

District 1-J Journal

Home of Lionism

From the Governor . . .

Thank You to all the Lions, Lionesses, and Leos for the work you have done providing **Speed of Service, Helping Others** this year, and the help you have given for Haiti and the recent Lions Alert Project in helping the Salvation Army package One Million Plus Meals for Haiti. Thanks to Lion Randy Edean, Lions Alert Chairperson for alerting the District of this Project. The Lions, Lionesses and Leos of District 1-J have always been ready to Serve and Help the Needy.

The District Convention will be next month on April 9-11. Changes have been made this year to make the Convention more enjoyable for you. Thank You to all the District 1-J Chairpersons who are working to make the convention fun for you. The Convention will be at the Hilton Hotel at 3003 Corporate Drive, Lisle IL. Please register as soon as possible. This year you can register on-line or by mail. You can find information to register on line on the District Web Site www.district1jlions.org or mail your Registration to Lion Leo Snyder, Registration Chairperson, 1111 Sunbury Rd., South Elgin, IL 60177.

You are reminded to bring items for the Silent Auction, Theme Baskets, and Cakes, Pies, and Cookies for the Baking Contest, a Brag Poster, and Newsletters for judging.

Past International Director Joseph "Joe" Preston will be our guest for the weekend. Past International Director Joseph Preston of Prescott Valley, Arizona, was elected to serve a two-year term as a Director of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the International Convention held in Montreal,



Quebec, Canada, July 9-12, 1996. He is a member of the Bradshaw Mountain Lions Club. Past Director Preston has been a Lion since 1974. He has held many offices within the association, including Club President, Zone Chairperson, Deputy District Governor, District Governor and Council Chairperson. In addition, Past Director Preston has served as Leadership Chairperson and a Train-the-Trainer for his Multiple District.



In recognition of service to the association, Past Director Preston has received numerous awards including the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, a Medal of Honor, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, four International President's Awards and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor granted by the Association to its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Preston has served on the Board of Directors and as President for United Way of Yavapai County, and was a board member of the Lions Foundation of Arizona.

Past Director Preston and his wife, Joni, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons and one daughter.

Both First Lady Lion Sharon and I hope to see you at the Convention to give a Hearty Welcome to our International Guest, Past International Director Joseph Preston and his Wife Joni.

Lions, remember to place press releases and pictures in your local newspapers of your projects and events, as this is an
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USA/Canada Forum Motorcycle Raffle

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

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And Now We Say Good Bye To . .

*Lion Charles "Chuck" Floden
Sun City-Huntley Lions Club*

F. Y. I.

Register soon

for the District 1-J Lions Convention

You'll have lots of fun there!

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This is What We Do In Our Community

Crystal Lake Lions Club presented Erik, a visually and orthopedically - handicapped honor student, with a Kindle DX and a Smart Pen. Both of these pieces of equipment will allow Erik more independence in his high school classes as well as helping him prepare for college.



(l to r) Crystal Lake Lions Bob Gustafson and Randy Funk, Cindy Hackman, Vision Itinerant for Dist. 155; Paul Humpa, Principal of Prairie Ridge School. (Seated) Erik Jenkins, a junior at Prairie Ridge High School.

Convention Updates -- Both District 1-J & State Lions

Many activities will be going on during the District 1-J Convention that's coming up soon. For instance, there will be a Talent Contest on Friday evening, Apr. 9th, to entertain those of us who don't consider ourselves to be talented.

On Sat. morning, a "new & different" listing of training classes will be available:

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Lions of Illinois Foundation -- Lion Mario Gumino
Lions Alert -- Lion Randy Endean
Environment Programs -- Lion Paul Groth

Break from 9:30 AM to 10 AM

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Fundraising/New Service Programs -- Lion Sue Knutson
Membership Retention --
Lions Buzz Melton and Tawny Melton
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On-line registration for the District 1-J Convention will be available for \$15 per person on the District 1-J website through April 3, 2010. Please note that hotel reservations must be made with the Lisle/Naperville Hilton by March 18, 2010.

The IL State Lions Convention will be in Peoria this year on May 20-23, 2010. Look on the District 1-J website under Conventions to get the latest updates.

Some new activities have been added this year -- a Trap Shoot, for instance, a Beep Ball Game with a Tailgating Party, Kangaroo Races, along with a Golf Outing. Several things for the ladies have been added, too. There is a tentative schedule of all activities posted on our District website. *Check everything out!*



March 3, 2010 was Lions Day in South Elgin!

For the South Elgin Lions Club's efforts in taking on the task of passing out over 200 holiday food baskets in Dec. when other agencies in the Village could no longer fill the need. The Village of South Elgin signed a Proclamation declaring March 3, 2010, to be Lions Day in South Elgin.

The South Elgin Lions have done much for the Village throughout the years.

Village President Jim Hansen (r) and Village Administrator Larry Jones (l) recently presented South Elgin Lions Club Pres. Lion Ed McCarthy with a plaque and a copy of the proclamation.

Lion Leo Snyder was the Chairman of the Holiday Basket project. The basket numbers in the project increased from 35 in 2008 to 225 in 2009. *Congratulations to all who made the project happen! You definitely should be proud!*

What's in a Number?

Remember when someone 40 years of age was old? No more!

In a way, 25-year Lions in clubs are not uncommon any more either. Once that number has climbed to 30 years of service, and above, it is more uncommon. In Crystal Lake's latest newsletter, a dozen Lions with 30 or more years of service in Lionism were listed:

30 Years

Lions Evans Archos, Jim McMonigal, & Bob Gustafson

35 Years

Lions Bill Limbach & Haskell Pitluck

40 Years

Lions Bill Franz & Art Pears

45 Years

Lion Anson Langaker

50 Years

Lions Greg Streb & Harry Siwkowski

Special Mention in 1-J

Melvin Jones Fellows

North Aurora Lion Mark Carroll
North Aurora Lion Sarah Prah

60 Year Membership Chevron

Crystal Lake Lion Bob Covey

55 Year Membership Chevron

Crystal Lake Lion Harmon Peaco

Lifetime Membership

Cary Lion Bob Perry



WERE YOU THERE?

A 1-j Lions Alert Chairperson, Lion Randy Endean, issued a Lions Alert Call to package meals in Elgin for Haitian Earthquake victims

With the help of approximately 4,000 volunteers, the Salvation Army was able to pack and send off 1,040,020 meals to the Haitian Earthquake victims after the Feb. 20-21 weekend. Many Lions showed up to help with this process.

At the end of the project, ZC Lion Michael Dewey spoke with Dane Duval, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving, Divisional Headquarters, Chicago, who said that Lions have helped the Salvation Army many times. He is very grateful to the Lions as they are very hard workers.

There are preliminary plans for further packaging sessions in Crystal Lake and Chicago where goals will be to package up over three million meals.

Lions ROAR Reminder

The Roar will be held on Mar. 31st at the Marquise Banquet Hall, 4117 E./ Wonder Lake Rd., Wonder Lake IL. Attitude adjustment time begins at 6 PM; dinner will be served at 7 PM. Cost is \$22.00 per person.

Reservations (**and checks**) are to be sent to:

McHenry Lions Club
P.O. Box 292
McHenry IL 60051

The club needs reservations **by Mar. 24, 2010** in order for the Banquet Hall to place food orders. Please include names of those attending when you mail in your reservation.

Now is your chance to roast VDG Lion Bob Jackson!

USA/Canada Lions Forum In Milwaukee, WI

On Sept. 23-25, 2010

For those of you who attend and bring a first timer, you will receive a special Forum Pin stating the words "Forum Mentor". The pin also includes a dangler with the year "2010". Each new attendee must document who invited them on their registration form in order for the mentor to receive credit.

Early Bird Registration continues until June 14, 2010. After that the fee increases to \$270 per person and will remain that until Aug. 1, 2010. Register on-line or print out the PDF registration document.

The Seminar Listing is on-line to choose your courses. This is a great venue for learning about Lionism.

Log onto www.milwaukeeforum.org to check out some of the exciting happenings during the time of the Forum. There are several tours of the Milwaukee area for you to take in free time.

While official plans are being formalized for a possible "Ride to Milwaukee," those who are interested in getting in on the ground floor of this feature should contact Lion Cary Kraemer at carykraemer@yahoo.com.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Host Committee of Wisconsin is sponsoring a Raffle to raise money for the expenses of the Forum. A 2010 Harley-Davidson Sportster (valued at over \$10,000.00) is to be raffled off on Sat., June 19, 2010 at the Hilton City Center, Milwaukee, WI. Winner need not be present at the drawing, but the prize must be picked up, in person, in Milwaukee at the 2010 USA/Canada Forum. *See details on Insert in this issue.*

Raffle tickets are \$50 each, or 3 for \$100. For ticket information, e-mail PID Bud Wahl at pidbud@verizon.net. Lion Bud will have tickets with him as he travels the state to visit the various District Conventions.

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excellent way in showing Lions in Sight to the public, to help us to **Move to Grow**. Upcoming Diabetes Awareness and the Foundation's Annual Night Walk are excellent Lions In Sight events.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion George Endean

Governor, District 1-J

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to

Everyone

**And may the Luck of the Irish be with
You**



Rain Barrels For Sale!

In the summer, average water consumption for each house increases by 40% due to watering of lawns, gardens and flower beds. Using a rain barrel can help reduce some of that extra water consumption.

The South Elgin Lions Club Green Team is selling rain barrels to the public. Each barrel is capable of holding 55 gallons of water that might have run into a storm drain or down the street.

Barrels are being sold for only \$65.00 each. Why not order several? Arrange pick-up with a South Elgin Lion.

Profits from sales of the barrels will help fund Environmental Greening projects at Lions Park, such as rain gardens, level spreaders, and erosion control through the Parks and Rec. FUNDation.

Mail checks to South Elgin Lions Club, 500 Fulton St., South Elgin IL 60177. If you have questions about the barrels, call 847-888-9575 or e-mail rainbarrels@southelginlions.com.

"Someone Special" on April 3rd

Contact the Oakbrook Terrace Lion to see how you can assist with "Someone Special." Lions can volunteer to help that day at Drury Lane Oak Brook. Donations are appreciated by the club as the cost keeps increasing each year. Contact Lion City Glenn: lioncindyobt@comcast.net or call 630-871-9861.

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

Central Region -- by Lion Paul Groth

Bartlett Lions: During the month the club provided four individuals with eye exams and glasses, \$650 was donated to the Wayne Township food pantry which will be used to purchase hams at Easter time for needy families. \$650 was donated to the Hanover Township food pantry. This money will be used to bring in a truckload of food from the Northern Illinois food Bank. Lions will help to distribute the food in March, and a \$500 donation was given to Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic organization

Batavia Lions: Two members of the Batavia Lions Club answered the Alert call for help in Elgin to assist the Salvation Army package meals for Haiti relief.

South Elgin Lions: Annual Smelt Fry will be on Friday, April 30th at the clubhouse. The club also has ½ Price Bar night at the Clubhouse the 1st Friday of the month – open to anyone who wants to have a good time.

West Chicago Lion: Hosted the Central Region Zone Meeting, and like most of us, cannot wait until Spring. The club hosted the annual Pancake Breakfast early this month.

Eastern Region -- by Lion Jess Galvez

The **Bensenville Lions** served 167 plates of pasta, meatballs, soup, garlic bread to happy and satisfied customers at the Feb. 20 All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner.

The **Bloomington Lions** held a successful Spaghetti dinner last Feb. 12. Cub Scouts helped serve 230 dinners. Tony Spavone provided the entertainment.

The **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions** held a nursing home visitation at the Alden Nursing Home in Naperville. The club sponsored Bingo games for the nursing home residents and offered prizes to the lucky winners.

The **Lombard Lions** donated \$350 to the American Cancer Society, the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, and the Cub Scout Pack #40.

Recent donations by the **Roselle Lions Club** include: \$250 to K-9 Companions for Independence, \$500 to Lighthouse for the Blind, and \$200 to Camp Lions. The club collected 354 pairs of eyeglasses, 4 hearing aid batteries, 25 pairs of contacts (packaged), 1 ink cartridge and lots of pull tabs -- all for recycling by Lions of IL Foundation.

Club Briefs

Bartlett Lions: They also made two donations of \$500 to LCIF for the Haiti Disaster Relief Fund for a total donation of \$1,000.

North Aurora Lions: Several of their officers will be taking the plunge – the Polar Plunge, that is! You can bet they are looking forward to the near freezing water! The money raised goes to Special Olympics. If you are interested in making a donation please call Lion Sarah Prah for more info at: 630-549-2462.

West Chicago Lions: Still have firewood for sale as a fundraiser. If you need any visit www.westchicagolions.org and click on “Contact Us” for more information.

South Elgin Lions: Installed an AED in the clubhouse, but hope to never use it. Several club members were also certified in CPR and the use of the AED. The club also has daycare provided during the meetings which has allowed members with small children to attend the meetings. It is being run as a test program and it's also hoped that this will help attract new members to the club.

The **Hebron Lions Club**, along with the support of the **Richmond Lions Club**, were able to assist an elderly lady in the Hebron community by purchasing her two new hearing aids. She was very appreciative of the Lions organization!

In a Round Table discussion at a recent **Dundee Township Lions Club** meeting, the desirability of a Club Newsletter was brought up. Club Secy. Lion Melahn mentioned that several members are already complaining about receiving too many e-mails -- *but did anyone volunteer to do the newsletter???*

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

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

On Feb 21st, the **Fox River Grove Lions Club** hosted another successful Texas Hold 'Em poker event at D'Andreas in Crystal Lake. Over 50 players attended. Members are also diligently working on other upcoming projects they intend on "Bringing Lionism Home" for 2010.

The **Huntley Lions Club** Steak Fry was a success with 235 meals served and about \$2600 was netted for the club treasury. Lion Fruin's dad won the 50-50 and donated his \$195 back to the club. Lion Pertiet brought his famous dessert and Lion Bures (*the tree man*) washed every last dish. Lions were also glad that they had help from several high schoolers that night. *Thank you to all those who worked the evening. This is a very labor intensive fundraiser and the help was really needed. The club says "We'll ask you to do it all over again in June, so be prepared."*

The **Island Lake Lions Club** ran its Annual Ice Fishing Derby on February 20. A total of 71 adults and 16 kids, age 15 and under, participated. The one-day event netted the club \$920, and it was also a Very Good PR day! Club Secy. Lion Geoff Zivic also had some good PR in the area Triblocal. *Lions, have you used Triblocal yet for your club?*

McHenry Lions Club is busy preparing for VDG Lion Bob Jackson's Roar at the end of March -- *you 'all come!*

Sun City Huntley Lions Jim Ficke and Jack and Helen Anderson set up to work at the Centegra Health System's 10th Annual Health Fair at Sun City. Information on Diabetes Awareness and the File for Life was distributed. *See photo on back page of this issue.*

Several **Dundee Township Lions** joined volunteers and other Lions to package meals in conjunction with the Salvation Army for Haiti Relief. Almost 4,000 volunteers helped package and load 1,040,020 meals! The Girls Basketball Tournament was completed last month and the All-Star Banquet took place early this month. The **Union Lions Club** held a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser early this month.

Last month, the **Cary Lions Club** made a 12 hour donation of time to disaster relief/Lions ALERT.

The **Richmond Lions Club** held its Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner in early March. It is done each year in the memory of Lion Margery O'Conner as she was the Lion who came up with the idea. All proceeds go to schools and community projects.

Rose Days delivery on Mar. 31, Apr. 1 & 2 by **Elgin Lions** will earn funds for the club's Eye Care program.

Club Briefs

Bartlett Lions: Sunday March 14th we will have our Spring Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the Police Dept open house. The event will be held at the Bartlett Fire Barn on Main Street. From 8:00 A. M. to noon. Tickets are \$5.00

South Elgin Lions: Has sold 16 Rain Barrels, but has more to sell. If you are interested you can submit a form on-line or contact the club. Rain Barrels sell for \$65.00 and a portion of the proceeds goes to funding an environmental project the city wants to do in Lions Park – a Rain Garden.

Elmhurst Lion Kristi Reynolds received a "Key Member" pin and award for sponsoring two Lions into the club.

Sandwich Lion Gary Lemke received a "Key Member" pin and award for sponsoring two Lions, Lion Rick Lindner and Lion Joe Lemke.

The **Dundee Township Lions Club** participated in a Community Health Fair last month. The Fair generated 30 blood donors and 23 registered as Organ Donors. The club felt this event was very worth-while and should be on the club's calendar next year.

Johnsburg Lions Club has a temporary location for its meetings since the Pistakee Golf Course is closed for the winter. It is meeting at the Castaways in Johnsburg and can be located by clicking a link on its website at www.johnsburglions.org/Calendar.html.4

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

Southeastern Region -- by Lion Sandy Williams

Aurora Eve. Lions Club has approved ten eye exams/eyeglasses and have three more applications on tap. The club will be participating in "Rebuilding Together Aurora" in Apr. Plans are being made for Tootsie Pop Day in early May.

Approval was given by the **Lisle Lions Club Board** for a \$250 donation to LCIF for relief work in Haiti. A \$100 donation was sent for the Lisle Sr. High School Senior Banquet.

Naperville Noon Lions Club had 41 Social Service cases in Feb., bringing the club's total to 280 for the 2009-2010 Lion Year -- 255 cases were for vision needs and 25 for hearing needs. As of the end of Feb., over \$43,000 has been expended to help those in need. *That's where the Turkey Trot profit goes!*

The **Westmont Lions Club** is progressing with plans for its 4th Annual Red, White, BBQ Competition and Festival that will take place on Memorial Day weekend.

Southwestern Region -- by Lion Anna Mainhart

Sandwich Lions: Served hot chocolate during Ski For Sight, delivered 320 Cheer Baskets at Christmas, delivered 200 Food Boxes to 175 families for the Franklin Mall Project.

Elburn Lions: Hosted 5 Events, hosted our weekly Friday Night Bingo, hosted a SuperBowl Party and Lions Award Banquet, co-hosted a pork chop carry out dinner with Elburn Baseball Association, and delivered 264 pairs of eyeglasses and 7 hearing aids to Lions International (*our total is now 13,258 pairs of glasses*).

Waterman Lions: Donated \$100 to the Cub Scouts for help at the Pancake Breakfast, donated \$250 for two skiers for Ski For Sight, donated \$200 to County Sheriff's Auxiliary, donated \$50 to Waterman Fire District Assn., and donated \$100 to Indian Creek School High School Band.

Malta Lions: Held the Malta Lions Pancake Breakfast.

Sycamore Lions: Sorted eyeglasses at the Lions of Illinois Foundation on three days this past month.

Lions of Illinois Foundation Walk for Sight Partners Program

By creating a Partners Program, your club can help your community organization and help the Lions of Illinois Foundation all at the same time! The LIF will refund 40% of all the donations to the supporting organization, while incurring all of the cost, not to mention performing all of the set-up work, and incur all of the cost.

The best part is your club can be a "Hero" in your community. By implementing the Walk for Sight Partners Program with your local organizations you give them an opportunity to raise their own money and you show them that your club supports their efforts while helping the visual and hearing impaired people of Illinois -- which is why we are Lions!

For more information, contact the Lions of Illinois Foundation Office at 800-955-5466

Van C. Stone -- Ext. 227

DiAnne Ortega -- Ext. 221

Lynn Raske -- Ext. 250

www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

'Round the District PIX



(l to r) Cary Lion Karin Cook, Club Treasurer, and Lion Chuck Fox, Horizon Staff Member, present a \$500 check to Camille Caffarelli, Horizons for the Blind Founder and Executive Director, and Frank Zaccaghini, Marketing & Development Director of Horizons.



Lombard Lion Jason Myers, Club Treasurer and Supervisory Park District Financial Officer, shows Lombard Lions the presentation that helped win Lombard the 2009 Gold Medal National Grand Plaque for the Best Park District. *Congratulations!!*



Elgin Lions Club Pres. Lion Ed Bates (l) and ZC Lion Michael Dewey welcome Congressman Bill Foster to a winter meeting.

Members of the Dundee, Algonquin and Elburn Lions Clubs attended as well as several members of the Elgin Community Crisis Center.



Dundee Township Lion Jim Connelly presents the Championship trophy to players from the Westfield Middle School in Algonquin at the Dundee Township Lions Club Girls' Tournament.

Sixteen teams participated. This was the 15th year for the Girls' Tourney. The Boys' Tournament has now run for 51 years.



It turned out that the wheelbarrow and lawn tractor cart shown by Crystal Lake Lion Art Pears for the club's Jan. Steak Fry Raffle were very popular raffle prizes! *Who'd a thought -- especially in the middle of winter???*



South Elgin Lion Vern Brunner just received his 50 Year Membership Chevron. *He looks like he's ready to start on his 2nd 50!*

Gov. George and Lion Sharon's 9-year old granddaughter , Nicolet Endean, drew this as her interpretation of what Lions do. "We Serve," she says, and her Lion is climbing the "L" of the word Lions. *See it in color on the 1-j website.*



Lioness Clubs in 1-J

Lioness Clubs -- by Lion Sandy Williams

The **Fox River Lioness Club** made a \$500 donation to Camp Lions recently. Members collected donations and gave them to the local food pantry. Five members (*that's 15% of the membership*) attended the late Feb. Fox River Region Meeting.

The **Island Lake Lioness Club** will be participating in the Diabetes Alert Campaign on Apr. 17th. The club will hold it's Easter Egg Hunt on a late Mar. Sat. AM. Members will be out for Tootsie Pop Day in early May. The club sent a monthly Care Package to a local soldier in Afghanistan. Some of the Lionesses assisted the **Island Lake Lions** with the Annual Ice Fishing Derby.

The **Sycamore Lionesses** had two teams at the District 1-J Bowling Tournament in Jan. It was fun for all -- and they even received a \$75.00 check for winning in one of the categories!. The club approved a \$100 donation to Opportunity House. The Lionesses made 130 Valentine pens and will complete Easter crafts for Meals on Wheels. The club will participate in Diabetes Awareness in Apr.



North Aurora Leo Amanda Gaffino receives an award for her service to her club. Other Leos recognized at the annual Awards Dinner were Zoe Stevens, Rachel Lally and Kelly McGinnis.

Leo Clubs in 1-J

Leo Clubs -- by Lion Sandy Williams

The **Westfield Leos of Bloomingdale** had Bloomingdale Officer Dawn Odoi as a guest speaker. Officer Odoi talked about accountability for actions and knowing right from wrong. She also talked about Internet safety and security.

Elburn Leo Club will be hosting the annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 9. The club recently donated funds for a Support Dog for a local family.

Is Your Club Making News?

Lions Clubs International (LCI) is always looking for Lions in the headlines.

Please e-mail LCI at: pr@lionsclubs.org with the story or a description of the coverage you received so your media exposure can be shared with other clubs. Due to copyright laws LCI is unable to reproduce the story.

Did anyone see the photo and brief story of the **Waterman Lions Club's** Gobbler Gallop on p. 49 of the March 2010 issue of *The Lion Magazine*? *Hey, hey, Waterman!*



Our 1-J Lion Family

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

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Lion Brian Clinite	Bartlett Lions	Lion Tom Schiferl
Lion Richard Metzel	Bartlett Lions	Lion Rodger Peterson
Lion Elbert Julian	Glendale Hts. Barangay Lions	Lion Dee Javier
Lion Craig A. Hutchison	Wheaton Lions	Lion Brad Pihl
Lion Helen Dreckman	Villa Park Lions	Lion Roberta Lundquist
Lion Karen McCarthy	South Elgin Lions	Lion Ed McCarthy
Lion Carol DeFiore	Sun City-Huntley Lions	Lion Sheldon Clark
Lion Darren Reboletti	Sandwich Lions	Lion Ron Wallis
Lion Brian Renquist	Sycamore Lions	Lion Al John



New South Elgin Lion Karen McCarthy poses with her sponsor, Club President Lion Ed McCarthy. District 1-J Governor Lion George Endean offers congratulations to both Lion Karen and Lion Ed.



North Aurora Lion Mark Carroll receives a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from Club Pres. Lion Quentin Park. Lion Sarah Prah also received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.



Cary Lion Bob Perry receives a Lifetime Membership Award from Club President Lion Carol Santee for 43 years of community service.



Eastern Region ZC Lion Perry Knutson recently inducted four new Lions into the Glendale Hts. Barangay Lions Club. Pictured are the four new Lions Elbert Julian, Victoria Bonsol, Edwin Cachola and Anicia Carlos. Lion Dee Javier sponsored Elbert Julian, and Lion Robert Tolentino sponsored the remaining three Lions.



Sun City-Huntley Lion Jack Anderson, PDG (r) shares a moment with the club's newest member, Lion Carol DeFiore, and her sponsor, Lion Sheldon Clark, after her induction.

WHAT'S GOIN' ON — IN 1-J

- Mar. 12 Bingo at **Elburn Lions** Clubhouse tonight and continuing every Friday night through the end of April.
- Mar. 13 **Elmhurst Lions'** 24th "All You Can Eat" Pizza Party at Sandburg Middle School, 345 E. St. Charles Road. Serving from 5-7 PM. \$7.00 ticket. Call Lion John Liberti - 630-834-0683 or Lion John Wartinbee -630-279-5019 for info.
- Mar. 13 **Elburn Lions Club** Annual Irish Dinner at the clubhouse.
- Mar. 13 St. Patrick's Day Parade in East Dundee -- *look for **Dundee Township Lions** marching in it!*
- Mar. 14 **McHenry Lions** are hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the Moose Hall, 3535 N. Richmond Rd. in McHenry today. (1 mile north of IL Rte. 120 on IL Rte. 31) Donation: Serving 8 AM-12:30 PM. Adults: \$5 each; Children under 10 -- Free.
- Mar. 14 **Bartlett Lions Club's** Annual Spring Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the Bartlett Police Dept. Open House today. Breakfast will be at the Bartlett Fireman's Hall (Fire Barn) from 8:00 AM to noon. Cost is \$5.00 per person.
- Mar. 14 **Hinckley Lions Club** Annual Pancake Breakfast from 7 AM to 12 Noon at Hinckley-Big Rock High School. No cost for breakfast but donations will be accepted and used for the Larry Hoffman Scholarship Fund.
- Mar. 18 1st Annual Hoops & Hams Raffle, hosted by the **Hinckley Lions Club**, at the J&K Half Moon in Hinckley. Raffling off Hams, gift certificates, half a hog, courtesy of Lena Maid Meats of Lena IL, and a \$500 Visa Gift Card. All this while enjoying first round action of the Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament.
- Mar. 19 **Bloomington Lions'** 2nd Annual Bags Tournament at Gaynor's Pub in Medinah. \$50 registration fee, maximum number of teams -- 24. 1st Prize --\$300, 2nd Prize --\$150.
- Mar. 20 Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by the **Bloomington Lions Club** at Circle Park at 9:30 AM.
- Mar. 21 **Woodstock Lions Club's** 80th Annual Ham Dinner at the Woodstock Moose Lodge, 406 Clay St, across the tracks from the train station. Cost is \$9.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors, \$5.00 for children 6-10, and free for all children 5 and under. Carry outs are even available, call Ron for them at 815-236-4759.
- Mar. 24 Reservations and checks for the Mar. 31st LIONS ROAR are to be received by the **McHenry Lions Club** today. Send them to: McHenry Lions Club, P.O. Box 292, McHenry IL 60051.
- Mar. 27 9 AM is the time for the Al Schmidt & **Island Lake Lioness** Easter Egg Hunt at the Island Lake Village Hall Baseball Fields.
- Mar. 27 Easter Breakfast, as well as an Easter Egg Hunt at **Elburn Lions** clubhouse this morning.
- Mar. 31 LIONS' ROAR for incoming Gov. Lion Bob Jackson at Marquise Banquet Hall, 4117 E. Wonder Lake Rd., Wonder Lake. Attitude Adjustment is at 6 PM with dinner at 7 PM. \$22 per person.
- Apr. 3 22nd Year for "Someone Special" at Drury Lane Theatre in Oak Brook. *Ask **Oakbrook Terrace Lions** how you can help.*
- Apr. 3 Last day to complete on-line registration for **District 1-J Convention** -- *hotel rooms were to be reserved by Mar. 18th.*
- Apr. 3 **Waterman Lions Club** Easter Egg Hunt.
- Apr. 4 Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by **Lisle Lions Club**, beginning promptly at 1 PM at Lisle Jr. High.
- Apr. 9 -11 DISTRICT 1-J LIONS CONVENTION at Lisle Naperville Hilton, 3003 Corporate Drive West, (just off of Warrenville Road), Lisle.
- Apr. 23 Annual Pasta Dinner, hosted by the **Sun City-Huntley Lions Club**.
- Apr. 25 **Ranch Style Breakfast today, hosted by the Dundee Township Lions Club.**
- Apr. 25 Another **Fox River Grove Lions Club** "Texas Hold 'Em" No Limit Poker Tournament.
- Apr. 26 **Bensenville Lions** will hold their 3rd Texas Hold 'Em fundraiser to be chaired by Lion Virginia Golec.
- Apr. 30 Annual **South Elgin Lions Club** Smelt Fry at Lions Clubhouse.



Around the District

Aurora Eve. Lions Club presented Evelyn Krebs with a Lions of IL Foundation Fellow honoring PDG Lion Larry Krebs at a recent dinner meeting.

Sun City-Huntley Lions Jim Ficke and Jack & Helen Anderson set up at the Centegra Health

System's 10th Annual Health Fair in Sun City. Information on Diabetes Awareness and the File for Life was distributed. Lions Bob Ruth and Martha Mirek also worked at the Fair.



I'm not sure that many of us Lions want the title "Bus Boy of the Year," but that was the title bestowed upon Lion John Argyrakis by his fellow Lions at Bloomingdale Lions Club's recent Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. He had help from several Cub Scouts that were working that evening, too -- and we imagine -- quite a few Lions.

Lombard Lion Caputo mixes up pancakes in the kitchen for the club's latest Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.



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Here's what Lions do in their communities -- make it better for our fellow man! See the story on p. 2 inside this issue.

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From the Blotter of:

*Lion Bob Jilke, District 1-J Trustee
Lions of Illinois Foundation*

The Lions of Illinois Foundation board held its third meeting of the year a few weeks ago in Bloomington.

As a whole, the Foundation is doing well. All programs and services are being maintained in spite of the reduction in income we've experienced the past few years. Contributions, as a whole, have remained static for several years and the 2009 Candy Day was down by about \$100,000 statewide.

On the plus side, the Endowment Fund has seen an increase of 10.4% for the first six months of this fiscal year. This is excellent because staff has had to access almost \$180,000 of Fund interest this year to pay for LIF programs.

Several issues were raised and decided during the meeting. First, all future requests for hearing aids must include the \$250 fee in advance. This measure was passed because as of the meeting date clubs owed more than \$8,000 in fees. Some of the fees have been outstanding since April of last year. Please, Lions, if you owe money to the Foundation, please send it in.

Changes to the Named Accounts Program were also made. Clubs can contribute amounts of \$25,000 and up to a named account. This money will be held and invested by the Foundation and the annual interest given back to the club, if desired, for a set number of years. After the expiration date, the funds stay in the Foundation but the club can designate which program should benefit from the interest. We will have more information sent to the clubs soon.

If you believe in YOUR Foundation and the many benefits we give to the more than 18,000 Illinois residents we serve each year, THEN take a big role this spring in Sight and Sound Sweepstakes, Tootsie Pop Day, Birdies for Charity, and the Walk for Sight. Only you can insure the success of our mission, to serve the less fortunate in our communities.

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As many of you know, Candy Day 2009 was not the best state-wide. Weather was the main culprit. And while we came pretty close to equaling 2008 in District 1-J, simply equaling 2008 is not enough. With declining membership and increasing costs, it becomes more and more difficult for our Foundation to make ends meet.

Since it is our Foundation and since our Foundation helps sight and hearing impaired children and adults all over Illinois, I believe it is incumbent on all Lions to do what we can to offset a poor Candy Day with extra efforts in this Spring's programs.

Sight and Sound Sweepstakes: Let's make an extra effort to make this a banner year for District 1-J.

Walk For Sight: Consider getting the local Boy Scouts, High School band or any other group your club supports locally to participate in our Walk for Sight on Sunday, June 6. Not only will they make some needed money, our Foundation will benefit as well. And your club will be heroes in your community for helping local organizations.

Not all clubs participate in **Tootsie Pop Day**, held in May, and likely to be much better weather-wise than Candy Day was. It works just like Candy Day. Think about doing this to help our Foundation.

This year, more than any year in the past, Sight and Sound Sweepstakes, Tootsie Pop Day, and the Walks must carry a bigger part of the load. If your club, and you individually, put forth a bit of extra effort, they will.

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Camp Lions Application Deadline Extended A Full Month

Alan Wilson, Camp Registrar, for the Lions of IL Foundation, has announced that the application deadline for Camp Lions for Blind and Deaf Youth has been extended to April 1, 2010.

Applications and information on who is eligible to attend Camp Lions is available on LIF's website:

www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

or by calling 1-815-756-5633 and asking for Alan or Mario.



Win a 2010 Harley-Davidson Sportster!!!



The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Host Committee of Wisconsin is sponsoring a Raffle to raise money for their expenses to host the 2010 USA/Canada Forum in Milwaukee.

Prize: 2010 Harley-Davidson Sportster
(Retail value of over \$10,000.00)

Tickets: \$50 each, or 3 for \$100

Drawing: Saturday, June 19, 2010, 1:30pm at the Hilton City Center, Milwaukee Wisconsin. Prize must be picked up, in person, in Milwaukee at the 2010 USA/Canada Forum. Winner need not be present at drawing. All taxes and fees are the responsibility of the winner. All proceeds from the raffle support the Lions of Wisconsin Host Committee expenses. The cost of the raffle ticket is NOT tax deductible. For ticket information, email PID Bud Wahl at pidbud@verizon.net