



LIONS CLUB of BLOOMINGDALE

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Lion Mark Bousquet, President

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Next Business / Dinner Meeting

The monthly Business / Dinner meeting will be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on Thursday, **March 06, 2008**. Social time kicks off at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Reminder – Business meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month.

Next Board Meeting

The monthly Board Meeting will be held Thursday, **March 20, 2008** at Starck Realty at 6:30 p.m. All officers and directors should attend and all members are welcome to attend. Reminder – Board meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month.

2007-2008 Schedule of Events

The following list of the proposed 2007-2008 events. This list will be updated as events are confirmed.

- Mar 08: Easter Egg Hunt at Westfield School**
- Apr 11-13: District 1-J Convention Hospitality Room at the Naperville Hilton
- Apr TBD: Vidalia Onion Sales**
- May TBD: Steak Fry at the Bloomingdale Golf Club**
- May 09: Mobile Hearing Screening**
- May 10: 1st Leo Conference in Addison, IL
- Jun TBD: American Cancer Society Relay for Life**
- Jun 01: Illinois Walk for Sight**
- Jun 05: Awards / Installation Dinner
- Aug 01: Annual Charity Golf Challenge**

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

If you have information of other upcoming events, please let me know so I can incorporate them into the next issue.

March Birthdays

A BIG Happy Birthday to the following Lions & partners in service:

- Mar 06: Judy Cywinski
- Mar 13: Paul Becker
- Mar 19: Jim King

A Message From Our District Governor

Lions all,

FYI...Our district publishes a monthly journal full of important information, events, updates, changes, etc. Clubs in our district send in articles about their own events. Much valuable information is given every month. I urge all of you to go to the Lions website and read this journal monthly. We all need to be informed of the many programs we can participate in. Sometimes in our hectic world, we lose the energy, commitment and enthusiasm we had when we first joined this club. Let us all renew our commitment "to serve".

Following is a reprint of my article in the February journal.

From the Governors Desk:

We are in the second month of the new year. I am proud of the progress we have made toward reaching many of our goals. However, we have much work that must be accomplished in the remaining months. I ask for your support in achieving these goals.

My personal goal this year is to increase our membership by 100. We are not yet halfway there. I asked each club at the beginning of the year to increase their numbers by 12 to 15%. A few clubs are almost there. Others not even close. Again, I ask each of you to bring in a new member in these next months. Your support in the remaining months will determine whether District 1J remains a leader in Illinois.

We are at 83% of our goal in the SightFirst II program. We have raised \$278,000 so far. I encourage all clubs who have not yet committed to join us. We are striving for 100% participation. Club presidents, you have the task of leading your club in this effort. Club members, know that you can bring the miracle of sight to millions around the world. Take pride in the fact that the work you are doing today will provide a better life for future generations.

Leo advisers, please keep us abreast of what your clubs are doing. Send your information in to Lion Sandy to be published in this monthly journal. I hope to have a whole page devoted to Leo's and their activities. These boys and girls are our future Lions.

We have a winner in the Peace Poster contest. She is Kathryn Panther and her entry came through the Naperville Noon Club. Kathryn will be our guest for lunch at the District Convention where she will be recognized for her design. All poster entries will be displayed at the district hospitality room at the convention.

First Lady Elisabeth and I extend a personal invitation to attend our district convention on April 11, 12 and 13. There is much going on. Along with the excellent schooling and plenary session, there will be the theme baskets, a silent auction, a necrology service, and lots of fun and friendship in the hospitality rooms. New this year is the baking contest. I encourage you to bake your favorite dessert and enter it. We need 9 judges. E-mail or phone us if you will volunteer to be one.

Our schedule is very full, (see adjoining page). We are visiting 3 to 4 clubs each week, (sometime 2 in one day, a noon club and an evening club). We have participated in service projects and fund raisers. We have learned of many programs we were not aware of. We have gone to villages and towns we never knew existed. And through it all, we are warmly welcomed and have learned so much. What impresses us most is the commitment, the energy, and the focus Lions have in serving their communities and beyond.

Do you know what always works? **TEAMWORK**

THE GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS

January 3	Dundee Township Club Visit
January 5	Glendale Heights Barangay Club Visit
January 7	Oakbrook Terrace Club Visit
January 8	Woodridge Club Visit
January 9	DeKalb Noon Club Visit
January 10	Darien Club Visit
January 11	Sycamore Club Visit
January 13	Cabinet Meeting-South Elgin
January 14	Wood Dale Lioness Club Visit
January 15	Naperville Noon Club Visit
January 16	Hanover Park Club Visit
January 17	Island Park Lioness Club Visit
January 20	District Bowl - Addison
January 23	Cortland Club Visit
January 24	Roselle Club Visit
January 26	Ski for Sight - Shabbona
January 28	Southwest Region Meeting - Elburn
January 30	Eastern Region Meeting - Bloomingdale

Easter Egg Hunt

This years Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 8, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. Due to the weather, the event will be held at Westfield Junior High.

Ages 0 – 4 will hunt for the eggs.

Ages 5 – 6 & 7 -8 will have an will participate in a fun game.

Please see Lion Cory for additional details.

Spaghetti Dinner

Tony Spavone entertained the 232 guests that joined us for the February spaghetti dinner! We earned over \$2,000 in profit that will go a long way in service the sight and hearing impaired. Great job!

Thank you goes to Tony Spavone, the Leo's, all the Lion volunteers and the Spaghetti Dinner committee members: Lion Larry, Lion Claudia, Lion Kevin and Lion Kelly.

A special thank you goes to Lion Larry who really led the way for this spaghetti dinner. Thank you, Larry, for all of your hard work.

Cub Scouts Pack 457

Congratulations Cub Scout Pack 457. Pack 457 held their blue and gold award ceremony. Lion President Mark Bousquet presented Pack 457 with an award for their help with last year's (2007) Walk-a-dog-a-Thon.





A Message from our Lions International President

Dear Club Officers,

Lions don't just change – Lions change for the better! When it comes to increasing our ability to serve the people of our communities and the world, nothing should be beyond the scope of our imagination.

Fortunately, it doesn't usually take outlandish ideas to yield great improvements. Lions Clubs around the world have found that one of the biggest boosts in their ability to serve comes from the energizing effect of women members. All around the world, women have rallied around the "We Serve" motto and helped their clubs live up to the ideal it represents.

On a recent visit to India it was my pleasure to meet members of the newly chartered Chenai Aristocrats Lions Club. The 20 forward-thinking Lions who formed this club recognize that the seven women in their ranks have brought a "new dimension" to their service initiatives. They report that their efforts are now focused on some of the most pressing needs of their community – children's issues and improved health for all.

In just three months the club has undertaken major projects including building a water-treatment facility to provide clean water to schools, the creation of a yoga center for the entire community and the "adoption" of a neighborhood in need of better sanitation, hygiene and education. Women are in the forefront of these projects says Club Secretary C.G Balaji. He notes that as a side benefit, the club's meetings have become more interesting and the menu has even improved – because the women insisted upon it!

He says that the women's "participation is a welcome sign and will change the perception of Lionism, among both Lions and the general public.

I am happy to report that Lions' excellent response to the Challenge to Change is reaping rewards throughout the entire International Association of Lions Clubs. As you may know, the December worldwide membership report has historically shown a decrease from the July 1 total. Thanks especially to clubs' efforts to diversify their membership; this year the totals will be almost equal. That means 5,000 fewer Lions lost to the association! Congratulations to all clubs that have embraced the Challenge to Change and received the benefit of renewed energy and commitment.

In response to the changing needs of Lions, there will be changes made at International Headquarters as well. The Public Relations Division has embarked on a major redesign of the Lions Clubs International Web site and improvements to The LION magazine. In fact, you may be one of the Lions randomly selected to receive a survey questionnaire about the Web site. If you or a member of your club receives one, please help the hardworking staff at International Headquarters by returning it as soon as possible. They need your input! Redesigning the Web site is such a large and complex job that it may take the better part of a year to complete, but changes in The LION magazine will be phased-in over the coming year.

To keep up with clubs' fast-paced recruiting of new members, the club records staff is also making changes. This too, will require the cooperation of Lions, especially club secretaries. WMMR filings will now be due by the last day of each month from clubs that file electronically and by the 20th of each month from clubs that file by mail. This will allow the staff to eliminate the current one month lag between filing and the production of reports and provide current data to all parts of the association. For complete details on this change in procedure, please see the www.lionsclubs.org Web site.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and wish you continued success in your mission to serve.

Sincerely,
Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President

Leo Update

Several Leo's volunteered at the February spaghetti dinner event. They worked very hard to keep the tables clean for over 200 guests.

On another note, the Leo's are planning on making a donating for \$400 to the Bloomingdale Food Pantry in March.

Nice work Leo club!

Hearing Screening

Did you know that 22 million Americans – about 8% of the population – have impaired hearing, which may vary from mild loss of sensitivity to total loss of hearing? (Source: National Academy of an Aging Society – Hearing Loss: A Growing Problem That Affects Quality of Life, December 1999).

Come to the free mobile hearing unit of May 9, 2008. This event will be held at the Medinah Shriner facility in Addison (550 Shriner Lane, Addison IL.) from 9 AM – 12 PM.

Please see Lion Marv for additional details.

Newsletter Submission Calendar

If you have an article, photo or something you'd like to share please send it to lionkelly@att.net by the following dates:

March 21, 2008

April 18, 2008

May 23, 2008

Editor's Corner

Thanks to all who submitted an article or a picture. Please let Lion Kelly know if you prefer to receive the newsletter by email.

For additional information about the club please see our web site at <http://www.bloomingtondalelionsclub.org/>.

Thank you,

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