



Lions Tales

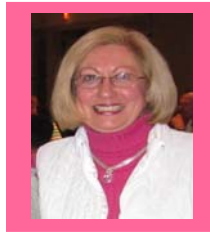
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Editor's Note:

Support the Lions Tales with your comments and pictures.



Fellow Lions,

At our September Business Meeting, President Lion Sharyn Murphy and Immediate Past President Lion Kelly Gits presented two \$2,000 checks, representing proceeds from our Golf Outing, to the Bloomingdale Park District and the Bloomingdale Food Pantry.

were Sandy Vangundy, Director of Recreation at the Bloomingdale Park District, and Florence Gore, representing the Bloomingdale Food Pantry. They each spoke about how the money will be used and were very grateful for our generosity.

Sincerely,

Lion Sharyn Murphy

Left of Lion Sharyn is Sandy Vangundy, Director of Recreation at the Bloomingdale Park District and left of Kelly is Florence Gore, representing the Bloomingdale Food Pantry.



- Oct 6th Eastern Region Meeting Bloomingdale Golf Club all are invited
- Oct 7th Business meeting Bloomingdale Golf Club 6:30 pm
- Oct 8 & 9th Candy Day Chairperson Stan Poplonski
- Oct 21st Board Meeting Stark's 6:30 pm
- Nov 5th Spaghetti Dinner 5-8 pm, Bloomingdale Golf Club
- TBD Lions Environmental Photo Contest
- May 1, 2011 Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon

Note: Events with ** are open to the public.

Guest speaker for October business meeting is Chris Kachiroubas, Clerk of the DuPage Circuit Court.



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The Eastern Region meeting will be at Bloomingdale Golf Club at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 6th. All club members are encouraged to attend and learn more about events at the district level.

Spaghetti Dinner

Bloomingtondale Lions Club will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Friday, November 5th at the Bloomingdale Golf Club from 5-8 pm. The cost of the meal is \$10 and children 8 and under eat free. A gift basket special raffle will take place at the event and Tony Spavone is singing.

For info, contact larry@epiceq.com



Recent Events

Saturday, September 25, "50 Men Who Cook" occurred at Indian Lakes Resort, this provided high visibility and great PR for our club. Lion Perry served as chairperson, thanks to Lions Bob Cywinski, Sue Knutson, Sharyn Murphy, Jo Witucki and Jim King (the Lion) who helped that evening. Also, a thank you to those who made the brownies. We served brats and brownies as well as handed out our club flier and pictures taken with the Lion. Great fun by all who attended.





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October Birthdays

6 – Marv Roehlke

16 – Julie Deeke

22 – Bob Vuglar



October Tail Twister Note

Support the Troops, bring an item such as;

1. Peanut Butter (20 oz. or less, please) & Jelly (20 oz. or less; plastic only, please)
2. Crackers (Standard 14.4 box) to put Peanut Butter or Tuna on
3. Canned Fruit, canned pasta (ravioli, ready to eat soups) **CRITICAL**
4. Beef Jerky/Slim Jims (Troops love this) **CRITICAL**
5. Nuts in a 20 oz. or less container; no glass please
6. Coffee (Tea bag style of coffee or packets such as from a hotel, 1 # ground coffee), hot chocolate, tea bags, etc.
7. Bag Items * (see full list below)
8. Unscented baby wipes, toilet paper
9. Pringles (in a tall canister)
10. Mints, spices in plastic jar, individual mayo packets (sold in a box at Costco, Sams, etc.)

For additional suggestions:

<http://www.vfw7539.org/supportourtroops.htm>

Lions information for the month:

Here is the link to get an free insurance form for an event from Lions International;

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/resources/certificate-of-insurance.php>

Did you know from August 20, 2010 to September 21st we had 81 people visit the Bloomingtondale Lions Web site.

Links:

[Lions International](#)

[MD-1](#)

[District 1-J](#)

[Lions of IL Foundation](#)

If you have an article/s, letter/s, photo/s or something you'd like to share, please send it to Lion Perry Knutson at <mailto:lionperry@hotmail.com> by the 15th of each month.

Editor's Corner: Thanks to all who submitted an article/s, letter/s, or picture/s. For additional information please see our web site at www.bloomingtondalelionsclub.org/



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Our History by Lion Marv Roehlke

The Bloomingtondale Lions Club was sponsored by the Bensenville Lions Club and was officially chartered on September 7, 1961. Some 35 members made up the charter roster and some of the real movers and shakers of Bloomingtondale were a part of that group. Some names that you might recognize are: Roy Alumbaugh; Curt Barnes, Owner of Barnes Gravel and the Bloomingtondale Township Road Commissioner; Ed Barber, later the mayor; Wally Geils, Owner of Economart; Ralph Johnston, a village and park district trustee after whom the Park District building is named; Charlie Kroll, owner of what is now Brodies; Al Mied, owner of Roy's Tavern where MacDonaldis now stands at Bloomingtondale & Lake; George Mueller, Chief of Police; Bob Perry, Village Clerk; Werner Troesken, local developer; and Dr. Emil Zidek, just to name a few.

Over 300 men and women have been members of the club in its 45 + history.

What have the Lions been doing for all these years?

- Candy Day
- Community picnics at what was once Blecke Woods, now Medinah on the Lake and in the area where Westfield Middle School now stands. Pig Roasts and helicopter rides were featured.
- Pancake Breakfasts (Usually at DuJardin School), Lions would serve from 6 am till noon and then spend the entire afternoon cleaning the floors of the spilled syrup and butter. Lionade was a featured beverage at the breakfast, but you will have to ask one of the old time Lions just how Lionade was made.
- Casino Nights. This project required a huge amount of manpower but were very good money makers for the club until the arrival of the riverboats.
- Golf Outing in August at the Bloomingtondale Golf Club
- Donkey Baseball in a field that is now Almalfi's Restaurant
- Sand and Dirt Day - Personal Delivery of Sand and Dirt to your home
- Spaghetti dinner
- Steak fry
Ele-Chick - a combination Fried Chicken Luncheon and large White Elephant sale at DuJardin School and Parking lot.

Whatever the project, the main focus was, is, and hopefully always will be, "To Serve the blind and sight impaired, the deaf and hearing impaired, and our community".



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Our History (cont)

And just where does all the money go from these fundraisers? First, it should be made clear, that funds raised from the public are restricted and must be spent on charitable activities. Funds used for the administration of the club, supplies, awards, stationery, postage, etc. is from the dues of the members and internally raised funds such as those raised by the Tail Twister.

The Bloomingtondale Lions club has donated funds to:

- Eye exams and glasses for those in need
- Hearing tests and hearing aids for those in need
- The First community room in the lower level of the Village Hall
- Bob Homola Pavilion at Circle Park. (To be reconstructed soon)
- \$10,000 to the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute at the University of Illinois Circle Campus
- \$10,000 to help fund a professorial chair at the Institute.
- Over \$24,000 to Campaign SightFirst and now SightFirst II (A major project of Lions International to help cure preventable blindness, provide eye exams, glasses, surgery, etc., particularly in developing countries.
- Large print books to the Bloomingtondale Library as well as a magnifying reader
- Software for the "Are You O.K.?" program operated by the Bloomingtondale Police Department where subscribers, typically senior shut ins, are called daily to insure that all is well.
- Leader Dog School in Rochester, Michigan
- Hadley School for the Blind in Winnetka, Illinois
- American Diabetes Association
- The Annual Bloomingtondale Lions Easter Egg Hunt