



LIONS CLUB of BLOOMINGDALE

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Lion Kelly Gits, President

Lion Wayne A. Murphy, Secretary

Next Business / Dinner Meeting

The next monthly Business / Dinner Meeting will be our Holiday Party at Spavone's Restaurant for you and your spouse/guest on **Thursday, December 3rd**. Cash bar at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please remember to bring your photos for the Environmental Photo Contest and your gift for the Sharing Tree. I hope to see you all there!!

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held **Thursday, December 17th**, at Prudential Realty 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 - 2010 Schedule of Events

Check out our upcoming events:

- Dec. 3: Business/Holiday Dinner
- Dec. 3: Lions Environmental Photo Contest (will be judged at the holiday party)
- Dec. 19: Christmas Baskets
- Jan. 17: District 1J Bowling Tournament**
- Feb. 12: Spaghetti Dinner**
- Feb. 17: Eastern Region Meeting
- Mar. 20: Easter Egg Hunt**
- March TBD: Bags Tournament**
- May 7/8: Onion Sale**
- May 7: Steak Fry**
- May 14: Senior Fair**
- June 3: Awards/Installation Dinner
- June 6: Walk for Sight**
- June TBD: Annual Golf Outing**

Note: Items with ** are events open to the public.

December Birthdays

- 2 – Jerry Bertrand
- 4 – Bill Morrisroe
- 12 – Kelly Gits
- 12 – Sharyn Murphy
- 22 – Rob Pauling
- 22 – Joan Vertnik
- 24 – Jerry Markham

Eastern Region Meeting

The Eastern Region Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 4th at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Lions Ron, Perry, Murph, Sharyn and Tom attended. The 1-J Bowling Tournament, Sight and Sound Sweepstakes and Convention Registration were discussed. The next meeting will be on February 17th.

Candy Day for Lions of Illinois foundation

Candy Day was held on October 9th and 10th (on the street) and again on October 16th and 17th in front of Wal-Mart. Candy Day Chairman Lion Jerry B. thanked Lion Rob for providing the coffee and donuts both days. He reported that despite inclement weather the first weekend, a total of \$1223.50 was collected. Thank you to all who participated.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Spaghetti Dinner and Special Raffle were held on Friday, October 23rd. We had a great turnout – 225 dinners served. The raffle was a huge success. The beautiful baskets and other items donated by the Bloomingdale Lions club members brought in over \$1500 to the club. Thank you to Lions Larry, Joe S., Ron and Elisabeth for their hard work on this event and for all who donated items and time making the beautiful baskets and making this a huge success.





Lions Environmental Photo Contest

Club members are encouraged to snap nature photos of the environment of our community. Photos can include: animal, plant, landscapes, weather phenomena, or a photo of Lions doing an environment project. Photos will be judged at the Holiday Party on December 3rd.

Christmas Baskets

Lion Marv writes:

The Lions have acquired the names, addresses, etc. of six families from the Bloomingdale Township Aid office. All six are in Bloomingdale.

We have a seventh family that will only receive gift cards.

On Saturday, December 19th, all members are welcome to gather for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Bentley's Restaurant in the Spring Brook Shopping Center.

Following breakfast we will move to Meijer on Gary Avenue for our shopping adventure for the families. Our budget will be about \$200 per family and will be adjusted some depending on family size. The gift cards will also total around \$200 and again will be dependent on family size.

As in the past, we hope to donate an additional \$500 to DuPage Family Services (AKA The Battered Women's Shelter) and another \$500 to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry.

Hope to see you all on the 19th. If you would be so kind as to give Lion Marv a call on 630-980-7448 or e-mail karmar256@sbcglobal.net so he knows how to size the teams and also have adequate seating for breakfast, it would be appreciated.

Lions Jerry B. & Lion Marv
(Blossom & Old Goat)

District 1J Bowling Tournament

The annual District 1-J Bowling Tournament will be held on Sunday, January 17th at Stardust Bowl in Addison. All Lions, families and friends are invited. There are 5 bowlers to a team and the cost is \$75 a team. It's not too early to start getting our teams together.

Westfield Leo Club Update

At our November meeting the Leos made ornaments for the Eleventh Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree Program known as the Snowman Crossing event. The holiday trees will be displayed along the sidewalk around the Bloomingdale Library. Community Groups, classes and clubs are invited to participate in decorating the trees. Our Lions Club sponsors the tree for the Leos. We will decorate our tree on Saturday, November 28th and have hot chocolate and cookies afterwards to warm up. It's a great way to kick off the holiday season.



Lion Perry presented Leo President Kayla Lopez an award for her help at the Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon

“Happy Holidays”

Letter 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 December 28th.

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://www.bloomingtondalelionsclub.org/>.

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