



LIONS CLUB of BLOOMINGDALE

Lions Tales - March 2008

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Lion Mark Bousquet, President

Lion Wayne Murphy, Secretary

Next Business / Dinner Meeting

The monthly Business / Dinner meeting will be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on Thursday, **April 03, 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, **April 17, 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**
- Mar – Apr: Vidalia Onion Sales** (On sale now).
- Apr 11-13: District 1-J Convention Hospitality Room at the Naperville Hilton
- May 09: Steak Fry at the Bloomingdale Golf Club**
- May 09: Mobile Hearing Screening**
- May 10: 1st Leo Conference in Addison, IL
- Jun 06-07: 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.

March Birthdays

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

- Apr 04: Sue Crosson-Knutson
- Apr 05: Walt Cropper
- Apr 08: Wayne Murphy
- Apr 08: Patricia Wolff
- Apr 13: Marilyn Zaccardi
- Apr 23: Patricia Cropper
- Apr 24: Dan L. Davis
- Apr 25: Mandy Mercadante
- Apr 27: Janet Pauling

A Message From Our District Governor – Ron Fangusaro

Another busy, busy month and it will get busier. So much happening, club visits, District Conventions, State Convention and Night Walk just to mention a few.

Let's begin with SightFirst II. We are at 92% of our goal, \$311,000. That is fantastic - the highest dollar amount raised in our State. We can raise many more dollars in the four months we have left. Let us continue to lead!

If you have not yet registered to attend the District Convention on April 11,12 and 13th, please do so. I promise a week-end of learning and fun.

An update on our first ever Leo Conference - we have had responses from several districts (1K and 1CNN). They will be attending the conference on May 10th. I encourage all Lions to participate and make this conference a huge success.

The fourth annual night walk will be on June 1st this year. 40% of the profits come back to our clubs, the other 60% goes to the Foundation. It is a great fund raiser and an opportunity to get out in the fresh air. Get your local organizations involved. They can also participate in the profits. Remember **TEAMWORK ALWAYS WORKS!**

In February, I visited the Huntley Lions Club. I had the pleasure of meeting a fine young Lion by the name of Scott Ruth. Lion Scott told me he was a 3rd generation Lions member in the Huntley Club.

Grandfather Lion Howard Ruth became a charter member of Huntley Lions Club in April 30, 1947. He remained a dedicated Lion until his death.

Father Lion Charles Ruth joined the Huntley Lions Club in 1972. He is a member in good standing to this day.

Son Lion Scott Ruth joined the club in 2007 and carries on with the same commitment as his father and grandfather. So, I guess we can say that the Ruth's family Lionism is genetic and also hereditary, passed from one generation to another.

I would like to end by quoting from a letter I received from International President Mahendra. He writes "**Your commitment and positive attitude toward membership and club growth deserves to be commended. The number of dropped members has decreased considerably compared to the first six months of last year. So as the year draws to a close, we ask you to stretch yourself to the maximum possible and continue on this path of success.**"

As your Governor this year, I assure you I do not take the credit for this pat on the back. It is you, Joe and Joan Lion who make me look good. It is you who shared my vision and stepped up to action. It is you who breathed life into my dreams. It is you who accepted the Challenge to Change. And it you who I thank!

We are Lions...supporting our future
Lion Ron Fangusaro District 1J Governor

Easter Egg Hunt

Ready....Set.....Go! We had another successful Easter egg hunt. Approximately 100 children and parents joined in the fun held at Westfield Junior High. The kids had a great time and lots of prizes were given out.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work in making this a success. A special thank you to Peter and Patty Rabbit – they make quite the couple!









Welcome!

The Bloomingdale Lions Club would like to welcome our newest Lion, Jo Witucki! Jo was sponsored by Lion Sue and was inducted on March 6, 2008. Welcome, we're glad to have you.



Patches

Lion Marv is collecting club patches. If you have any patches, please bring them to the next dinner meeting (April 03).

Newsletter

After 2 years, Lion Kelly is retiring as the newsletter editor. If you are interested in being the next editor, please let me know. I would be happy to share the information I have. It's a great way to stay on top of everything happening with the club.

District 1-J Convention (April 11 – 13)

We will be hosting the District Governor's Hospitality Suite on Friday and Saturday evenings and need volunteers. Also we need a lot of prizes for our raffle. We're looking for new items in their original packaging with a minimum value of \$20. You can solicit employers or other businesses for products or gift certificates and whatever you would like to donate personally. We are hoping to get as many prizes as we can. We'd like to get these no later than our April 3rd meeting. We are looking for a DJ who would volunteer their time to DJ Friday and/or Saturday night in the hospitality room. Please contact Lions Bob Vuglar or Tom Zaccardi.

Leo Update

The Leo's make a \$400 donation to the Bloomingdale Food Pantry. Nice work!

Is that you?

Lion Marv will be bringing a ton of surplus photos to the April meeting. Those not claimed after the meeting will meet the growling teeth of the shredder.

Get Your Onions Here

Lion Sandy and Lion Sharyn have printed and mailed the flyers for the Vidalia Onion Sale. They will have additional order forms available at the April 3 meeting. Onion pick up is Friday, May 9 (Noon – 5 pm) or Saturday, May 10 (8 am – Noon). Please contact Lion Sandy or Lion Sharyn for 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:

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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