



LIONS CLUB of BLOOMINGDALE

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Lion Dan L. Davis, President

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Next Business / Dinner Meeting

The next monthly Business / Dinner Meeting will be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on **Thursday, January 8, 2009 (Note – the 1st Thursday of the month is a holiday)**. Social time kicks off at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. As a reminder, Business Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month.

Next Board Meeting

The monthly Board Meeting will be held Thursday, January 15th, at Prudential Realty (Starck) at 6:30 p.m. All officers and directors should attend and all members are welcome to attend. As a reminder, Board Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month.

2009 Schedule of Events

Check out our upcoming events:

- Jan. 18: Annual District 1-J Bowling Tournament
- Feb. 13: Spaghetti Dinner**
- Feb. 18: Eastern Region Meeting
- Mar. 28: Easter Egg Hunt**
- Apr.: Onion Sale**
- May 1: Steak Fry**
- June: American Cancer Society Relay for Life**
- June: Illinois Walk for Sight**
- June 4: Awards / Installation Dinner
- June 12: Annual Charity Golf Challenge**
- Note: Items with ** are events open to the public.

January Birthdays

- 7 – Pinky Olson
- 26 – Rose Vuglar
- 28 – Susan Thies
- 28 – Hyun Chung

District 1-J Bowling Tournament

The annual District 1-J bowling tournament is scheduled for Sunday, January 18, 2009 at Stardust Bowl in Addison at 9:00 a.m. To participate in this fun event, all you need to do is build a team of 5 Lions, Leos or friends and family (teams can be mixed), We will have entry forms at the next meeting – the entry fee is \$75 per team. I bowled last year and it was a lot of fun. I have my team ready to go. Don't miss this event!

Holiday Dinner

Our Holiday Dinner was held on Thursday, December 4th, at Spavone's Restaurant. We had a very good turnout and a good time was had by all. A special thank you to Lion Jerry B. for making and donating the beautiful gingerbread train that was raffled off and won by Lion John V.

Lion Perry gave an excellent presentation on what our Lions Club is all about, which was very informative to the spouses and guests. Tony Spavone, the owner of Spavone's Restaurant, serenaded the event with Christmas and popular tunes.



Christmas Baskets

Submitted by Lion Marv:

After meeting for breakfast at Bentley's generously hosted by Lions Dan L. Davis, Kelly Gits, Jerry Markham and Joe Salerno, some twenty Bloomingdale Lions and one volunteer in the shape of Stefanie Pauling invaded the aisles of Jewel-Osco in Glendale Heights to shop for six local deserving families on Saturday morning, December 13, 2008. Food budgets were given to each team. The team of Lions Jim King, Perry Knutson and Larry Kowalski came in with an actual amount of only \$2.92 below their budget. The team of Lions Bob Vuglar, Sue Crosson-Knutson and Mark Bousquet were second with only \$4.40 over budget. The \$40.00 pot will be split with the winning team at about \$13.33 apiece.

Tom Hong, the manager at the Glendale Heights Jewel-Osco store provided store directories, sales fliers and even had the shopping carts decorated for the Lions use. There were signs welcoming the Lions all over the store as well as periodic announcements to the other patrons about what the Lions were trying to accomplish in helping the less fortunate.

When the smoke all cleared, the Lions had spent \$1267.42 on food, \$1450.00 in Jewel-Osco Gift Cards, \$500.00 to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry, another \$500.00 to Family Shelter Services, another \$150.00 in gift cards from Jewel-Osco corporate for a total donation of \$3826.42.

Thanks to all who participated.

Lions Jerry Bertrand and Marv Roehlke





Westfield Leo Club Update

There were 18 Leos present at our December meeting. Our guest speaker was IPDG Lion Ron who thanked the Leos for their contributions to our club and impressed upon them the importance of volunteering and the positive effect it has on their lives. Thank you IPDG Lion Ron for your time and your influence. As they applauded you, there were smiles on proud faces across the room.

We made holiday cards for the area nursing homes and the best card was voted on and the winner won a large teddy bear wearing a Leo t-shirt. We had a holiday pizza party and a good time was had by all.





Twelve Days of Christmas

There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me. What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

This week, I found out.

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- The ten Lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So there is your history for today. This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol...so pass it on if you wish.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday and best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity in the year to come.

Lion Sharyn

Newsletter Submission

If you have an article, photo or something you'd like to share, please send it to Lion Sharyn at stmurphy@ameritech.net by January 23rd.

Editor's Corner

Thanks to all who submitted an article or a picture. For additional information about the club please see our web site at <http://.bloomingdalelionsclub.org>.

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