



# LIONS CLUB of BLOOMINGDALE

## Lions Tales – September 2009

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Lion Kelly Gits, President

Lion Wayne A. Murphy, Secretary

### **Editor's Note:**

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. Please join me in welcoming Lion Kelly Gits as the first lady President of the Bloomingdale Lions Club. We are looking forward to a great year with her as our leader!

### **From the Desk of the President:**

Hello fellow Lions,

Welcome to the 2009- 2010 year of service. We have a lot of great events planned for this year. The first board meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2009 and we should lock down on several of the event dates. If you would like to chair an event or if you have any suggestions for new fund-raising opportunities, please let me know.

As of the last member report we have a total of 41 members. We do a great job on all of our events but could do an ever better job (and raise more money) if all of our members were involved in our events. If you aren't sure how you can help, just ask. We can always use the help.

The Bloomingdale Lions Club is a great club and I look forward to serving as President for 2009 - 2010.

Sincerely,

Lion Kelly Gits

### **Next Business / Dinner Meeting**

The next monthly Business / Dinner Meeting will be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on **Thursday, September 3rd**. Social time kicks off at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. As a reminder, Business Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.

### **Next Board Meeting**

Our first Board Meeting of the year will be held **Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**. Our September Board Meeting will be held on **September 17<sup>th</sup>**. Both meetings will be held 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

## **2009 - 2010 Schedule of Events**

Check out our upcoming events:

August 19:	Eastern Region Meeting
September 12:	Septemberfest**
September 20:	Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon**
TBD:	Lions Environmental Photo Contest

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

### **September Birthdays**

2 – Maureen Davis  
9 – Bill Wolff  
11 – Guy Sanalidro  
12 – John Vertnik  
15 – Debbie Schoen  
20 – Lorraine Masick

### **Eastern Region Meeting**

The next Eastern Region Meeting will be held this Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, at Medinah Shriner's Center in Addison. Cash Bar begins at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$16.00. All members are invited. This is a great time to meet other Lions Club groups to socialize and get ideas for new projects. Hope to see you all there.

### **Septemberfest**

This year Septemberfest is Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. It is an all day event from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and requires the help of all our members, their spouses (if available) and friends. If you have not already signed up for a time to work, please see me at our September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to do so. Many of our Lions attended the bartending class last month held at the Bloomingdale Police Department. This is a requirement for anyone tending bar at the event. We will go over the bartending schedule also at that meeting. This is our biggest one-day event of the year – please help me as the Chairperson to make it a great success. Every little bit of time you can give will help.

### **Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon**

Bloomingdale Lions Club, Bloomingdale Westfield Middle School Leo Club, Erickson School Cub Scout Pack #457 and Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 present Bloomingdale's Fourth Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon fundraiser on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Springfield Park Nature Trail. \$15 registration fee in advance, \$20 day of the event. Prizes for the three "Top Dogs" that raise the most money. To register: [bloomingtondalelion@netscape.net](mailto:bloomingtondalelion@netscape.net), call 630-894-7394, or visit [www.bloomingtondalewalkadogathon.org](http://www.bloomingtondalewalkadogathon.org).

## **Lions Environmental Photo Contest**

Lion Sue writes:

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. The winner of the district contest advances to the multiple district. The multiple district entries advance to the international contest held at the 2010 international convention.

By encouraging club members to begin taking photos now, we still have greenery and summer rainbows to be captured.

Thanks!  
Sue

## **Installation & Awards Dinner**

Our Installation & Awards Dinner was held at the Medinah Shriner's Center in Addison on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Melvin Jones Awards were presented to Lions Cory Viger, Mark Bousquet and Sharyn Murphy. Lion Kelly Gits was presented with the Lion of the Year Award. Lion Wayne Murphy was presented with the Secretary's Award. Lion Rob Pauling was presented with the Treasurer's Award. Lions Ron Fangusaro, Jerry Markham, John Argyrakis and Larry Kowalski were presented with the President's Appreciation Award.

We had entertainment by Shealeigh Voitl, an 11 year old singer who could be the next Miley Cyrus – she was terrific. Lion Kelly did a great job hosting this event. I think a good time was had by all.





### **Westfield Leo Club Update**

On August 11<sup>th</sup> our Leo Advisor Ron Fangusaro, past Leo Advisor Jerry Bertrand, and Assistant Leo Advisor Sharyn Murphy attended the registration at Westfield Middle School to recruit Leos. We had applications, emergency information sheets, a sign-up sheet for our Septemberfest Parade and information about our Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon available at that time. We recruited 12 new members and passed out approximately 40 applications to interested students. The club will march in the Septemberfest Parade on September 12<sup>th</sup> and help at the Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Our first meeting of the year will be on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Walk for Sight**

Our Walk for Sight was held on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at Danada Equestrian Center in Wheaton. We had great weather for this event. Eighteen Lions attended and we collected \$665 for this very important cause.



### Annual Charity Golf Challenge

The Annual Charity Golf Challenge was held on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. It was a beautiful day with over 70 golfers. Everyone seemed to enjoy the outing, the dinner and the great prizes. Thank you to the Golf Committee who put in many hours for this event – your time was well spent.





**American Cancer Society Relay for Life**

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life was held on Friday, June 12th, at Lake Park High school. This important event was very well attended and supported by our community.



## **Hybrid Car Show**

Our Hybrid Car Show was held on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, at DuJardin School. Below is a note from Chairperson Lion Perry:

Thanks to everyone listed below for helping with the first Bloomingdale Lions Club 1st Hybrid Car Show and Recycle Project. To see photos of the event, please log onto our web page at: <http://www.bloomingdalelionsclub.org/>.

Lions in attendance included: Cory Viger, Jim King, Sharyn Murphy, Ron Fangusaro, Robert Rossi, Jo Witucki, Jerry Bertrand, Bill Wolff, Jerry Markham, Larry Kowalski, Warren Prescott, Bob Vuglar, Marvin Roehlke, Sue Knutson, and Perry Knutson, Chairman.

Thanks to:

- Lion Tom Zaccardi for providing the scrap metal recycling container
- Verizon in Bloomingdale for collecting used cell phones
- the Bloomingdale VFW for collecting used American flags
- Lion Jo for the water, tents, easels, and safety cones
- Lion Bill Wolf for providing lunch.
- Lions Ron Fangusaro and Marv Roehike with helping with loading and unloading items from the Knutson's home
- Lion Perry Knutson for donating the funds to run this event (no expense charged to the Bloomingdale Lions)

And special thanks to friends of the Bloomingdale Lions Club, Steve Moffitt and Joyce Stahl who provided their hybrid cars for display. The event was well organized and of interest to those in attendance. We intend to repeat this event in a more visible location.

Thank you,  
Perry R. Knutson





**Newsletter Submission**

If you have an article, photo or something you'd like to share, please send it to Lion Sharyn at [stmurphy@ameritech.net](mailto:stmurphy@ameritech.net) by September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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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