

## **Article on Volunteering**

Submitted by Lion Elisabeth:

I came across this article a while ago and thought it was very thought provoking. I do not feel it really applies to our club because there are always hands up when needed but it is something to think about.

### **Copied from a Journal:**

I'd like to share a story with you. A sad story about one of our most valued Lions who passed away recently. That Lion's name was Someone Else.

Someone Else's passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Someone Else had been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone Else did far more than the lion's share of work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a service project to organize, or a meeting to attend, one name was always suggested: "Let Someone Else do it".

Whenever leadership was mentioned, Someone Else was always nominated. When fund raisers were planned, the word spread quickly – "Someone Else will do it"!

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most giving Lion in our club.

Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful Lion; sometimes appearing super human. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else – now Someone Else is gone!

We shrug our shoulders and wonder what we are going to do?

Someone Else left a wonderful example for us to follow, but who is going to follow it?

Will you?

Will you now do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help this year, to share your gifts, will you give the same answer you usually do?

Will you say, "I would love to help but I just can't right now" – "Ask Someone Else".

Remember – we can't depend on Someone Else anymore!

## **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 December 19<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//.bloomingdalelionsclub.org](http://.bloomingdalelionsclub.org).

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**Happy Holidays to All!!**



## **New Members**

Congratulations Lion Guy for bringing in Lion Julie Deeke who was installed at our November meeting.



From left: Lion IPDG Ron Fangusaro, Lion President Dan L Davis, new Lion Julie Deeke and sponsor, Lion Guy Sanalidro

## **Lions Long Sleeve Shirts – Second Chance**

Submitted by Lion Jerry Markham:

If you'd like to order a Bloomingdale Lions long sleeve denim shirt contact Lion Jerry Markham at 708-764-4703 or [jerrym4985@aol.com](mailto:jerrym4985@aol.com). They are \$27.00 – the price will drop to \$25 each after the first 24 shirts; we've bought 20 so far.

## **Environmental Photo Contest**

Submitted by Lion Sue:

The Environmental Photo Contest will be held in December. Members are asked to enter environment photos of our area - Bloomingdale and surrounding burbs. Photos of a plant, animal, landscape (urban or natural), a weather phenomena (such as rain, snow, a rainbow, etc.) or a Lion participating in an environment project. Complete details appear:

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/environment\\_photo\\_contest.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/environment_photo_contest.shtml)

**Note:** Due to the arrival of three new members of the club, and a variety of other changes, a new club roster will be distributed at the December Holiday Dinner.



### **25 Year Membership Pin**

Congratulations to Lion Kathie Krause on her 25 years of Lion service. We are happy to have her in our club!



Lion President Dan L. Davis with Lion Kathie Krause

### Westfield Leo Club Update

There were 21 Leos present at our November meeting, including one new member. The club was advised they will be given \$250 from the Lions Club for their work at our fall Spaghetti Dinner. We had 9 Leos work this event. The Leos will choose how to give this money back to the community. We collected letters to the Veterans, which will be included in the Bloomingdale VFW care packages. These letters were very well written. They expressed heartfelt thanks and good wishes for the troops. We made Christmas ornaments for the Leo Tree to be decorated on November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Bloomingdale Library's Snowman Crossing event. Be sure to stop and see the trees on Fairfield Avenue. Also, be sure to look for Lions and Leos on the cover of the Nov/Dec '08 Illinois State Lion Magazine.



## **Christmas Baskets**

Our annual Christmas Basket Shopping for needy families will take place on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast at Bentley's in Bloomingdale. If you have any questions, please contact Lions Marv or Jerry B.

## **Candy Day**

Lion Marv has written the following on Candy Day held on 10/10-10/11:

<b><u>Lion</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Remarks</u></b>
Cywinski, Bob	\$301.04	Street Cans
Roehlke, Marv	\$229.07	Street Cans
Crosson-Knutson, Sue	\$149.95	Street Cans
Pauling, Rob	\$128.94	Street Cans
Fangusaro, Ron	\$120.11	Street Cans
Kowalski, Larry	\$109.22	Street Cans
King, Jim	\$100.00	Street Cans
Thies, George	\$80.00	Street Cans
Zaccardi, Tom	\$78.43	Street Cans
Vuglar, Bob	\$77.98	Street Cans
Viger, Cory	\$60.39	Street Cans
Witucki, Jo	\$58.19	Street Cans
Bousquet, Mark	\$53.78	Street Cans
Sub-Total	\$1,547.10	
Fangusaro, Ron	\$675.00	Underwriting
Pauling, Rob	\$25.76	WSB Counter Cans
Total	\$2,247.86	
Expenses	(\$42.00)	Mailing for Underwriting
Net	\$2,205.86	

## **Bloomingdale Lions SightFirst II Update**

Submitted by Lion Jerry Markham:

Our club pledged \$15,600 to Campaign SightFirst II in 2006. SightFirst is a re-commitment to a Lions program that has been working on reducing blindness world-wide since 1990. Our pledge was based on \$400 for each member (the number of members at the time of the pledge) over five years. There were 39 members at the time of the pledge. The payments are \$3120 annually in June of each year. The first two payments were made in June 2007 and 2008. The remaining three payments will be made in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Our pledge earned the Bloomingdale Lions Club the designation of SightFirst II Model Club. Individual members are not asked to contribute personally for SF II; the SF II annual contribution is made by the club from funds raised by our ongoing fundraising activities. Of course, members may contribute voluntarily to SF II if they choose to. If you'd like additional information on SightFirst II or would like to make an individual contribution to SF II, contact Jerry Markham, our SF II Chairman, at 708-764-4703 or [jerrym4985@aol.com](mailto:jerrym4985@aol.com).



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Lion Dan L. Davis, President

Lion Wayne A. Murphy, Secretary

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

Our next meeting will be a holiday dinner with spouses/guests at Spavone's Restaurant in Bloomingdale on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The next monthly Business / Dinner Meeting will be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on **Thursday, January 8, 2009 (Note – the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month is a holiday)**. 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**

The monthly Board Meeting will be held Thursday, December 18th, at Prudential Realty (Starck) 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.

#### **2008 - 2009 Schedule of Events**

Check out our upcoming events:

Dec. 13	Christmas Baskets
Feb. 13:	Spaghetti Dinner**
Feb. 18:	Eastern Region Meeting
Mar. 28:	Easter Egg Hunt**
Apr.:	Onion Sale**
May 1:	Steak Fry**
June:	American Cancer Society Relay for Life**
June:	Illinois Walk for Sight**
June 4:	Awards / Installation Dinner
TBD:	Annual Charity Golf Challenge**

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

#### **December Birthdays**

2 – Jerry Bertrand  
 4 – Bill Morrisroe  
 12 – Kelly Gits  
 12 – Sharyn Murphy  
 22 – Rob Pauling  
 22 – Joan Vertnik  
 24 – Jerry Markham