



LIONS CLUB of BLOOMINGDALE

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Next Business / Dinner Meeting

The monthly Business / Dinner meeting will be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on Thursday, January 4, 2007. 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 (Jan. 04, Feb. 01, Mar. 01, Apr. 05).

Next Board Meeting

The monthly Board Meeting will be held Thursday, January 18, 2007 at Starck Realty at 6:30 p.m. All officers and directors should attend and all members are welcome to attend. Reminder – The Board meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month (Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Apr. 19).

Christmas Baskets

December 16, 2006 - the morning began at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast at Rosewood. Lion Jerry & Lion Marv went through the game plan for the big morning ahead. There were 6 families in Bloomingdale that were in need of a little Christmas cheer. Lion Jerry & Lion Marv split the 30+ Lions participating into 6 teams to head over to Meijer (in Bloomingdale) for what was about to be a great experience in giving.

Each team was challenged with spending \$200 per family on items to make their holidays a little brighter. Meijer, as they have in the past, was extremely generous in their discounts which allowed us to spend a little more. The trick was for each team to spend just over \$200 and the closest team to \$200 after Meijer applied the discount was the winner. Preliminary results were that Lion Jerry M.'s team was the winner but the results are under review!

Following shopping, each team delivered the baskets to the families. The families were so thankful and it was nice to see the smiles on their faces. It sure felt good.

In addition to the 6 families, the Lion's made a \$1,000 donation to the local battered woman's shelter.

Thanks to everyone who participated.

January Birthdays

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

- Jan. 07: Agnes (Pinky) Olson
- Jan. 26: Rose Marie Vuglar
- Jan. 28: Susan Thies

Coming Events

- Jan. 04: Business/Dinner Meeting at Bloomingdale Golf Club 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 18: Bloomingdale Board Meeting at Starck Realty 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 21: District 1/J Bowling at Stardust Bowl Addison 9:00 a. m. or noon
- Jan. 31: Eastern Region Zone Meeting at Bloomingdale Golf Club 7:00 P.M.
- Feb. 01: Business/Dinner Meeting at Bloomingdale Golf Club 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 04: Super Bowl Party at Lion Perry & Sue's house, 1005 Summerfield, Roselle
- Feb. 09: Spaghetti Dinner at Bloomingdale Golf Club
- Feb. 15: Bloomingdale Board Meeting at Starck Realty 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 01: Business/Dinner Meeting at Bloomingdale Golf Club 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 14: Dist. 1-J Lions Roar for Lion Ron Fangusara at Bloomingdale Golf Club
- Mar. 15: Bloomingdale Board Meeting at Starck Realty 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 05: Business/Dinner Meeting at Bloomingdale Golf Club 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 13-15 District 1-J Convention Lisle/Naperville
- Apr. 19: Bloomingdale Board Meeting at Starck Realty 6:30 p.m.

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

Spaghetti Dinner

The next Spaghetti Dinner will be held February 9, 2007 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. The ticket price has increased to **\$10.00** and children under 8 are free. Lion Kelly will be distributing (Jan meeting) 5 tickets per household to sell. Although the Leo's help bus the tables, your help during the event is greatly appreciated.

Banners

The Board approved the purchase of 2 new banners during the December 14 Board meeting. One banner will replace the existing banner since it's in pretty bad shape. The second banner will give us the opportunity to display the plethora of patches the Club has earned that don't fit on the current banner. If you have any patches please give them to President Warren. **Anyone know how to sew?**

Santas Appearance and Visits

Santas (Lion Jerry and Lion Perry) visited the Bloomingdale Pharmacy on Saturday, December 16th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All children and adults had a wonderful experience visiting with Santa.

Santas (Lion Jerry, Lion Perry & Lion Jim) visited 10 homes in the area. This team of Santa's raised about \$700 which will be donated to the Bloomingdale Food Pantry. Great job Santas!





Super Bowl Party

The super bowl party will be held at the Knutson's, 1005 Summerfield Drive, Roselle, IL 60172 starting at 4pm (630-894-7394). Game time is 7 p.m. (6 p.m. EST). Please bring a dish to pass (beer, wine and soda provided). Lion George will be handling the super bowl squares. Lions family are all invited.

Lion Murph's a Grandpa!

Lion Murph and Sharyn are the proud grandparents of twin granddaughters Erin and Katie, born November 28th. Their parents are Jennifer and Brian McDougall of Roselle who many of you know from their volunteer efforts in our Septemberfest booth for the last few years. The stylish bibs were a gracious gift from Lions Perry and Sue.



Newsletter Editor

A special thanks to "Old Goat" Lion Marv for stepping in to do the newsletter. We appreciate his personal touch!

Lion Kelly will be publishing the remaining newsletters for this year (through May 07). If you have any newsletter ideas, pictures or stories, please send them to bloominglelionkelly@yahoo.com. Please note this is a new email address for Lion Kelly. In addition, please let Lion Kelly know if you'd prefer an email copy of the newsletter instead of "hard copy" in the mail.

We will be looking for a permanent Newsletter Editor when the Club meetings pick back up in September 07. Please consider volunteering!

Club Secretary

A special thanks to Lion Murph for accepting the Club Secretary position.

Thanks to Lion Walt for all of his hard work while serving as the Club Secretary.

Lion Roar

The March spaghetti dinner at the Bloomingdale Golf Club will be a Lions Roar (roast/fundraiser) for Ron. All Lions are invited to join the celebration.

Ruok (“Are You Okay”) System

Several years ago, the Bloomingdale Lions Club purchased a software program called “Are You Okay” or “RUOK” for the Bloomingdale Police Department. The system was to be administered by the Police Department. The cost of the system was about \$4600.00.

The purpose of the program was to provide an electronic means of communications to the elderly or home bound residents of Bloomingdale. The software was programmed to automatically generate a phone call to each subscriber at a mutually pre-determined time each day to check on their well being. The system would make three attempts to contact the subscriber and if the call was not answered or responded to, a squad would be dispatched to make a physical check of the premises.

Unfortunately, the highest number of subscribers on the system since its inception was seven. That number has shrunk to two for the last couple of years.

Apparently people are concerned about the “big brother is watching” syndrome. It should be noted however, that those that have subscribed have appreciated that daily call very much.

About a month or so ago, the software went belly up. As the number of subscribers was small, the police department was able to manually call them each day while repair, replacement of the existing system, or an alternative plan could be investigated.

During the course of the investigation, it was learned that the DuPage County Sheriff has a similar system called R-911 Guardian Program. The two Bloomingdale subscribers are being transferred to the DuPage County System as this is being written.

District 1- J Convention

At the Dist. 1-J convention at the Hilton in Lisle/Naperville on Apr. 13-15, the Bloomingdale Lions will host a hospitality room in honor of Ron Fangusaro as 2007-08 District Governor. All are invited to join the party.

Annual Lions International Convention

From July 2-6, the 90th Annual Lions International Convention will be held at McCormick Place. This is a great opportunity for Bloomingdale Lions to attend an international convention alongside 20,000 other Lions from potentially 200 countries. In addition to attending, volunteers are needed to meet and greet these Lions from around the world.

We’re Famous!

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will be featured in an article in the January issue of the headquarters edition of THE LION Magazine. The Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon article will encourage other clubs to attempt Lions-Leo-Scouts projects.

Also, the Bloomingdale Lions are noted as the second Lions club in the world to have donated US\$500 for the Lions-UNICEF School-in-a-Box banner patch award (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/honor_roll.pdf). We're the first club to have donated funds for our Leo club.

Editor's Corner

Thanks to all who submitted an article and/or pictures. Please let me know if you have a suggestion for the newsletter, a picture to share or a story to add.

Wishing you a safe and happy new year.

Thank you,

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