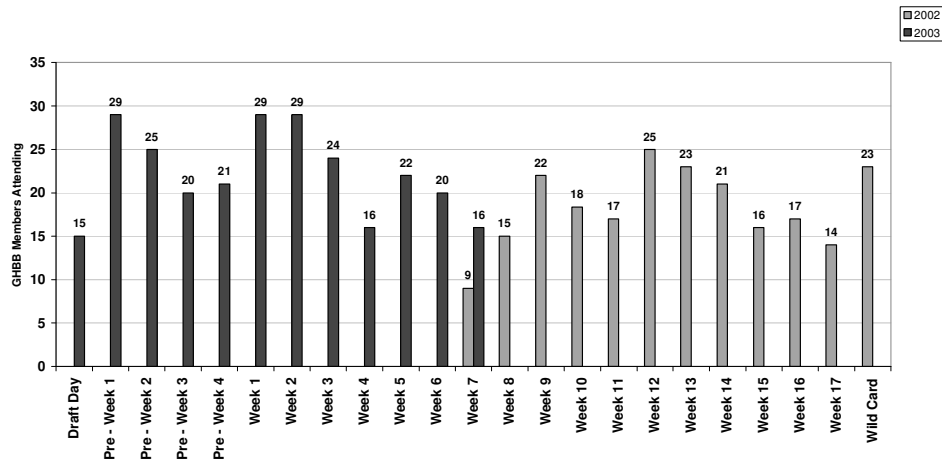
President: Garfield Heights Browns Backers

Our attendance percentage ratio (number of members watching the game at Venture vs. our total membership) reached a high of 48% last season for week numbers 9 (Home vs. Pittsburgh) and 12 (Away vs. New Orleans). At the time there were respectfully 22 of 46, and 25 of 52 members attending Venture Inn for the game. The highest for this season has been 32%, which occurred the *first week of pre-season* (Away vs. Tennessee) when 29 of 91 members were present. Our actual membership, however, has increased 297.3% (110 members) since week # 7 of last year. We see many of the same GHBB members almost every week - Some we see little of - And yet others, not at all.

**GHBB Attendance Percentages**  
Since October 20, 2002, Week #7



**Actual GHBB Member's Attendance**  
Since October 20, 2002, Week #7



Along with the GHBB comradery (from the members who are there), the club also offer weekly door prizes, side boards, charity events, drink specials and more. I've also been told by more than one individual, that they had visited other BBW establishments (in other cities) and that they just couldn't compare with the enthusiasm shown at Venture Inn during a *Browns* game. This brings me to ask the question of those that haven't attended. **WHY NOT?** Is it something we did, or something we haven't done? If there's a specific reason, or if you have any suggestions whatsoever, please let our officers' know about it. Your thoughts could help make the GHBB the best BBW club around. If you're one of the members who haven't stopped in yet, we're hoping to see you soon.

To those members who participate weekly (including ticket season holders that can only participate for the away games), I would like to say, *Thank You. Your support of your GHBB is greatly appreciated.* ❖