



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, October 1st**. Social time kicks off at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Bob Iden is planning on attending and speaking at this meeting. He will be giving a State of the Village report and welcomes questions. As a reminder, Business Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held **Thursday, October 15th** 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. 9/10:	Candy Day for Lions of Illinois Foundation**
Oct. 23:	Spaghetti Dinner/Special Raffle**
Dec. 3:	Business/Holiday Dinner
Dec. 19:	Christmas Baskets
Dec. 31:	Lions Environmental Photo Contest
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.

October Birthdays

6 – Marv Roehlke
 16 – Julie Deeke
 22 – Bob Vuglar

Eastern Region Meeting

The Eastern Region Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 19th, at Medinah Shriner's Center in Addison. Our club had 10 members present. Lion Jerry Bertrand was awarded the George Lazansky award (presented by IPDG Nancy Rex), a service award in recognition of distinguished service, loyalty and devotion to Lionism. It requires a nomination by a zone chairman to be eligible. We are very proud to have Lion Jerry in our club and thank him for all he does.



Give a Little – Feed a Lot

Lion Marv writes:

Lion Marv Roehlke was contacted by Jewel/Osco in Glendale Heights who invited the Bloomingdale Lions to participate in their "Give a Little, Feed a Lot" project, an effort to get the community to donate non-perishable items to the Northern Illinois Food Pantry. The project was presented to the Board of Directors of the club who authorized a donation of \$500.00 towards the project, which was to occur on Thursday September 10, 2009 from 6:00 AM until 10:00 AM.

That morning, four Lions (Bertrand, Zaccardi, Roehlke, and Sanalitra) gathered at Bentleys for breakfast before attacking the shopping spree. Breakfast was generously hosted by Lion Guy Sanalitra. Thank you, Lion Guy. Upon arriving at Jewel, the above foursome was joined by Lions Bob Cywinski, Wayne Murphy and Sharyn Murphy. It was observed that there was more activity in the parking lot around a large semi-tractor trailer rig, than there was in the store. Tom Hong, the Jewel manager was located in the lot, and, after a short conversation, Tom offered to have his staff do the shopping for the Lions and concentrate on the sale and two for one items in the store, assuring a bigger bang for the buck.

Tom Hong was presented a Lions check for \$500.00 and he turned his crew loose. The event was well attended with both the Villages of Glendale Heights and Bloomingdale, the Glendale and Bloomingdale Fire and Police Departments, schools, and several of Tom's vendors participating. Nancy Loo from Channel 32 (Fox) TV was interviewing Tom Hong, the Director of the Northern Illinois Food Pantry and others live during the course of the event.

From our perspective, it appeared to be a huge success and Tom Hong thanked the Lions for participating. It was later learned that several Bloomingdale Lions stopped by the drop off point with personal donations of both food and money.

Lion Marv



Septemberfest

Septemberfest was held on Saturday, September 12th in Old Town Bloomingdale. I (Lion Sharyn) was the chairperson for our club and I would like to thank each and every one of you who helped me and gave me your tremendous support in the chairing of this event. For those of you who put in countless hours, both in the months and weeks before the event and the day of the event itself, I can't thank you enough for your time. Thank you to those of you who brought family and friends to help. Throughout the day, we had over 30 volunteers help in one way or another. Although we didn't get the crowd we were hoping for due to other fests and events in the area, we did everything we could to make it a successful event.





More than 20 dogs participated in Bloomingdale's Fourth Annual Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon at Springfield Park Sunday, September 20th, in Bloomingdale. Organized by the Bloomingdale Lions Club, Bloomingdale Westfield Middle School Leo Club, Erickson School Cub Scout Pack #457 and Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, the fundraiser benefits Lions Project Canine Companions for Independence, a nonprofit organization that raises and trains dogs for people who use wheelchairs.



Candy Day for Lions of Illinois foundation

Candy Day will be held on October 9th and 10th. Volunteers need to be at West Suburban Bank at 7:30 a.m. either day to get their candy and cans. Lion Rob will provide coffee and donuts. For further information, contact Lion Ron.

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 (each member was asked to donate an item worth \$25 or cash (for items to be purchased) to the next meeting at the latest. 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, we'll vote for the best photo taken by a club member for submission to the district contest.

Westfield Leo Club Update

Before we held our first meeting of the new school year, the Leos had already participated in the Septemberfest Parade and helped serve lemonade at the Lions Club booth. The first meeting was held on Wednesday, September 16th. With much enthusiasm and competition, we held our officer elections. We also created a new position, Club Photographer, with 3 co-photographers to help. We will be starting a club album. We discussed ideas and projects we would like to do this coming year. This past Sunday the Leos participated in the Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon with the Cub Scouts. We look forward to another fun and exciting year.





Reminder:

Dues renewals have been mailed to all Lions. If you have not paid, the deadline is the October 1st meeting. I hope to see you all there.

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 October 15th.

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.bloomingtonlionsclub.org/>.

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