



LIONS CLUB of BLOOMINGDALE

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Lion Dan L. Davis, 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, **November 6, 2008**. 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 1st Thursday of the month.

This month we will have a guest speaker, Don Pall (The Pope), drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the 1985 amateur draft who went on to play for the Philadelphia Phillies, New York Yankees, Chicago Cubs, White Sox again, and the Florida Marlins. I hear he is an interesting motivational speaker.

Next Board Meeting

The monthly Board Meeting will be held Thursday, **November 20, 2008** 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 3rd 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.

November Birthdays

- 3 – Diane King
- 12 – Kevin Jordan
- 28 – Mark Bousquet

Third Annual Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon

Lion Sue, chairperson of this event, wrote:

The Third Bloomingdale Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon, hosted by the Bloomingdale Lions Club, the Bloomingdale Westfield Middle School Leo Club, Erickson Elementary School Cub Scout Pack 457, and Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 was held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008 at Springfield Park.

The 24 dog walkers registered, signed a liability waiver, and then received:

- A dog bandana or collar cover
- A Lions bag filled with dog treats
- A plastic Lions water bottle, a bottle of water, a cup for providing a dog with water

At 2 p.m., the VFW and Scouts presented the American flag.

Next, trainers from Canine Companions for Independence provided a 15-minute demonstration at the gazebo. Lion Marv borrowed a sound system from Westfield Middle School. Then, Lions Jerry Markham and Cory Vigor ran the contests for the biggest dog, smallest dog, oldest dog, youngest dog, oldest dog walker, and youngest dog walker. Afterward, the walkers encircled the nature trail. The Leos placed refuse boxes around the trail. They trailed the last walkers and picked up the refuse boxes.

At 3 p.m., the winners of six raffle prizes were announced. The three "Top Dogs" (raised the most money) were announced. Prizes were awarded. The event ended at 3:30 p.m.





Event Chair Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson, Leo (Lion Jim King) and Bloomingdale Mayor, Bob Iden









Candy Day

Candy Day was held on Friday, October 10th and Saturday, October 11th. The event was chaired by Lion Tom and with only 8 volunteers on Friday and a few on Saturday, they were able to raise \$2247.86. Great job Lion Tom!

Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Day was held on Saturday, October 11th, at Springfield Park. It was attended by 10 Leos and 4 Lions, Dan L., Mandy, Joe Turner and Murph. The Leos cleaned up refuse, gathered seeds, painted birdhouses to be given to area senior facilities and other fun activities. They were given T-shirts, good food and had a great time.





Eastern Region Meeting

The Eastern Region Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 22nd, at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Our club had 10 members present. Lion Murph was awarded the 100% Secretary Award, only one of two given out for the entire region. As President Lion Dan L. suggested, it was very informative and fun to meet other Lions in our region. If you have never attended, I recommend you do so next February.





Spaghetti Dinner

Our Spaghetti Dinner was held on Friday, October 24th, at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. We had 229 guests with entertainment provided by Tony Spavone. We had help from 9 Leos. This event was chaired by Lions Larry and Joe Salerno. Thank you for another very successful event.





Halloween Happenin'

Lion Jo has asked for our help in the Bloomingdale Park District Halloween Happenin' this Friday, October 31st, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Johnson Recreation Center. Volunteers are needed by 5:30 in costume!!

Environmental Photo Contest

From 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

Lions Green Team Contest

From Lion Sue:

The Lions Green Team Contest challenges all clubs in the district to implement an environment project. Information about the Lions Green Team

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_cult_environ.shtml. Project suggestions appear at:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/iad219.pdf>

Also, Lion Jerry Markham and I participated in the April 2008 prairie path clean-up project which appears on the Lions Quarterly videomagazine on the Lions Web site at:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lnn/lq-oct2008-mid.php>

Westfield Leo Club Update

The October meeting of the Westfield Leo Club was held on Wednesday, October 15th, with 21 Leos in attendance. A discussion was held regarding the two events the Leos participated in, the Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon and the Make a Difference Day. We had the students who attended each of the activities tell about it – the purpose being to encourage all students to participate in our events. This month each Leo was given a small pumpkin to decorate for our area senior homes. They had a good time and the pumpkins turned out very cute. They were very well received when Lion Jerry B. brought them to Lexington and Alden Nursing Homes. Their assignment for the November meeting is to write a letter to a veteran in Iraq and/or Afghanistan to be included in the Bloomingdale VFW care packages being sent next month. If they wish to have a pen pal, they were encouraged to include their name and address on the letter.

New Members

Congratulations Lion Jerry B. for bringing in two new members, Lions Stan Poplonski and Joe Turner, who were installed at our October meeting.



Left to right: New Lion Stan Poplonski, IPDG Lion Ron Fangusaro, Lion Jerry Bertrand, New Lion Joe Turner and President Lion Dan L. Davis

Youth Exchange Program

Written by Lion Perry:

Youth Opportunities:

I'm looking for young adults, ages 19-22 (college age), to participate in the Lions International Youth Exchange Program. Information needed no later than February 1, 2009.

This is a 6-week program for summer 2009. The youth exchangee/camper has to be sponsored by a Lions club but does not have to be a Leo or the child of a Lion. There is no cost to the sponsoring Lions club, although if willing the club can financially help.

Information about the program is available at:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/youth_yce_intro.shtml

I'm also looking for families to host youth exchangees for the summer of 2009. The family doesn't have to be part of the Lions family.

I've been working with the Scandinavian countries for many years. They have a six-week program. Our son, Brad, went to Denmark several years ago. The cost to the Knutson family was minimum -the cost of his airplane ticket to Copenhagen. He had an experience of a life time, and would do it again. His story appears on the MD-1 Web site at:

http://www.ilstatelionsyouthleo.org/PDF/THE%20LION%20Magazine-December%202003_January%202004.pdf

There are many other places in the world for youth exchange. Last year I had request from Turkey, Brazil, Germany, and several others.

Don't hesitate to e-mail me or call with any questions. Lion Perry Knutson, Chairperson for Youth/Leo MD-1. lionperry@hotmail.com or 847-909-6574. Also visit our web site at:

<http://www.ilstatelionsyouthleo.org/index.html>

Thank you

Lion Perry R. Knutson
Bloomingdale Lions Club

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 by November 21st.

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.bloomingdalelionsclub.org>.

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