



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 held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on **Thursday, November 5th. Tail Twister Lion Robert has asked everyone to wear any type of sports jersey for this meeting!** Social time kicks off at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held **Thursday, November 19th**, 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:

- Oct. 23: Spaghetti Dinner/Special Raffle**
- Dec. 3: Business/Holiday Dinner
- Dec. 3: Lions Environmental Photo Contest (will be judged at the holiday party)
- Dec. 19: Christmas Baskets
- Feb. 12: Spaghetti Dinner**
- March TBD: 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.

November Birthdays

- 3 – Diane King
- 12 – Kevin Jordan
- 28 – Mark Bousquet

Bloomington Mayor Bob Iden Visits Our Meeting

Bloomington Mayor Bob Iden visited our October business meeting and gave us the State of the Village Report. It was very positive and interesting to hear about all the new restaurants opening both in the village and at Stratford Square in the very near future. We always appreciate the time he takes to visit our meetings yearly.



Eastern Region Meeting

The next Eastern Region Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4th at the Bloomington Golf Club at 6:00 Lionization (cash bar), 7:00 Call to order, 7:15 dinner/meeting. Dinner is \$16 per person. Reservations are required by Friday, October 30th to Lion Perry. This is a great time to meet other local Lions and get ideas for member retention, fund raisers, etc. President Lion Kelly encourages everyone to attend.

50 Men Who Cook

The following was written by chairperson, Lion Perry:

What a wonderful event and if you missed it, the Bloomington Lions were well received by all. We served brats, bean dish, and brownies. Mmmmmmm....., it was good! The event was held on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the Hilton (Indian Lakes) in Bloomington. A special thanks to Lion Jerry Bertrand for making his special bean dish and helping with planning the event and Lion Jo Witucki who made brownies, decorated our table (a barbeque theme, great job) and planning the event. Other Lions who made brownies were Lions Wayne Murphy, Julie Deeke (worked the event), Bob Cywinski (who also worked the event). and Robert Rossi. Lion Ron Fangusaro picked up and helped deliver the food and last, but not least, our Lion who appeared in many pictures, made people feel good, etc, Lion Jim King. We served over 175 people. You should be proud to be a Bloomington Lion. No other service organization was present at this event. We support our community!



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 Walmart. Volunteers met at the West Suburban Bank at 7:30 and were given their candy and cans. Lion Rob provided coffee and donuts. I do not have a complete report on the money collected but I do know that the first weekend Lion Bob C. (welcome back) collected \$159, Lion Ron collected \$95 and Lion Sue collected \$90 for a total of \$344. I will have a complete report in our next newsletter.

Spaghetti Dinner

Our next Spaghetti dinner will be held on Friday, October 23rd from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Once again, entertainment will be provided by Tony Spavone. We will also be having a special event at this dinner – a raffle for beautiful baskets and other items donated by the Bloomingdale Lions club members. For more information on the raffle, contact Lion Ron. For tickets to the Spaghetti Dinner contact Lion Larry. We hope to see you all there.

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. In December, at our holiday party, we'll vote for the best photo taken by a club member for submission to the district contest.

Westfield Leo Club Update

The October Leo Club Meeting will be held on October 21st. At this meeting, holiday cards will be addressed to be included in holiday packages sent to the Vets by the VFW and pumpkins will be decorated to be delivered to residents of the local nursing homes. The Leos will participate in the Park District's Halloween Happening event on Friday, October 23rd.

Someone You Should Know

Sam Galante is my Hero – written by Lion Sue

Sam Galante is eight-years-old. He lives in Roselle, Illinois. Last year, Sam volunteered to help with Bloomingdale's Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon (<http://www.bloomingtondalewalkadogathon.org/>). The annual event is held at Springfield Park in Bloomingdale. Sponsored by the Bloomingdale Lions Club (<http://bloomingtondaleil.lionwap.org/>) Bloomingdale Westfield Middle School Leo Club, Erickson Elementary School Cub Scout Pack 457, and the Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 (<http://www.vfw7539.org/>), the event aims to raise funds for Lions Project Canine Companions for Independence (http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.4011057/k.9612/Service_Clubs.htm) a non-profit organization that provides free trained assistance dogs for persons who are in wheelchairs. The event features a demonstration of how the trained dogs aid persons in wheelchairs. Cub Scout Sam was quite impressed by the demonstration last year. He was so impressed that he decided to do something to help. All on his own, Sam 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. It was from collecting metal cans. 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.

“As the Bloomingdale Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon event chairperson, I was overwhelmed and humbled to receive a generous donation of \$54 from an eight-year-old Cub Scout,” said Bloomingdale Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson. “Sam Galante is my hero.” Sam Galante can be reached through his Scout Master, Brian Joda at: brianjoda@sbcglobal.net

“Happy Halloween”

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 November 20th.

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.bloomingdalelionsclub.org/>.

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