



Lion's Tales

BLOOMINGDALE LIONS CLUB

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KEY DATES

Dinner/Business Meeting
First Thursday of the Month
Bloomingdale Golf Club
6:30 pm Cocktails, 7:00 Dinner

Next Meeting
Thursday, October 5th

Board Meetings
Open to all members
3rd Thursday of the Month
Starck Realty
161 So Bloomingdale
Bloomingdale
6:30 p.m

Next meeting
Thursday, Oct 19th

Lions Candy Day
October 13-14
See Lion Dan L to
sign up

Tom Rooney 10/ 3
Marv Roehlke 10/ 6
Bob Vuglar 10/22

Diane King 11/03
Casey Hunt 11/04
Bill Plane 11/13
Mark Bousquet 11/28

No Rain!!



Save these dates

Here's the list of dates to include on your calendar.

Fri/Sat, Oct 13-14 Lions Candy Day

Sat, Oct 21 Lions Hearing Bus

Fri, Nov 3 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

For the full set of current pictures about the Club activities, including new member inductions, use this link to the Club's web page
www.BloomingtonLionsClub.org.



What is the SightFirst program?

The mission of the SightFirst program is to significantly reduce preventable and reversible blindness worldwide but particularly in developing countries, where 90 percent of avoidable blindness exists
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Forty-five years of service to the sight and hearing impaired and our community 1961 - 2006

Way back in 1961, ...

...some local guys decided to form a Lions Club in the little bitty town of Bloomingdale. In that time frame, Bloomingdale was about 1200 population nestled along both sides of Lake Street between Glen Ellyn Rd and Circle Ave.

The sponsoring Lions Club was Bensenville just a few miles to our east. Many of the movers and shakers of the area were charter members of the new club.



Names that you might recognize are Roy Alumbaugh, Kurt Barnes, owner of Barnes Gravel and the Township Road Commissioner, Ed Barber, later the mayor, Wally Geils, owner of the now defunct Economart. Ralph Johnston, a former Village and Park District trustee after whom the Park District headquarters is named the Johnston Recreational Center. Charlie Kroll, owner of what is now Brodies, Al Fied, Owner of Roy's Tavern. MacDonalds, now sits at that site at Bloomingdale & Lake. George Mueller, the Chief of Police, Ed Steinbeck, the Fire Chief, Bob Perry, the Village Clerk, Werner Troesken — just to name a few.

What did the Lions do back then? Some of the same things we do now, some of course were different. Lions Candy Day has been around forever. A community picnic at Bleck's Grove (now Medinah on the Lake) with helicopter rides, pig roasts, pancake breakfasts, Easter egg hunts, Halloween parties, golf outings, donkey baseball, spaghetti dinners, Sand and Dirt Day.

A little about Sand and Dirt

day The Lions would beg borrow or steal every truck they could find and would deliver by wheelbarrow sand or dirt directly to your home. Never did make much money at this. Ele-Chick was a combination chicken dinner and white elephant sale held in the parking lot and gym of DuJardin. If my memory serves me, we didn't make a ton of money on this one either.



We Serve

Whatever the project however, the main focal was, is, and hopefully always will be to serve the blind and sight impaired, the deaf and hearing impa-ired and provide service to our community. (continued on next page)

SightFirst II ... (cont'd)

SightFirst grants are considered for projects that (1) result in a significant and measurable reduction in blindness in a specified region, (2) target the leading blinding diseases and/or address crucial unmet eye care delivery needs at regional and national levels and (3) use cost-effective and sustainable strategies.

For more information about SightFirstII, check out the enclosed brochure or go to

<http://www.lions-csfi.org/live/content/index.shtml2006Awards>

2005/2006 Award Winners

For those of you that missed the Installation and Awards Dinner at the new Medinah Shrine facility on Swift Road and Army Trail, let me bring you up to date on some of the awards handed out by our now Immediate Past President Lion Jerry "Blossom" Bertrand, Lion Bob Vuglar received a special President's Appreciation Award.

The Rookie Lion of the Year went to Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson. The Lion of the Year, his second in just a few years, went to Lion Perry Knutson recently named to District 1J Eastern Zone Chairman, replacing Lion Ron Fangusaro who was recently elected Vice District Governor.

Melvin Jones Fellowships, the highest award one can receive from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), were awarded to Lions Mandy Bertrand, Sue Crosson-Knutson, Jim King, his second award, Perry Knutson, Rob Pauling and Cory Viger.

A Lifetime Membership was given to the Golden goat Lion Marv Roehlke. *(A long overdue honor in recognition of Lion Marv's loong service to the Club and the community. Bravo!)*

In addition Lion Jerry presented Certificates of Service to the project and permanent committee chairpersons for their work during his Lions Year.

Help Wanted -- Committee Chairpersons and Volunteers

Opportunities and more details available at October's Business Meeting.

Way back in 1961, ... (cont'd)

The moneys collected by the Lions always went back to help the less fortunate to provide eye exams, glasses, and hearing aids for those in need. The building of the first community room in the Village Hall was financed by the Lions. The Bob Homola Pavilion in Circle Park was built by the Lions and hopefully will be rebuilt in the near future.

The Bloomingdale Club donated \$10,000 to help build the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute, followed by another \$10,000 to fund a professorial chair at that facility. That donation was made after \$24,000 was donated to Campaign Sight First, a project of Lions International to help cure and eradicate preventable blindness, provide eye exams, glasses, surgery, etc., predominantly in third world countries where the need is greatest.

Large print books and books on tape to the local library, as well as a magnifying reader. The funding for the "Are you OK?" program administered by the Bloomingdale Police Department as a well being check on shut ins. Funding for Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan, Hadley School for the Blind in Winnetka, the American Diabetes Association, Chicago Radio Information Service (CRIS) a service that reads to the blind over special receivers. Camp Lions for sight impaired and hearing impaired youth.

The Lions Hearing bus which will be visiting us next month, glasses and hearing aid collections, low vision screening clinics, Christmas Baskets and more

Through June of 2005, the Bloomingdale Lions have donated over \$400,000.00 to worthwhile causes. Not too bad for a bunch of local boys.

The forty-two men and women who make up the membership today continue the tradition started 45 years ago—practicing the motto of Lions throughout the world, **WE SERVE.**

Always have fun being a Lion!

--Lion Marv Roelhke

Awards... (cont'd)

I hope I haven't forgotten any significant awards. If I have please blame my old age and be kind enough to forgive.

District Governor Lion Ed Kelley and his partner in service, Pam, were in attendance. Lion Ed did the officer inductions for the Club year 2006/2007, in fine fashion.

Lion Marv

The full list of winners missed getting into last month's newsletter. For pictures of the installation dinner and all the winners, go to

www.BloomingtonLionsClub.org

LEOs Update

The Leo's first meeting was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 with of 25 kid's signed up, 9 returning from last year. The new principal, Dr. Deborah Kling stepped in our meeting and joined us for a few minutes. We again have an young, energetic this year.



We have quite a few events on our calendar, including two new projects for us. Besides the Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon, Leo's will be helping with Bloomingdale Park Districts Make a Difference Day on Saturday, Oct. 21, planting flowers, cleaning up the park, and helping to paint a mural. On Friday, Oct. 27 from 5:30-9:30 the Leo's will again help out with this year's Halloween Happening at the Park District. Leo's will help out again this year unloading at the Pumpkin Patch. The Bloomingdale VFW is encouraging the Leo's to participate in "Patriotic Peri", a scholarship opportunity for the Leo's. More information on this will be sent to me soon on this. We are off to an eventful beginning of the year! If there are Lion's that would like to join the Leo's in any of our events, we would love to have you! Please email me with your interest at Mandy2575@aol.com and I will be glad to sign you up!

This year's Leo officers:

President – Gabriela Hernandez

Vice President – Adam Zeitoun

Secretary – Brian Victores

Treasurer – Roger Jenisch

Lion Mandy Bertrand



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