

District 1-J Journal

Home of Lionism

From the Governor . . .

Recently my wife, Lion Sharon and I, along with 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Jim Addington and PDG Lion Nancy Cummings, were at the USA/Canada Forum in Memphis. This was an excellent Forum, the classes and the motivational speakers were great. I wish there would have been at least one Lion, Lioness, or Leo from each club at the Forum so that they could have shared the information with all members of their clubs.

Next year the USA/Canada Forum will be in Milwaukee. If you have not attended a Forum, this will be a good time to go as it is close to our District. Every club should have at least one member attend.

On October 3rd, the District held a Retention Meeting at the South Elgin Lions Club, it was excellent. Many good ideas were presented to help gain and retain members. For those that did not attend, we missed you. I will be sending information on the meeting to the clubs that missed the presentation.

As of the end of September, the District had a total of 2,702 Lions with a net loss of 23. October has traditionally been the month to bring in new members. I know of several clubs that will be having members inducted. Three of these clubs are bringing in a total of 11. We need to continue to increase our membership, in order to provide **SPEED OF SERVICE, HELPING OTHERS.**





I wish everyone good weather for Candy Day, and have a successful Candy Day.

On October 25, 2009 there will be an Eye glass Sorting Party at the South Elgin Lions Club, 500 S Fulton St., South Elgin, IL. Starting at 12:00 Noon. **Many Hands Make Lite Work.**

Lions, Lioness, Leos, keep up the Good Work.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion George Endean, District 1-J Governor

Candy Day Trivia

In honor of LIF's Candy Day campaign, Elmhurst Lion Sarah Caltvedt's **Lion Share** newsletter provided a brief history of Candy Day:

- Candy Day began in 1952.
- DG Lion Marvin Tench decided fundraising should be done on the state level.
- The first item given out for Candy Day was a white cane lapel pin, later changed to Cracker Jacks; finally in 1956, the Lions Candy Roll was introduced.
- The 1st Candy Day raised \$11,000, rose to \$100,000 in 1960 and over \$1 million in the 1990s.
- Fifteen other states and the country of Australia have adopted Illinois' Candy Day fundraiser.

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The 1-J Journal is posted monthly on the District 1-J web site at www.district1jlions.org


Use it often – always something new!



And Now We Say Good Bye To . . .

Lion Norb Jacob
Charter Member,
Sun-City Huntley Lions Club

Lion Francis "Bud" White
Elburn Lions Club



F. Y. I.

An Eyeglass Sorting Party starting at
Noon on Sunday, October 25th
at the South Elgin Lions Clubhouse,
500 Fulton

All clubs are invited to help
sort eyeglasses.

This is also a great way
to introduce prospective members
to one of the activities that Lions do,
so feel free to bring friends,
neighbors,
or other groups (scouts etc).

All are welcome.

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LCI's October Growth Award Program

If you've been a Lion for a while, you probably remember the *October Growth Award Program* and its emphasis on membership recruiting in the month of October. Did you know that many clubs worldwide still recognize the program and continue to recruit a majority of their members during October?

Lions Clubs International is re-embracing the October Growth Award Program. Join your fellow Lions Clubs and make October a banner month for new member recruiting.

How can my club obtain the October Growth Award?

All clubs participating in the *October Membership Growth Program* will receive a banner patch as well as name recognition on a section of the Lions Clubs International Web site.

Clubs qualify for recognition in two steps—by adding members in October and then reporting those members on their MMR or WMMR later on in October.

Now's the time to make your membership grow!

Conduct a fun event, invite new faces to your club meetings and watch your membership grow!

Best wishes for a successful membership campaign.

"M" Chairperson Lion Ed Kelley, PDG

A 'No Cost' Fundraiser for your Club

Sight and Sound Sweepstakes (SWEEPS) tickets will be shipped to your Lions or Lioness Club before your first Club Meeting of the new year. SWEEPS tickets are not sent to Leo Clubs as most Leo Club members do not meet the legal age level for raffles. If for some reason your club has not received its Sweepstakes tickets by the middle of January, contact Joanne at our Lions of Illinois Foundation, 800 955-5466 ext. 222.

The SWEEPS project is our Lions of Illinois Foundation's second largest fundraiser and a '**no cost**' fundraiser for your club's eye and hearing related projects.

The drawing for the 2010 SWEEPS winners will be held during the annual Lions of Illinois Foundation Breakfast at the State Convention in May.

Now is the time to start planning. Appoint a Club Chairperson who will keep the SWEEPS project in motion each month until tickets are returned to our Foundation Office in early May.

A '*How to Manual*', explaining most phases of this project, will be sent with your initial batch of SWEEPS tickets. Additional SWEEPS tickets are available by contacting our Foundation.

If your club does not wish to sell tickets, have the club purchase the tickets, or have a special fundraising project and designate these funds for Sweepstakes. Your club could also be a Sweepstakes winner.

Sweepstakes tickets will sell if they can be seen. When selling Sweepstakes tickets you must remember that we are assisting others

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Extension -- Aiming For Growth

Extension in Lionism pertains to the event of starting a new Lions Club. While most towns in District 1-J have Lions Clubs there are some that do not. There are also other targets we can use to establish new clubs.

There are many small towns in District 1-J, especially in the North and West areas. Some towns may not be able to support a Lions Club due to low population, lack of businesses and lack of real need. But, it may be possible for two or three towns to start a joint club encompassing their entire area. We also have towns such as St. Charles, Montgomery and Carol Stream where the right factors exist for Extension but for unknown reasons we are unable to sustain a club there.

Special interest clubs are other targets for Extension. Clubs can be started in School Districts, Hospitals, manufacturing facilities and even in large shopping centers such as Fox Valley Mall. Ethnic clubs are another possibility. An East Indian club was just formed in District 1-F. Towns with high numbers of Hispanic, Polish, Asian, Mid Eastern or other groups could pursue clubs there.

If any District 1-J Lions think there is a possibility for a new club in their town they can contact me at 630-289-6021 or bljilke@aol.com. I will be happy to meet with you and bring the MERLOW team out to help us to grow in your area.

Lion Bob Jilke, 1-J Extension Chairperson

"Go Green"

There are two opportunities for District 1-J Lions Clubs to "go green."

Information about both the District 1-J Lions Green Team Contest (due June 30, 2010) and the Lions Clubs International Environmental Photo Contest (due before Jan. 1, 2010) appears on the 1-j website at www.district1jlions.org/environmental20.htm.

If you have questions, e-mail Lion Sue Corsson-Knutson at sue.corsson.knutson@gmail.com.

Do Lions Roar?

Fourth Grade Teacher Jane Brueggeman of Naperville won the top Summer Raffle prize of \$5,000. She indicated that she planned to donate a portion of her winnings back to the very worth-while Naperville Noon Lions organization. When she told her students about winning the prize and attending the Lions' luncheon, they wanted to know if the Lions roared at their meetings!

R--O--A--R !!!

Special Mention in 1-J

George Lazansky Award

Bloomington Lion Jerry Bertrand

Award for Diabetes Awareness

Glendale Hts. Barangay

Lion Susan Galvez

Club Anniversary

Bensenville Lions Club is turning 71
this month

North Aurora Lions Club will celebrate
50 years this month

Wedding Anniversaries in 1-J

50 Years -- South Elgin Lions
Bill & Donna Holder

35 Years --South Elgin Lion
Ray Bachewicz & Angie

SWEEPS *(Continued from page 2)*

and not ourselves or our Foundation.

The State Sweepstakes Goal is \$160,000; District 1-J's goal is \$33,760.

For additional Sweepstakes information, contact the District 1-J Sweepstakes Coordinator or either of our 1-J Trustees. Contact information for these Lions and others that can assist with the other programs of our Lions of Illinois Foundation is available in your District 1-J Directory.

Lion Ron Wigton

State and District 1-J Coordinator

Sight & Sound Sweepstakes

October is Blindness Awareness Month

DeKalb Eve. Lion John Corneille passed this information along to the Journal:

Blindness and visual impairment affect more people than you might realize; in fact, one out of every 28 Americans over the age of 40 suffers from some form of blindness. While retinal degenerative diseases cause vision loss in over 10 million Americans, it's important that we remember that many millions more suffer blindness from other causes.

Awareness is the first step toward prevention. In observance of Oct. as World Blindness Awareness Month, the Foundation Fighting Blindness proudly continues to raise awareness around blindness and blinding diseases, and thanks the passionate supporters for their commitment, dedication, and drive in the fight against blindness.

Here are some interesting facts you may not have known about blindness in America and the Foundation Fighting Blindness.

- How often does someone in the U.S. become blind: Every 7 minutes
- Number of Americans age 40 or older suffering from blindness, visual impairment, or an age-related eye disease: 38 million
- Number of Americans age 40 or older with a visual impairment that cannot be corrected with eyewear: 3.6 million
- Cost of eye disease and vision loss to the U.S. annually: \$68 billion
- Projected cost of age-related macular degeneration over the next 15 years: \$845 million
- Number of institutions where the Foundation Fighting Blindness is funding vital retinal disease research: 80

Blindness and retinal disease facts listed above from www.eyereseearch.org

2nd Annual Magical Vision

Over the last year, the Westmont Lions Club provided eyeglasses to more than 20 families in town. Hearing screenings were made available to over 110 residents of Mayslake Retirement Community. Much of the funding for these activities was made possible by profits from the club's 1st Magical Vision event.

This year's event will be held at the Taphouse Grill, 6010 Cass Ave., Westmont, on Nov. 1, 2009. Entertainment will be provided by renowned illusionist Paul Lee. Tickets are \$65 for adults and \$10 for children. Proceeds will be going to Camp Lions and the club's community programs.

The event begins at 4:30 PM with a viewing of the Silent Auction and a cash bar. Dinner, fabulous food & beer pairings from Leinenkugel, begins at 5 PM, followed by the auction and the Magic Show. *See the 1-J Calendar for reservation details.*

New PIX On-Line on the Website

Lions Membership Training Session at South Elgin Lions Clubhouse -- Oct. 3, 2009

"50 Men Who Can Cook" featuring Bloomingdale Lions at local Chamber fundraiser

Roselle Lions Pix -- Sept. 2009

Leadership is Important

There are many ways that Leadership affects the overall health of your club and can help attract new members. Each club has a different dynamic, what an effective leader needs to do is to look at the club and decide if a change needs to be made. But change is not necessarily well received, some like things to stay the same, while others want to push for changes, so where do you draw the line? That depends, and there is no right or wrong answer that will fit for every club.

What you need to do as a leader is evaluate what the ideas for change are, and decide (not on your own, by the way, form a committee) if they will make your club better in the long run. If you decide to make the change, don't forget the way things were – chances are the change you need to make is not a big one.

What are some of the signals that you might need to make some changes? Again, this varies, but if you have an event that was well attended in the past, but not anymore, that could be a sign. Another sign would be to look at who is working the event (assuming this is a well established event) – are your new members working it? If not, why?

New members join a club for many reasons, but a sure-fire way to lose them is to not get them involved. Take the time to recognize who is working events and even ask some of the members what they think could be done to make the project better. You might be pleasantly surprised with some of the feedback.

A club that works together on projects will always be a stronger club, no matter what the size, and will have an easier time attracting new members then a club that has one group that works all the events and does not listen to their members when they voice their opinion.

If you are the Club President, remember that you are the face of your organization. You are the one that new members will look to for answers (along with their sponsor) and it is in everyone's best interest if you have an understanding of how the club works, and what part the District, Lions of Illinois Foundation and Lions Clubs International all play.

Start your meetings on time and keep your members involved during the meetings. A proper Orientation for the new members, and even for the old ones – can go a long way in helping you get the participation you are looking for at your meetings, which will make them more fun as well.

Lion Paul Groth, District 1-J Leadership Chair

District 1-J - Focus on Service & How We Fund It

Central Region -- by Lion Paul Groth

Bartlett Lions: 4th annual Labor Day Dash was a big success with participation by over 240 runners. The event raised approximately \$11,000, which will be used for charitable purposes. The club also donated \$250.00 to the Bartlett Veterans Memorial Foundation and \$650.00 each to the Hanover Township and Wayne Township food pantries.

Batavia Lions: The Batavia Lions are planning for a Road Cleanup Day, Candy Day, Luminaria Sale, Christmas Brunch, a Zone Meeting, and then in December, Santa, and a Monday Night Football Steak Fry.

Hanover Park Lions: Donated \$600.00 to Spring Wood Middle School's Quest Program and participated in Hanover Park's Recycle Day with a booth for used glasses, hearing aids and keys.

North Aurora Lions: 50th anniversary dinner is Saturday, October 24th. Social Hour 6 PM - 7 PM, Dinner at 7 PM. Guest Speaker will be Past International President J. Frank Moore III introduced by Past International Director from Illinois Russ Sarver at 8 PM.

South Elgin Lions: Held a Luau as a fun event for Lions Clubs, also had a successful Steak Fry. Half-Price Bingo will be held on October 31st.

West Chicago Lions are continuing to hold Firewood Splitting parties to get enough wood ready to sell before winter.

Eastern Region -- by Lion Jess Galvez

The **Bensenville Lions** donated \$500 to the Bensenville Food Pantry.

The **Bloomington Lions** donated \$500 to "Give a Little, Feed a Lot" project, a partnership project with Jewel/Osco in Glendale Hts. It provides non-perishable items to Northern IL Food Pantry. The 4th Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon attracted 20 canines at the Springfield Park on Sept. 20th. One Cub Scout collected cans for a year and donated \$50 to Walk-A-Dog.

The Elmhurst Lions Club's recent Reverse Raffle fundraiser cleared over \$4,200 in proceeds.

The **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions Club** participated in the village's International Day, Sunday, Sept. 27, by joining the parade of native costumes and performing a Philippine Folk Dance in celebration of the village's ethnic diversity. The club hosted 'Walk Your Child to School' at Glen Hill Middle School and served snacks and drinks to parents & students who walked to school.

The **Lombard Lions** donated \$500 to DONKA, a computer training program in Wheaton that provides assistive technology and job placement for persons with physical and visual disabilities. (www.donkainc.org). The club collected 300 pairs eyeglasses, 95 cell phones and 3 hearing aids for recycling.

The **Roselle Lions'** hard work at the Taste of Roselle earned a hefty take of \$9,140.60. The club donated \$600 to the Springwood Middle School's Quest program. **Hanover Park Lions Club** contributed an equal amount toward the school's Lions-Quest program. Both towns are within the school district.

The **Villa Park Lions** Beep Baseball Game between legally blind Chicago Comets and Blindfolded Policemen netted \$665.25 from collections and refreshments. The Comets won the game and went home with the collection.

Time to Create a "Lions Alert Team"

It is time to create a "Lions Alert Team". Lion Tom Reichhold and myself, Lion Randy Endean, the District 1-J Lions Alert Co-Chairpersons, would welcome the opportunity to visit your club and present the Lions Alert program to you. Lions Alert is a program where Lions come together to help in times of need following disasters. We will explain in detail what Lions Alert is and how your club, no matter its size, or age of your members, your club can be a part of Lions Alert. Please feel free to contact either of us and advise when we can come visit your club.

Lions Alert was created by Past International President Lion Jimmy Ross. Following the horrible disaster of Hurricane Katrina he felt that there should be something that Lions Clubs could do. Our motto is "We Serve." Lions Alert builds off of that motto.

Lion Tom and I ask you to allow us the opportunity to present Lions Alert to you and not just because "We Serve," but also because as Lions "We Can!"

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District 1-J - Focus on Service & How We Fund It

Fox River Region -- by Region Reporters Lion Jack Anderson, PDG, and Lion Michael Dewey

The **Crystal Lake Lions Club** is preparing for its annual Fall Raffle.

The **Elgin Lions Club** conducted its 11th annual Golf Outing on Sept. 11th, and netted around \$1300. Although this is substantially less funds than two years ago; it was a large improvement over the quantities collected last year.

The **Dundee Twp. Lions** offered Diabetic Retinopathy/Macular Degeneration Eye Screening at the Village Heritage Fest. Seventeen eye screenings were performed between 9 am and 1 pm on Saturday, 9/19. Eight Lions contributed 35 hours for Set-up, Registration, Promotion, and Take-down. The club again volunteered to put on the Annual Heritage Fest breakfast for the Village. Net proceeds of \$2049.00 were contributed to the club's Sight and Sound Charities. Approximately 425 customers were served -- the most ever for this event. A total of 23 Lions worked an estimated 173 hours.

Fox River Grove Lions Club, with the help of the **Fox River Grove Lioness Club**, held the 1st annual "Lions Fest". Traditionally, it had been the Village Picnic. On the 26th, the club had its "Night Out" festivities. This event is for the long suffering spouses who sacrifice our presence in the name of Lions. We saluted our better halves by taking them out for a cruise on Lake Geneva in a refurbished steamship. Hors d'oevres and drinks were provided.

Island Lake Village presented a plaque to the **Island Lake Lions Club** for community service related to the 50+ years celebration of the annual Corn Roast. *(See pic on p. 10.)*

Sun City-Huntley Lions Club will complete its annual Rose Day mid-month. The price of this year's roses are the same as last year -- \$12.00 per dozen. A Pancake Breakfast fundraiser was part of Fall Fest last month. Proceeds will be used for charitable community projects.

Club Briefs

Lions have always helped those in need with vision or hearing care. However, there are people in need who do not know that Lions can help them. In order to get the word out, **Bartlett Lions Club** will be sending a letter to front-line service providers: doctors, social workers in the townships and village, school nurses etc. The letter will highlight the services that we can provide and have them direct those in need to us for assistance.

Batavia Lions participated in the Batavia Inter-Faith Food Pantry, by passing out food as well as collecting and boxing donated food. The Speaker for their September general meeting was from the Kane County States Attorney's Office -- the topic was Identity Theft.

North Aurora Lions are selling Fall Displays, which includes a bale of hay, pumpkin, gourds, cornstalk, Indian corn, all for \$30.00, plus an additional \$10.00 to pick up the displays on the week after Thanksgiving. Displays will be available the weekend of the 17th of October -- but to North Aurora residents only. To order, contact Lion Mark Gaffino at 630-907-60777 or e-mail mgaffer4@comcast.net.

The **Dundee Twp. Lions** sponsored their annual Fay's BBQ as a Community Event last month in East Dundee Fireman's Park. Although Fay does all the cooking and food is set up for self service or drive-through pick up, an estimated 139 hours were put in by 23 Lions to set up tables, chairs, deliver and husk corn, handle coffee, water, and pop, collect money and tickets, help serve the food, and clean up.

The **Richmond Lions Club** donated \$100 to the Bruce Coon Family/Friend Golf Outing.

In honor of **Fox River Grove Lions** Olly Bramble and Tom Kelly, the club will be donating \$300 to Lions of Illinois Foundation. Two great members were lost in August and a donation of \$150 each will be made in their memories. Lion Olly passed away after battling illness for most of the year. Lion Tom died tragically in a motorcycle accident. Lion Tom sacrificed himself in order to prevent hitting a motorist. Lion Tom served as the club's 1st Vice President and presided at meetings the Lion President could not attend. He will be sorely missed in the club.

In our little town of 5,000 people, nearly 2% of the community is involved in Lionism through the **Fox River Grove Lions and FRG Lioness Clubs**. The summer "Lions Fest" was their way to give back to the community by having an old fashioned town celebration at Lion's Park. There were games, bands, food, and great fun down by banks of the Fox River.

Registration for the 2010 District 1-J Convention will be able to be done on the 1-J website. ZC Lion Perry Knutson is developing this on-line Registration Form and will be explaining it at the 2nd round of Region Meetings. *A good reason to be there!*

District 1-J - Focus on Service & How We Fund It

Southeastern Region -- by Lion Sandy Williams

There were record sales for the **Naperville Noon Lions Club's** Summer Raffle, adding to the club's funds raised to help with Social Services and community support. There has been an increased number of dollar sponsorships for the Turkey Trot 5K Run this year. Registrations continue to come in. A club T-shirt promoting the Lions Club will soon be available for Lions to wear.

The **Lisle Lions Club** held its annual Westsiders Party last month, entertaining approximately 30 adult handicappers for the day with a picnic-style chicken dinner at noon. Bingo, with prizes, was played in the afternoon. *The day is always a gratifying experience for all.* A 2nd Eyeglasses Collection Box has been placed in the Village. Payment was made last month for repairs on a senior's hearing aids. Paperwork has been completed for Christmas Tree sales. The "real work" of setting up the tree lot, etc. starts in Nov.

The **Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club** has set the date for next year's "Someone Special" at Drury Lane Oak Brook -- Apr. 3, 2010 - and planning has begun. The club will host a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser early in Nov.

Westmont Lions Club is wrapping up final details for its 2009 Magical Vision fundraiser that will take place in early Nov. *See the 1-J Calendar for details.*

Southwestern Region -- by Lion Anna Mainhart

The **Sycamore Lions Club** hosted the Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Unit and 13 people were screened. An eye exam and glasses were provided for one person.

The **Sandwich Lions'** Annual Steer Raffle was held last month at the Sandwich Fair. The club also participated in the Sandwich Sesquicentennial Parade on Sept. 26th.

The **Elburn Lions Club** hosted 8 Events last month and started weekly Friday Night Bingo that will continue through the winter season. Farmers' Markets were held every Sunday in Sept.

DeKalb Evening Lions Club is hosting a 'Community Movie' on the day following Thanksgiving. The club partners with the Egyptian Theater in DeKalb and shows a movie free to the community. This is one of the many ways the club shows its gratitude to the DeKalb community for supporting the Lions Club.

Waterman Lions Club's Annual Awards Night and Steak Fry was held on Sept. 24. The club hosted its annual Kids Night - approximately 120 kids and parents participated.

Malta Lions held a work night during their monthly meeting and painted the benches on the baseball fields at the Malta Lions Park. Afterwards they held their business meeting and enjoyed grilled hot dogs.

DeKalb Evening Lions will be ushering at the NIU Football home games, working for 5 or so hours on a Saturday, getting to watch a great football game - and getting paid too!



Area Cub Scout is a Hero!

Chairperson of a Bloomingdale Lions Club fundraiser, the Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon, Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson, recently visited the Erickson School Cub Scout Pack #457 to present awards to Cub Scouts that volunteered to assist the Lions with the walk in Sept.

One of the Cub Scouts, Sam Galante, impressed by the demonstration last year of the assistance dogs for persons in wheelchairs, decided to do something to help.

All on his own, he raised funds for Lions Project Canine Companions for Independence. From Sept, 2008 -2009, Sam collected metal, mostly soda cans.

This year, upon receipt of a brag vest award for completing a joint project between the Scout troop and their sponsoring Lions Club, Sam presented a check in the amount of \$54 that he had earned. Better still, Sam has two additional checks in the amount of \$54 each to present to two other foundations.

And, next year, Sam plans to collect even more cans and donate even more money to his favorite charities. *Lion Sue says that Cub Scout Sam is her hero! We agree he's certainly off to a great start!*

'Round the District PIX



Waterman Lion Janelle Stein prepares a child to pin the nose on the Lion at the Waterman Lion Club's Kids Night. Lions sponsored games and picnic for area pre-



The Downers Grove Lions Club held its 1st Labor of Love 5K Race/Walk on Labor Day with 70 participants. There was one wheelchair and one canine entry this year. It was a good start and the club hopes to increase participation next year.



Bloomington Lions Julie Deeke, Perry Knutson, Robert Rossi, and Jo Witucki served as chefs at the Bloomington Chamber's fundraiser, "50 Men Who Can Cook." More than 175 people were served and it was great PR for the club. The Lions Club was the only community service club represented that evening.



At the McHenry Lions Club's annual retreat, Pres. Lion Les Bacon presented Lion Bob Steiner, Club Historian, and friend Anna Adams, with a Certificate of Appreciation for their work in compiling picture albums on the history of the McHenry Lions Club.



Sun City-Huntley Lions' annual picnic had to be moved indoors this year because of the Sept. rain. "It was still a lot of fun for Lions members and guests."



Roselle Lion Johnnie Mae welcomes guest Mary Ann Govenco to a recent meeting. "One More Member Gives Us Two More Hands for Service" says Past Pres. Lion Al Brandel.



"Come on, let's go!" this dog seems to be saying while its owner is registering for the Bloomington Lions Club's 4th annual Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon. More than 20 dogs (and owners) participated in the event. Proceeds benefited the Lions Project Canine Companions for Independence.



Several members from the Sun City Bocce Club shared their expertise at a recent meeting of the Low Vision V.I.S.A. Group. Several of the group had never played bocce ball before and the game was adapted for those with low vision by using a sound cue to know where to throw the ball. The weather co-operated and it was a fun morning for everyone.

The Visually Impaired Support and Assistance Group (V.I.S.A.) is a resident-led education, information, support and assistance group for Sun City residents experiencing vision loss. It is co-sponsored by the Centegra Wellness Center and the Sun City Lions Club -- *a true spirit of partnership!*

Lioness Clubs in 1-J

Lioness Clubs -- by Lion Sandy Williams

Fox River Grove Lionesses recently made donations of clothing and household goods to AmVets, Goodwill, USO, a Special Needs Classroom and PADS. Multiple pairs of shoes were collected & donated to Haiti/Dominican Republic. Boxes of books were also donated to the local library for a book sale/fundraiser. *Are there lots of clean closets in Fox River Grove?* Lionesses helped long-time Lioness Florence Suchy Bramble transition/move/ and transfer to Algonquin and the Algonquin Lioness Club. The club invited the FRG Lions to a social meeting, "Pizza in the Park."

The **Island Lake Lioness Club's** Fall Plant, Book, and Baked Goods Sale took place on the last weekend of Sept. The club is planning a food drive soon for the Wauconda-Island Lake Food Pantry.

Now that summer is over -- it's back to work! **Sycamore Lionesses** worked with the Sycamore Lions to do Candy Day and expected proceeds are to be about \$6,400. Lionesses will make Pumpkinfest presentations at the local grade school to stir up enthusiasm about Pumpkinfest. The club is making turkey magnet favors for Meals on Wheels. The club will make pumpkin fudge to sell at Pumpkinfest.

The **Union Lioness Club's** Nov. Feather Party is progressing. Raffle tickets have been handed out. There was a great turn-out for the **Lion/Lioness** Picnic (family) in Aug. The club participated in the Union Days Picnic in Sept. and are planning for the Oct. Pet Parade.



The Bloomingdale Westfield Leos and "the Bloomingdale Lion" were in attendance at the Chamber's "50 Men Who Can Cook" fundraiser.

Leo Clubs in 1-J

Leo Clubs -- by Lion Sandy Williams

The **Westfield Leo Club of Bloomingdale** held its first meeting and election of officers Sept. 16. The club participated in the **Bloomington Lions' Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon**.

The **Elmhurst Leo Club** had their installation dinner Sept. 13. The Leos collected \$65 in Candy Day contributions at the Elmhurst College football game.

The **South Elgin Leos** raised over \$500.00 by holding a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for a family in South Elgin that has major medical bills due to their child's illness and subsequent death.



Our 1-J Lion Family

Welcome these new Lions & Lionesses to District 1-J – the greatest!!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Lion Lalo Ponce	West Chicago Lions	Lion Radkiewicz
Dora Lee McCracken	Richmond Lions	Lion Sheila Welch
Lion Ann Palumbo	Elmhurst Lions	Lion ??
Lion Tethnie Werner	Elmhurst Lions	Lion ??
Lion Efcy Formacion	Glendale Hts Barangay Lions	Lion Bobby Tolentino
Lion Mary E. Meyer	Glen Ellyn Lions	Lion Bill Nicholson
Lion Julia M. DeGrace	Wheaton Lions	Lion Martin Findling
Lion Scott Shorney	Wheaton Lions	Lion Jim Ellington
Lion Eleanor L. Terrell	Sun City-Huntley Lions	Lion ??
Lioness Danette Marshall	Union Lioness	Lioness ??

Club Secretaries -- We need the name of your new members' sponsors as Lions Clubs International's MMR form only lists a Member Number Thanks!! -- Editor Lion Sandy



Island Lake Lions were honored recently with a plaque from the Village for the club's 50 years of Cornfest and service to the community since 1956. Pictured (l to r) Lions Joe Shambo, Bob Springer, Ted Amrich, Tom Amrich, and Pres. Roy Schnur accepting the plaque from Village Trustee Connie Mascillino. *Congratulations, Lions!*



1-J at the USA/Canada Forum

(Above) PDG Lion Nancy Cummins, 2nd VDG Lion Jim Addington, Lion Sharon Endean, 1-J Gov. Lion George Endean, Lion Joni Preston and PID Lion Joe Preston.



(Right) 2nd VDG Lion Jim Addington, LCI Pres. Lion Eberhard J. Wirfs, 1-J Gov. Lion George Endean & Lion Sharon Endean.

(Left) When "The Gov" & Lion Sharon Endean visited Graceland in Memphis, they were able to see Elvis' airplane, the Lisa Marie, named after his daughter. *Was it "look -- but don't touch?"*

WHAT'S GOIN' ON — IN 1-J

- Oct. 11 The **Hampshire Lions Club** is planning its inaugural Lions Pancake Breakfast.
- Oct. 14-15 Bunco for Breast Cancer at the **Elburn Lions Clubhouse**.
- Oct. 15 Tomorrow is the LAST day to make \$85.00 per night hotel reservations for the MD-1 Forum. *Call the Chateau Hotel & Conference Center in Bloomington at 309-662-2020 and tell them you are with the Lions of Illinois.*
- Oct. 16 The **Elburn Lions Club** is hosting Bingo every Fri. night at the clubhouse through the winter season.
- Oct. 23 **Bloomington Lions** are holding Spaghetti Dinner and special raffle from 5 - 8 pm at the Bloomington Golf Club. \$10 gets you in with seconds on the house. Children 8 and under are free. Proceeds will benefit visually-impaired and hearing-impaired persons in the community, as well as other local needs.
- Oct. 23 **Elmhurst Lions'** wine tasting and social event at Flight 112 Wine Bar, 5 - 6 pm. \$10 at the door. For more info e-mail brian@stolperagency.com.
- Oct. 24 **Bensenville Lions Club** will be running the Village of Bensenville's Halloween in the Park, Sat, Oct. 24, from noon to 6:00 pm.
- Oct. 24 **North Aurora Lions Club's** 50th Anniversary Dinner is Saturday, October 24th. Social Hour 6 PM - 7 PM, Dinner at 7 PM. Past Intl. Pres. Lion J. Frank Moore III will be the guest speaker. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Reservations are due Oct. 12 to Lion Dennis Martz at P.O. Box 35, North Aurora IL. Questions -- contact Lion Dennis at 630-337-0699.
- Oct. 24 Annual German Dinner at **Elburn Lions Clubhouse** -- 4 PM to 8 PM.
- Oct. 25 DISTRICT 1-J EYEGLASS SORTING PARTY -- Starts at Noon at the **South Elgin Lions Clubhouse** -- *the more helpers the sooner the job is finished!*
- Nov. 1 2nd Annual Magical Vision for Lions, hosted by the **Westmont Lions Club**, at Taphouse Grill, 6010 S. Cass, Westmont. Evening starts at 4:30 PM with a viewing of the Silent Auction and a cash bar. Dinner begins at 5 PM, followed by the auction, and concluding with *Paul Lee Magic*. Proceeds will benefit Camp Lions and the club's community programs. For reservations, call 630-541-8840 or see details on www.westmontlions.com.
- Nov. 1 Pasta Dinner hosted by **Fox River Grove Lioness Club** -- for time & place contact Lioness Barb Bailey at barbailey@sbcglobal.net or 847-293-3241.
- Nov. 7 Pancake Breakfast, hosted by **Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club** at the Salvation Army facility, 1 S 415 Summit Ave. , Oakbrook Terrace.
- Nov. 7 Annual Holiday Raffle at **Elburn Lions** clubhouse at 6 PM.
- Nov. 20 Fall Raffle, hosted by **Crystal Lake Lions Club**, at Porter's Oyster Bar beginning at 6 PM. Tickets are \$100 each.
- Nov. 27 **DeKalb Evening Lions Club** is hosting a 'Community Movie' at the Egyptian Theater in DeKalb. The movie is free to the community as a way to show its gratitude to the DeKalb community for supporting the club.
- Dec. 1 Time for all clubs to judge photo entries for the International Environmental Photo Contest and pick a winner.
- Dec. 19 **Bloomington Lions Club** will be shopping for, assembling, and delivering Christmas Baskets to less fortunate families in the community.
- Dec. 26 Send Club-winning environmental photo entries to District Governor Lion George Endean as they are due Jan. 1, 2010.
- 2010**
- Feb. 12 **Bloomington Lions Club** Spaghetti Dinner. *Details later!*
- Apr. 3 22nd Year for "Someone Special" at Drury Lane Theatre in Oak Brook. Ask **Oakbrook Terrace Lions** how you can help.
- Jun. 25 Only 5 more days before your club's Green Team Contest entry is due to 1-J Environmental Chairperson Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson.

Around the District



Waterman Lion Steve Bock serves hot dogs and sweet corn at Kids' Night picnic guests. In the background, Lion Leonard Johnson serves lemonade.



Lombard Lions Bob Lehman and Ernie Turcotte stand behind the "Lions Green Team" banner at the Lombard Recycling Day. These Lions, as well as Lions Ross Caputo and Scott Tobey, collected eyeglasses, keys, hearing aids and cell phones for recycling by LIF.



The Bensenville Lions worked with eight other local organizations in town to make the Golf Challenge a success.



A photo that appeared in the Crystal Lake Lions Club newsletter, the Pride, of three CL Lions ready for Candy Day -- *wish we'd had that kind of beautiful weather! Oh well, there's next year!*



McHenry Lions Club brought its Weenie Wagon to the McHenry Township Touch A Truck event. Pictures are Lions Barbara Nyhus, Judy Bierman and VDG Bob Jackson serving the customers.

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Cary Lions Club President, Carol Santee (l), received a Candy Days Proclamation from Village Mayor Tom Kierna at a recent Village Board meeting. *It let's all the townspeople know that there's a LIONS CANDY DAY in Cary!!*

PASS THE WORD . . . The 1-J Journal is on the District 1-J web-



From the LIF Trustees' Blotters . . .

*From the Blotter of:
Lion Bob Jilke, District 1-J Trustee
Lions of Illinois Foundation*

OUR FOUNDATION

When Lions founded the Lions of Illinois Foundation 35 years ago many clubs were attempting to provide some of the services our Foundation provides. A group of Lions, recognizing that no single club could provide the services needed by the residents of Illinois had the foresight to put a proposal to the voters at State Convention to establish a state-wide Foundation.

Once the proposal passed, the Foundation took off. Some of the more well-known programs of LIF are the eyeglass collections, hearing and vision screenings and, of course, the extremely successful Camp Lions. The Low Vision screenings also serve a large number of children every year.

Some equally important, but lesser known, programs are the Cochlear Implant Program, Used Hearing Aid Bank and the Lions of Illinois Funds for Emergency (L.I.F.E.).

Now, a new program is ready to hit the streets. Our OSHA Hearing Screening unit is ready and our first customer has been secured. This unit, making use of our old hearing bus, will visit businesses in the state and provide OSHA hearing testing. Fire Departments, Park Districts, Golf Courses, Landscapers, Factories and other businesses with high decibel ratings are potential customers. This is not a free program, but is one that will sustain itself and provide income to the Foundation for years to come.

When our Foundation was established, we were serving several hundred persons a year. Thirteen years ago, we served about 5,500. Today, we help more than 18,500 less fortunate people in Illinois each year.

Your donations to your Foundation from Candy Day, Sight and Sound Sweepstakes, Tootsie Pop Day, the Annual Walk for Sight, and just outright gifts, support these programs.

We hope your Candy Day was successful. Please remit your check and report as soon as possible so we can continue to provide our services in Illinois.

*Lion Bob Jilke, PDG
District 1-J Trustee
and President of the Endowment Fund*

*From the Blotter of:
Lion John Landon, District 1-J Trustee
Lions of Illinois Foundation*

Celebrate 35 Years of Service

The Lions of Illinois Foundation Board of Trustees are proud to offer two distinctive pins designed exclusively for our LIF 35th Anniversary. Please show your pride and support by arranging to be the distinguished owner of either pin.

The 35th Anniversary Foundation Fellow & Sustaining Supporter Pins



Foundation Fellows are \$500.00

Sustaining Supporters are \$35.00



Call Van Stone or Sherry Radek at 1-815-756-5633 for full details. All funds raised help to support the Endowment Fund of the LIF, our monetary vehicle to secure our vision & hearing services for the future.

These pins are to be offered in 2009 only!

*Lion John Landon, PDG, PCC
District 1-J Foundation Trustee 20009-2011*

Training Presenters at MD-1 Forum -- 09-10

- 1 Lion Van Stone -- Lions and the Law
- 2 Lion Jama Wahl -- Guiding Lions
- 3 PID Bud Wahl -- LCI
- 4 Lion Walt Holden -- Publicity
- 5 Lion Sue Knutson -- Reuse . . . Reduce . . . Remodel -- Environmental Program
- 6 Lion Randy Endean & Lion Buzz Melton -- Lions Alert
- 7 Lion Perry Knutson -- The Lion and the 'Computer' Mouse
- 8 PDG Bob Bloemker - Lions-Quest
- 9 PDG Larry Mc Guire -- Seven Deadly Motivators' and How To Overcome Them
- 10 Lion Gary Hannah, Director of Membership, LCI
- 11 Presentation by the Red Cross
- 12 Presentation on Insurance Waiver and Liability from LCI