

# District 1-J Journal

Home of Lionism



## Greetings from Gov. Jim:

Holidays are behind us and now back to work. I hope each of you had a joyous and happy Christmas & New Year. I sure did with my wonderful family at home and my larger Lions family across the District.

As I write this we are in the midst of the annual football mania. Games every night, some good, some not so good. But a fun time to be around, engaged, and active.

I have been getting Activity Reports from many of the clubs, and so far, the reports indicate that you distributed over 1,266 food baskets with clothes, presents, and food for a week for a lot of needy families and kids. From some of the questions I have asked it seems that each basket has an average cost of over \$100 each. So that equates to \$130,000 in donations from Lions across the district to help those less fortunate. WOW!!

My year is now half over. Where has the time gone? I was told this year as Governor would go fast. And it has. We have A NEW State Secretary/Treasurer at the State Office. Her name is Michele Faires. Next time you call the office wish her well in her new position.

Convention season is rolling around fast. 1-J Convention will be at the Marriott Oak Brook Hills Resort. We have planned a lot of FUN and family events with this year's convention. The dates are April 13, 14, & 15, 2012. I hope all of you will attend and enjoy the activities with your fellow Lions.



District 1-J has never had a Lion rise to the position of International Director. For all the great things we do as Lions it seems strange that we have never had any Lion reach this level. We have the opportunity this year to endorse our own PDG Ron Fangusaro from the Bloomingdale Club to seek this high office. We must first endorse Ron at the District Convention and then also support him with our delegates at the State Convention in Decatur in May. There will be more on Lion Ron's quest later.

So, Happy New Year, get back to work and never forget to have **FUN, FUN, FUN -- BEING A LION!!**

*FROM YOUR DISTRICT 1-J GOVERNOR,  
LION JIM ADDINGTON*

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Monthly GMT Tip for January 2012**

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Do Something!

See Story on p. 3 for more info ⇨

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Trustees' Blotters

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## And Now We Say Good Bye To . .

*Lion Gil Moberg*  
Roselle Lions Club

*Lion Vern Brunner*  
South Elgin Lions Club

## F. Y. I.

*PDG Lion Bill Kren is currently residing  
at Snow Valley Nursing & Rehab  
5000 Lincoln Avenue  
Lisle IL 60532*

*Lion Bill would love to see or hear  
from fellow Lions.*

*Roselle Lions Club has a new video!  
"Roselle Lions Club: We Serve!"  
Look for it on YouTube  
It is the creation of  
Roselle Lion Joanne Barsanti*

*Check it out!*

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## Lions District 1-J Bowling Main Raffle

One of the fundraisers for next year's Governor is the Main Raffle at the District 1-J Bowling Tournament coming up on Sunday, January 15th. Your Club President was given raffle tickets in his/her hand-out envelope at the November round of Region Meetings. Please purchase these tickets and bring them to the Bowling Tournament. Tickets will also be available at the Tournament.

### Raffle Prizes

1st Prize -- \$200.00 in cash

2nd Prize -- \$150.00 in cash

3rd Prize - 1-Night Stay for Two at District Convention Hotel

4th Prize -- \$50.00 in cash

5th Prize -- Bowling Ball

If you need more raffle tickets or information, please call Lion John Hilliard at 847-401-9938 or e-mail [jjhilliard@comcast.net](mailto:jjhilliard@comcast.net).

## Ski For Sight 2012

The cost to sponsor a skier this year is \$150.00 per skier. Any financial help that clubs can give to this year's event will be greatly appreciated.

Guides for skiers are needed, especially on Saturday, January 28, at Shabbona Lake State Park from 9:30 AM - approximately 3 PM. If the weather cooperates, skiing will also be available in the morning (9 AM to 11 AM) on Sunday, January 29th at Cortland Clubhouse.

One does not have to be a skier in order to guide a visually-impaired skier -- walk along with them to warn them about what is ahead and which direction to proceed. There are, however, a few participants who are better skiers, so they will need experienced skiers to guide them.

PDG Lion Dave Stryker is Chairman of the 2012 Ski for Sight which will be hosted by the Southwestern Region of District 1-J. All information about 2012 Ski For Sight is available on the 1-J website under "Info & Docs Section." A Schedule of Events for the weekend is included, as well as applications for Guides.

Guide forms should be sent to Lion Jerome Perez, P.O. Box 304, Sycamore, IL 60178. All skier sponsorships can go to Lion Kevin Brint, 1177 Arneita, Sycamore IL 60178.

Lion Dave says "We have the Snow Gods working on the weather so that we actually have snow this year to ski on!"

*PDG Lion Dave Stryker*

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## We Want to See Your Talent!

Let your talent shine at the District 1-J Convention Talent Show! Each entry will have 3-5 minutes to display its talent. Entrants may be individuals or groups.

Let Lion Randy Endean know what type of talent, time needed for set-up, space needs, etc. Call 847-322-0109 or e-mail: [r.endean70@comcast.net](mailto:r.endean70@comcast.net).

*Lion Randy wants to hear from you!!!*

## Special Mention in 1-J

### Lion of the Year

Bartlett Lion Ken Kusch

### Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow

Elgin Lion Frank O'Connor

### International President's Pin

Crystal Lake Lion Dan Igrisan  
for the Toys For Tots Project

### Roselle Lions Club on YouTube

A 3+-minute video  
by Roselle Lion Joanne Barsanti

[http://www.youtube.com/Roselle Lions Club: We Serve!](http://www.youtube.com/RoselleLionsClub)

### Hanover Park Lions/Police Dept. Food Basket for the Poor

*(Featured in a Daily Herald article  
on December 19, 2011 )*

### South Elgin Lions Club Fourth of July Parade

*(January LION Magazine Club Briefings)*

### Senior Master Key (25 Members)

*(January LION Magazine)*  
Lion James Graves  
Sun City-Huntley Lions Club

### Club Anniversaries

*(January LION Magazine Club Briefings)*

Elgin Lions Club -- 90 years  
Geneva Lions Club -- 75 years

## Sun City-Huntley Lions Adopt A Blind Family

*From Sun City-Huntley Secretary Helen Anderson's Report)*

A couple moved into the Sun City community and both are blind. The Sun City-Huntley Lions Club has "adopted" them and are helping them set up their new home by moving boxes, furniture, etc. as well as doing some minor repairs around the house. This is going to be an on-going project as the year develops.

Number of Lion Participants-5; Number of Service Hours-25;  
Number of People Served-2; Funds Donated-0 *(But think of  
all the Good Will created!!)*



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## Have You Ever Attended A Webinar?

Don't know what a "webinar" is? Well, it's a seminar on the web -- and you don't have to get dressed up or travel in your car to a facility to attend it. *Doesn't that sound great?*

One does need to register, however, for these webinars on LCI's website: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), preferably a week ahead of time -- which means only the January 17 and/or 20 dates for this New Member Recruitment Strategy Webinar are still available to you as you read this.

There is a tutorial on LCI's website ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)) about the webinars that should be read before registering, plus a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). In my reading over the FAQ, you will need some equipment, depending on level of involvement you want. If you have a DSL Internet connection, you may be able to use your telephone for listening and speaking. Your computer speakers may be enough to hear the speaker in the webinar; if you wish to ask questions, however, you will need a microphone. Indications are that the best-quality audio system is a headset with a built-in microphone plugged into a USB port on your computer.

After registration, a confirmation email from LCI will include the email address and phone number for a contact person on the day of the webinar. Call the Leadership Division at 630-468-6703 or email them at: [LLC@lionsclubs.org](mailto:LLC@lionsclubs.org) if you will be unable to take part in the webinar after registering.

## Westmont Lions Assist Darien Lions

Although Darien Lions Club Christmas Baskets function is normally only a Darien project, Westmont Lions delivered baskets to families in Westmont who had made requests.

In mid-December, these Westmont Lion teams joined forces with Darien Lions 1) Gov. Lion Jim Addington and granddaughter Samantha; 2) Lion Bill Swanston and three of his children; 3) Lion Dave Dixon, his wife and two grandchildren; 4) Lion s Mike Marshall and Chris Svitak; 5) Lion Rick Martin and his daughter; and 6) Lion Debra Richey and her daughter.

## Planning Ahead for Summer Activities

The Christmas Season and all of its hectic activities are behind us. The presents have been unwrapped and some may have already been broken. The wrapping paper has been thrown out. The New Year has begun. If you or your Club made any New Year's Resolutions, I hope that they, like some presents, have not already been broken. All of us have a clean slate in which to start this New Year. 2012 begins with at least two months of winter. This is a good time to get some of those interior projects underway. Before you start you must plan. Do you have all of the required materials? Do you have the proper tools to do the job? Depending on what you are doing, you may have to borrow or rent some. Proper planning should enable you to successfully complete those projects with few, if any, hitches.

Most Lions Clubs in District 1-J have Service Projects and/or Fundraisers during the summer months -- around Memorial Day, 4th of July, or Labor Day. Many other events will be interspersed throughout the coming summer. In order for your club to successfully complete any of these activities, you must plan for them. Just like those interior projects at home, planning is essential. Does your club have the required materials or the needed tools or equipment? There is another question to ask: Do you have enough people to bring success?

If any of these activities have been done before, developing the list of required materials and equipment should be easy. If your club is undertaking a new activity, careful planning is even more important. Even if past activities have been successful, I would not be surprised if many clubs wished they had a few more members to work the event.

Now, that the New Year is upon us is the time to begin looking for new members. Where do you look? Might a previous member have a status change that would enable him/her to rejoin you? Consider family members and friends. Look at your neighbors. Look up and down those church pews on Sunday morning. Your members with children in school should consider fellow members of their local PTA or PTO. Are there any college students attending school in your community? Please consider your co-workers or people in local businesses. Do you think that any of your golf or card-playing friends might be interested in serving others? There are many possibilities out there. Recruit them now. They can become fully integrated within your club long before those summer activities begin.

Need some help? Give me a call.

*Lion Paul Gergolla, PDG*

*District 1-J GMT Coordinator*

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## Toys for Tots

The Crystal Lake Lions Club joined with the U.S. Marine Corps last month to raise money and collect toys for the Toys For Tots program. Once again the program was a huge success. Special thanks go to Lions Randy Funk and his daughter Ashley, and especially to Lion Dan Igrisan, who organized the project. Thanks also went to the Cottage for letting the club hold this event there since it took up the entire back room.

Toys for Tots was based at the Cottage where many Lions & friends of the club showed up to bring toys or donations. The Crystal Lake Lions Club donated \$500, with individual members also making donations. The club was able to spend \$1,667 on toys for the children at Walmart in Crystal Lake. According to Lion Dan, a little more than \$7,000 of gifts and donations was brought in by the community.

## LIONS OF DISTRICT 1 - J, YOU'RE GREAT!



*By PDG Lion Nancy Rex*

On behalf of the people all over the world who benefited from your generosity to Lions Clubs International Foundation during the 2010- 011 Lion Year, I thank you. Blindness was prevented, disaster victims helped, children taught life skills, and other health needs met because of your generosity. Our district contributed over \$60,000.00 to LCIF during Lion Year 2010-2011. We led Multiple District - 1 in contributions.

I am especially pleased with the response of individual Lions from several clubs who decided to become Contributing Members of LCIF. By making Lions aware of this opportunity and Lions choosing to make those individual contributions, we added significantly to District 1-J's total contributions. Remember to renew those Contributing Memberships for 2011 - 2012.

Now comes a new challenge for 2011-2012. The ONE SHOT, ONE LIFE LIONS MEASLES INITIATIVE will help with the effort to make measles history. Every day 450 children die from measles. Nearly 30% of children who contract measles suffer complications such as vision loss, hearing loss, or brain damage. Each dollar given to end measles could save the life of a child.

In October of 2011, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation called upon Lions to rise to a new challenge, when it awarded LCIF the single largest gift in its history, \$5,000,000. The Gates Foundation will use this historic gift to match \$1.00 for every \$2.00 that Lions raise to help end measles. Together, LCIF & the Gates Foundation hope to raise a total of \$15,000,000 by June 30, 2012. It only costs \$1.00 to vaccinate one child and give that child a better chance at a healthy life.

The Lions of District 1-J are challenged to do our part to meet this challenge from the Gates Foundation. Note that gifts to meet this challenge are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible.

# District 1-J - Focus on Service & How We Fund It

## Central Region -- by Region Reporter Lion Jess Galvez

**Bartlett Lions Club's** Santa and his two elves distributed gifts to more than 400 kids at the tree lighting ceremony. *See pic on p. 9.)* The club donated \$1,000 to the Bartlett Veterans Memorial Foundation, provided eye exams and glasses to three individuals, a hearing exam and hearing aids to one individual, donated \$175 for Eagle Scout Projects of two local boy scouts. The club donated \$150 each for two Ski For Sight skiers.

The **Batavia Lions** helped the Batavia Park District with their Breakfast with Santa preparing pancakes. The club is gearing up for their annual Luminaria sale filling and delivering sand bags. The club provided eye exams and glasses for two individuals.

The **Hanover Park Lions** and Hanover Park Police Officers of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 36 teamed up to provide the more than 40 children and a dozen local families a much happier holiday season. The group gathered at a vacant storefront in Streamwood and passed out boxes of food and baskets filled with a turkey and other fixings for the Christmas dinner.

The **South Elgin Lions** purchased two leaves on the Lions of IL Foundation's Tree of Service for Lions Art Stoll and Vern Brunner. The club's Turkey Meat Spin attracted a good crowd and raised \$1,918.

**Hampshire Lions Club** completed its Annual Turkey Raffle and another Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.

## Eastern Region -- by Region Reporter Lion Jess Galvez

The **Elmhurst Lions** helped United Community Concerns Association (UCCA) deliver food to 325 needy families during the holiday season. The club is donating \$500 to UCCA. The club is selling ads on their Pizza Night placements - \$120 for business card ad, \$60 for half that size, \$30 to list your name as a contributor.

The **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions** held their annual Christmas Caroling during three weekends in Dec. -- 14 Lions and 9 volunteer non-Lions caroled at 6 holiday business parties, 2 Lions' meetings, 4 seniors care centers, 3 church groups, 3 family parties, special visit to a cancer patient's home and a visit to a VA Hospital to bring holiday cheers to a sick Lion. The club netted more than \$4,000 in holiday donations.

The **Glen Ellyn Lions** played Santa to residents of the DuPage Convalescent Center by distributing gifts from a "Wish List" provided by the residents.

The **Lombard Lions Club** held its annual Christmas Luncheon for the Lombard Seniors Club and the Deicke Home. Thirty guests attended the luncheon and received gifts from Santa. The club awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a Lombard HS student, donated \$1,000 to RRAF, and \$100 to the Salvation Army. The club also provided a free eye exam and glasses to a Lombard resident, and recycled 750 used eyeglasses and 5 hearing aids.

The **Roselle Lions Club's** Kids Christmas/Lunch with Santa was a great success! "We served over 350 hot dogs and received many smiles in return . . . Santa arrived on a big fire truck. Kids colored their ornaments and just had a great time!" Secretary Joanne Barsanti and Certified Therapy Dog Aurora Borealis made a holiday visit to the Trinity Lutheran Senior Day Care Center to bring her calming influence and win more friends at the Senior Center. The club donated \$250 to the Roselle Legion Auxiliary Giving Tree and \$150 to the LIF Endowment Fund.

The **Wheaton Lions'** Christmas Luncheon, Raffle and Auction held at Arrowhead GC netted the club more than \$3,271 and filled a van with bags of donated food stuff which was donated to the People's Resource Center in Wheaton. The club's Poinsettia fundraiser and delivery netted the club \$1,625. The club provided a free eye exam and glasses to a high school student.

## Wit & Wisdom

"When I go to the Post Office and get our Lions Club's mail and open up a Thank-You letter and get someone pouring out their heart with thanks on how the club helped their life, it might be kind of magical for them that they found help and can still believe in the goodness of other people, just as my grandchildren believe in Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny." -- Lion Ken Strugall, President, Naperville Noon Lions Club

# District 1-J - Focus on Service & How We Fund It

Fox River Region -- by Region Reporter Lion Jack Anderson, PDG

The **Huntley Lions Club** donated 30 Christmas turkey dinners to needy families in the Huntley area. The donations were made to the Grafton Township Food Pantry and Lion members helped with distribution.

The **Island Lake Lions Club** donated \$250 to the Island Lake/Wauconda Food Pantry for the Christmas Holiday. Cleaning up the local highway last month were Lions Ted Amrich, Ken Anderson, Doug Kozel, Tom Stiegler & Geoff Zivic. The job took 2 hours. At the club's 55th Charter Night, District 1-J Governor Lion Jim Addington presented Lion of the Year honors to Lion Ken Anderson, while Zone Chairman Lion John Hilliard presented Attendance and Past Officer Awards.

The **McHenry Lions Club** collected about 160 eyeglasses this month and provided three people with eye exams and glasses.

The **Elgin Lions Club** continues to provide eye examinations and glasses to students and adults that need financial assistance to get the eye care they need. The **Elgin Lions Club** joined with the **South Elgin Lions Club** for a dinner to celebrate Christmas and attend the **South Elgin Lions Club's** December meeting.

Eleven **Crystal Lake Lions** joined police officers of McHenry County at Walmart in Crystal Lake for the annual police charity event where needy children are accompanied by police officers for a morning of Christmas shopping. The **Crystal Lake Lions** were joined by **Lions from Sun City and Fox River Grove** assisting the police officers and the children with their packages. Later in the morning the Lions joined the police and the kids for a pancake breakfast and wrapping of presents. In all, 21 **Crystal Lake Lions** participated for a total of 94.5 hours worked.

To support their community, the **Dundee Township Lions** were approached by the local police to provide a breakfast for the local "Shop with a Cop" campaign. The Lions cooked and provided breakfast for 140 underprivileged children and an additional 150 officers, plus support staff at St. Monica's Church Hall. The Lions also provided two \$500 contributions to the FISH Food Pantry.

The **Sun City - Huntley Lions** participated in "The Shop with a Cop Project" in McHenry County. Over 100 children accompanied by a local police officer shopped for Christmas gifts for themselves and the family at the Walmart store in Crystal Lake. Charitable donations collected for the project by groups in the area allowed each child to spend \$150.00. In addition, Walmart donated a winter jacket, gloves and a scarf for each child. Then the group went for breakfast at D'Andrea's in Crystal Lake and their gifts were wrapped in Christmas fashion.

## Bits of Dis 'n Dat

The **Bartlett Lions Club's** Holiday Meals for the Needy made the holidays a little better for more than 400 local families. Volunteer Lions moved thousands of cans and boxes of food to prepare the holiday food boxes for distribution. What started off helping less than 100 families four years ago has grown to 400 families in 2011.

The **Dundee Township Lions'** annual Christmas Tree sale grossed \$14,167 with an expected net profit of \$5,500. This total exceeded 2010 sales, The sale began the day after Thanksgiving and ended, with selling out of trees, on December 11.

The **25th Peace Poster Contest** Theme has been announced by Lions Clubs International, "Imagine Peace." Contest kits go on sale on January 15, 2012. Each kit also includes an entry form for this year's Lions International Essay Contest for students who are visually-impaired. The Essay Contest shares the theme "Imagine Peace."

**North Aurora Lions Club** held its Breakfast with Santa with the North Aurora Mothers Club. It raised \$900.00 which was donated to Mothers Club Operation Christmas to buy Christmas gifts for families in North Aurora.

**Huntley Lions** report the club gained needed exposure at the Huntley Fall Fest and that they were able to get their 15 seconds of fame on Channel 7 for the club's turkey dinner donations. *And what about the Turkey Testicle Festival???*

**Richmond Lions Club** sponsored Dakota Didier, Boy Scout Troop #80, and helped him do a huge Food Drive for Northern IL. Over 1,200 lbs. of food and supplies were collected. He is near receiving his Eagle Scout badge & proud grandma is Lion Kay Smith.

# District 1-J - Focus on Service & How We Fund It

## *Southeastern Region -- by Lion Sandy Williams*

**Naperville Noon Lions** enjoyed a Christmas Lunch on December 13 and many gifts were collected for the Humanitarian Service Project. Last month, a \$5,500 donation was approved for the YMCA Before & After School Safe 'n Sound program to provide scholarships for those children who cannot afford the cost of participation in this program. A \$1,000 donation was made to Illinois Hands and Voices. A total of 54 requests for social service assistance were made in November, up from 47 cases the previous year.

Christmas Tree sales have been completed by **Lisle Lions Dollars For Scholars**, but final figures will not be known until the January board meeting. A LensCrafters voucher was issued for a local 3rd grade girl. Christmas Baskets certificates were delivered to about two dozen less fortunate individuals in Lisle Township so that they could have a happier holiday.

**Westmont Lions** had Santa at their social meeting last month. Gov. Jim attended the Mayslake Senior Center (playing the role of Santa). Small gifts were donated to the seniors by the club. Several Lions participated in the Holly Days-Westmont Christmas Parade. Seven requests were turned in by Rosin Eye Center on which the club will be follow up. Another request for eyeglasses & exam will be followed up by Lion Pete Dell'Aquila. Plans are being made for up-coming summer events in Westmont -- 4th of July, Taste of Westmont, and the Red, White & BBQ.

**Aurora Noon Lions Club** received a letter of appreciation for its \$1,000 donation to the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry last month.

## *Southwestern Region -- by Lion Craig Rice.*

**DeKalb Evening Lions Club** donated its time to assist with the annual toy and clothing drive at the DeKalb Salvation Army. In addition, the club donated \$250 toward the activity. The club recycled 1.5 pounds of tabs to the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

**Elburn Lions Club** had their annual Lions Pot Luck Holiday Dinner and inducted four new Lions as well as four new Junior Leos. The club bought toys for Kaneland Toys for Kids from money earned from selling donated baked goods and trail mix at Bingo. Members also served a turkey dinner for the Seniors' Christmas Dinner.

**Sandwich Lions Club** packed and delivered boxes of groceries for the Mall project at the fire station, packed and delivered Cheer Baskets, participated in the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program and planned to help take down Christmas decorations in town in early January.

**Shabbona Lions Club** banked a little more than \$2,300 from their annual Draw Down Raffle and more from the Wagon Raffle, a load of gifts in a toy wagon. Members judged Holiday House Decorations and planted three Autumn Blasé maple trees in the village. The club attended the celebration of the 12 millionth visitor to Shabbona Lake State Park. They were recognized for their Lions Club's contributions through the annual Fishing Derby.

**Sycamore Lions Club** amassed nearly \$25,000 from activities at the 50th Annual Sycamore Pumpkin Festival. The board directed that 10 percent, or \$2,500, go to the Oversight Committee; \$300 to the County Forest Preserve for 30 oak trees; \$100 to Pay It Forward House; \$250 in meat certificates for the food pantry and \$250 for Ski for Sight T-shirts. The club assisted the Park District by providing hot chocolate and cookies for about 400 children and 375 parents. The club donated a half ream of Braillewriter paper for a blind man.

**Waterman Lions Club** generated income of \$550 from citrus fruit sales and \$650 from Christmas tree sales.

**Shabbona Lions Club** received \$4,500 from the DeKalb County Community Foundation to fund its proposal to upgrade the club's meeting place, The Depot. The electrical system will be updated and an air conditioner system will be installed.

## **More Bits of Dis 'n Dat --**

The **Sun City - Huntley Lions** report that over 200 Luminary Kits were sold during this year's sale with a profit of close to \$1,000, an increase over last year. This project seem to depend on the hint of good weather to be successful. The kits are much more in demand during a mild Christmas weather period -- *like we had this year!!*.



## Lioness Clubs in 1-J

*Lioness Clubs -- by Lion Sandy Williams*

During December, **Fox River Grove Lionesses** collected/donated/wrapped/delivered gifts for the "Adopt A Family" community Christmas project to provide gifts for needy families in Fox River Grove. Members participated in the Village Tree Lighting ceremony by providing hot chocolate and cookies for everyone as well as running children's games with prizes. Lionesses helped the **Fox River Grove Lions** with Salvation Army bell ringing on weekends all month. The club also collected/donated food items to the local food pantry and collected/donated toys for Toys for Tots.

*Next month, our best gift from Lionesses would be MORE contributions!!*

*We know you do a lot!*



## Leo Clubs in 1-J

*Leo Clubs -- Lion Sandy Williams with help from PDG Lion Ron Fangusaro*

The **Elmhurst Leos** had their largest food drive during the holiday season.

**South Elgin Leos** helped out the Lions at the December Kids' Christmas Party. Several Leos are planning on attending the upcoming 1-J Bowling Tournament.

The **Elburn Leo Club** hosted its annual Breakfast with Santa and it was very successful.

**Bloomington Westfield Leos** wrote Christmas cards for all the veterans at the Hines VA Hospital. PDG Lion Ron Fangusaro personally delivered them and also had the opportunity to visit with Lion Perry Knutson and deliver him a special card from the Westfield Leo Club.

**SASED Leos** wrapped Christmas presents at the Oakbrook Shopping center and accepted donations for their work. They also wrote Christmas cards in Braille for the vision-impaired vets at the VA Hospital .

**Itasca Leos** finished up a Food Drive before the holiday and are about to begin a Clothing Drive. They are selling candy to raise money for their club. The club has an appointment in February to pack meals for Our Starving Children.

**Geneva High School Leos** volunteered as bell ringers for the Salvation Army -- eight Leos did this in the month of December. Members also volunteered at the Geneva History Center to help with the Geneva Christmas Walk and other community activities. The club collected toys for Tri-City Salvation Army Toy Drive.

*What a great bunch of Kids! --- PDG Ron Fangusaro*

## 'Round the District PIX



Darien Lions Dan Kaminski (at front right) and Ace McDowell prepare food baskets for delivery. Local governmental organizations identify families in need. Residents & businesses donate food, the Park District provides & wraps most of the presents. When everything is said & done, 210 families received a much brighter Christmas. Westmont Lions lent a hand to make deliveries close to and in Westmont.

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Elburn Lions Cindy & Chris Halsey lent their expertise for the club's project -- Lion Cindy did all the shopping for toys with money earned by the club from donated baked goods and trail mix sold at Bingo Nights. Lion Chris provided his truck and the muscle to load it! The MANY bags of toys were delivered to West Towns Human Services in Sugar Grove for distribution before Christmas among western Kane County children in West Towns' programs.

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Richmond Lions Linda Hatch & Kay Smith display the toys they collected (50 in all) in December for Toys for Tots.



Wheaton Lions hold an annual Christmas Luncheon in December that includes an Auction and a Raffle. This year's event raised a total of \$3,271 that will be used to aid people with sight & hearing disabilities in the community. (l to r) Lion Martin Felding, Wheaton Mayor and Lion Mike Gresk, and Lion Terry Lightbody.

Malta Lions Club packed and delivered 20 Christmas Cheer boxes for less fortunate families in the area just prior to Christmas.



Waterman Lions (r to l) Bob Bend, Warren Summerfield, and Steve Bock picked up this year's order of oranges & grapefruit at the warehouse in Ashton and delivered them to the Waterman Community Building where Lions Leonard Johnson (l) and Craig Rice (holding the camera) helped unload them.



Have you heard the Lions' version of "12 Days of Christmas"? Ask ZC Lion Maria Andrews for it as she was the one who had 1-J Lions up front performing it at the Cabinet Christmas Party. *Fun for everyone!!!* (l to r) Sandwich Lions Norma Norling and Ann Wigton, Dist. Secy. Lion Bonnie Bradbury (singing her heart out), DG Lion Jim, Lioness Chair Barb Keefer, and PDG Lion Nancy Cummins.

In conjunction with Bartlett's Tree Lighting Ceremony, Santa Claus (AKA as Bartlett Lion Frank Schullter) talked to about 400 children. Elf 1 (l) AKA as Cara, and Elf 2 (r) AKA Lion Ken Kusch, handed out gifts provided by the Bartlett Lions Club.





# Our 1-J Lion Family

*Welcome these new Lions & Lionesses to District 1-J – the greatest!!*

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Lion Jeanne Hansen	Wheaton Lions	Lion Dorothy Troyer
Lion Charlie McKenna	Wheaton Lions	Lion Rod Ilrey
Lion Jim Steere	Wheaton Lions	Lion Brad Pihl
Lion Lara Broz	Elburn Lions	Lion Dave Broz
Lion Daryl Frost	Elburn Lions	Lion Steve Helpers
Lion Catherine Raack	Elburn Lions	Lion Chris Halsey
Lion Nadine Anderson	Elburn Lions	Lion Rich Hall
Lion Nadia R. Esmail	Naperville Noon Lions	Lion Donna Kearney
Lion Debra Richey	Westmont Lions	DG Lion Jim Addington



DG Lion Jim Addington (r) had the pleasure of presenting Island Lake's Lion of the Year Lion Ken Anderson with a plaque indicating his honor.



Bartlett Lion Anthony Troyke presents a Lions of IL Fellowship Plaque to Bartlett Lion Ken Kusch as part of his Lion of the Year Award for 2011.



(l to r) Sponsor Sun City-Huntley Lion Ronda Goldman (l), and PDG Lion Jack Anderson (r), welcome new Lion Martha Chesney (c) into the club.



Sun City-Huntley Lion Jim Graves (l) received recognition from Lions Clubs International for recruiting 25 new members for Lions. Club President, PDG Lion Jack Anderson, congratulates Lion Jim on his award.



The cake above was one of the many items featured at the Crystal Lake Lions Club's December celebration of the club's chartering in 1931. Many historical facts, documents, and photos were on display on a large table for all to see. Over 65 Lions & guests enjoyed a wonderful meal and program, arranged by Lion Norm Vinton and his wife Liz.



Waterman Lions Club President Lion Harold Giddings (r) reads from the plaque that he's about to present to Lion Wayne Stryker (l). It thanked Lion Wayne for his continual service since the year he joined (1969) until the present date.

# WHAT'S GOIN' ON – IN 1-J

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Send notices of your Club's Activities to Lion Sandy at [skw140@aol.com](mailto:skw140@aol.com) so your activities can be posted on our Calendar!

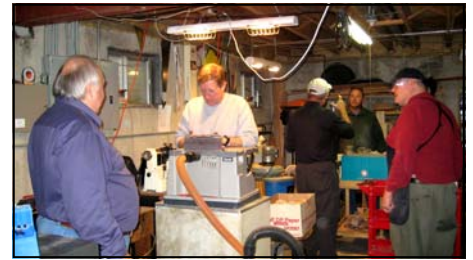
- Jan. 15 1-J BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Stardust Bowl, 37 Lorraine, Addison IL. Entry forms are in last month's Journal as an insert. Mail completed forms to Lion John Hilliard, 12330 Russet Lane, Huntley IL 60142. For questions, e-mail Lion John at: [jjhilliard@comcast.net](mailto:jjhilliard@comcast.net) or call 847-401-9938.
- Jan. 21 **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions Club's** Casino trip fundraiser to Horseshoe Casino in Indiana.
- Jan. 21 **Elburn Lions Club's** Annual "Recognizing Your Efforts" Dinner at the clubhouse.
- Jan. 25 **South Elgin Lions Club** will host a Preventive Health Screening -- five safe, non-invasive, painless health screenings will take 60-90 minutes to complete. Results are mailed directly to you. Stroke, Vascular and Heart Rhythm Package prices range from \$129 to \$159. Call 1-888-653-6441 or 1-800-690-6313 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/) community-partners to schedule your appointment. Pre-registration is required.
- Jan. 27-29 SKI FOR SIGHT out in the Southwestern Region. See the Schedule for the weekend on the 1-J Website under "Info & Docs" -- *Let Lion Dave Stryker know how you can help -- also, see article on p. 2 about the event!*
- Jan. 28 **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions Club's** FUN Night, Dance Night -- \$15 includes food & drink.
- Feb. 03 **Crystal Lake Lions Club** Annual Winter Steak Fry at D-Andrea's Banquets beginning at 6 PM. Tickets are available (*until they are sold out*) from Lion Randy Funk at 815-236-5340 or [ffunkyone@aol.com](mailto:ffunkyone@aol.com).
- Feb. 09 Tomorrow is the last day to register for LIONS DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS. Registration forms are available on Lions Clubs international website: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)
- Feb. 13 Last day for sending George Lazansky Award Applications. Must be postmarked or e-mailed to PDG Lion George Endean, 1167 Beech Tree Lane, Bartlett 60103 or e-mail to: [gsendean@att.net](mailto:gsendean@att.net).
- Feb. 18 **Elburn Lions Club's** Awards Banquet.
- Feb. 25 **Bartlett Lions Club's** Candle Light Bowl for Diabetes -- 6 PM at Brunswick Zone, Roselle.
- Feb. 25 **Huntley Lions Club's** Annual Steak Fry. *Check with a Huntley Lion for time & place.*
- Feb. 29 *Take advantage of that extra day this month!!!* Early Bird Registration Fee for the District 1-J Convention ends tomorrow! Look for the form on the District 1-J website at [www.district1jions.org](http://www.district1jions.org) -- Cut-off date for all registrations is March 23, 2012.
- Mar. 01 Deadline for ads and copy in the 1-J Convention Ad Book. *Send all copy to ZC Lion Paul Groth.*
- Mar. 03 16th Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, hosted by the **Richmond Lions Club**, at Richmond Middle School, Rte. 12, Main Street, Richmond. Serving from 3 to 7 PM. Donation -- \$8.00.
- Mar. 09 **Dundee Township Lions Club** is celebrating its 75th anniversary at Randall Oaks Country Club. It will be a gala affair with dinner, speakers from the District and International, music, and dancing. Check out [www.dundeelions.org](http://www.dundeelions.org) for details.
- Mar. 10 **Elmhurst Lions'** 26th Annual Pizza Night fundraiser at Sandburg Middle School -- \$7.00 for all you can eat pizza, cookies & refreshments. Children under 6 free.
- Mar. 22 For those attending the **District 1-J Convention**, make your room reservations at Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort no later than today to get the discounted rate of \$99.00 per night, plus tax, at 630-850-5555.
- Mar. 23 LIONS' ROAR for in-coming Governor Lion Leo Snyder!! Doors open at 6 PM at Eaglebrook Country Club, 2288 Fargo Blvd., Geneva IL (east of Randall Road). Volunteer roasters needed to speak about VDG Lion Leo Snyder. RSVP required by March 10, 2012 (checks made payable to South Elgin Lions Club). Send to Lion Paul Groth, 500 Fulton St., South Elgin IL 60177. For more info: [lionpaulgroth@gmail.com](mailto:lionpaulgroth@gmail.com).
- Apr. 13-15 DISTRICT 1-J CONVENTION, Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort, Oak Brook IL -- A Family Fun Theme is planned for the 1-J Convention -- *Stay tuned for further details!*
- Apr. 28 **Annual All Volunteer Trail Clean-Up** that will include the Great Western Trails, IL Prairie Path (from Villa Park to Sycamore IL) and trails that connect both.
- May 17-20 IL STATE LIONS CONVENTION, Decatur Hotel & Convention Center, Decatur IL. Meet Lions, Lionesses, and Leos!



Shabbona Lions' Green Team" planted three beautiful Autumn Blaze maple trees in the Village. They will be easy to spot next fall -- just look for the nice-looking trees -- and thank the Shabbona Lions!

# Around the District

Elgin Lion Bruce Williamson "ringing his bell for the Salvation Army." A number of Lions throughout District 1-J do this at holiday time, but Lion Bruce is the only photo we have -- so he represents all of you out there in i1-J!



(l to r) Darien Lions Ray Krusinski, Lou Mallers, Ken Poindexter, Jim Kiser & Bill O'Malley. Under 'Santa Bill's' guidance, Darien Lions were able to create 110 toys to present to the Park District for delivery to children. Santa is already preparing for next year -- his first goal -- start sooner!



Nikki Kunzer sent us this photo of PDG Lion John Kunzer and dog Buddy out walking with their umbrellas. Buddy's was a Christmas gift from friends. *An umbrella for a dog -- what will they think of next? But they don't need sweaters in Florida much, do they?!*

Glendale Heights Barangay Lions earned more than \$4,000 by performing at nearly 20 gatherings in the three weekends before Christmas. They even made a visit to sing for Lion Perry Knutson at the Hines VA Hospital.



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Pictured above are Bartlett Lions packing food boxes to make the holidays a bit better for 400 families in the area. Many Lions Clubs throughout the District did similar projects during the holidays.

This is just one example of "We Serve."  
 (See many more examples on page 9.)

## FIRST CLASS MAIL

More Photos On-Line -- [www.district1jions.org](http://www.district1jions.org) under District 1-J Photos



*From the Blotter of:*

*Lion Bob Jilke, District 1-J Trustee  
Lions of Illinois Foundation*

If your Lions Club is like mine, it is probably inundated with requests from various community organizations for financial assistance. If your Lions Club is like mine, it does not have the necessary resources available to meet all these requests.

You can offer these organizations a way to raise funds for themselves and also help YOUR Lions of Illinois Foundation serve the more than 18,500 persons we help each year in Illinois by getting the groups involved in the Walk for Sight in June.

Any organization that raises funds and walks in the Walk for Sight will be entitled to 40% of what they raise. Our expenses in operating the walk take about 20% and the remaining 40% goes to LIF to support on-going programs.

Here's why this is such a good idea for your club and for the organizations.

First, most organizations and clubs do not have the manpower or funds to develop a walk.

Second, the group raising the funds helps LIF and their own programs.

Third, all they have to do is get the pledge, show up and walk. No work. Free exercise. Refreshments. Activities.

And, finally, they get the good feeling that comes from helping those less fortunate in our area.

Any charitable group is eligible. Church groups, bands, choirs, scouts, even your club . . . all can take part. And, their check will be sent to YOUR club for YOU to present, giving you a bond with the community.

Lion John Landon and I are asking for Lion volunteers in each Region to spearhead the Walk in their Zones and Regions. If you are interested, e-mail me or PCC Landon or call us, Bljilke@aol.com 630-289-6021 or Landon@mc.net, 815-385-1110.

Lion John and I hope to hear from many of you soon.

*Lion Bob Jilke, PDG, District 1-J Trustee  
and President of the Endowment Fund  
bljilke@aol.com*

*From the Blotter of:*

*Lion John Landon, District 1-J Trustee  
Lions of Illinois Foundation*

As we begin another calendar year we also begin the second half of the Lion Year; we only have six months to reach our goals for the 2011-2012 Lion Year.

What goals has your club set? Do they include increasing your contributions to your Lions of Illinois Foundation? I certainly hope so, not for my benefit, not for your benefit, but for the benefit of the many sight and hearing impaired children and adults our Foundation serves each year. It is necessary to thank all Lions for what they have done to support our Foundation. Unfortunately, it is also necessary to remind all Lions that more needs to be done.

With decreasing membership across Illinois it becomes harder and harder for our Foundation to keep our present programs on track let alone expand our services to those sight and hearing impaired who we are not now able to serve. As Lions we take very seriously our motto: We Serve! Our Foundation wants desperately to serve more sight and hearing impaired, but we now struggle to serve our current clients.

The answer is simple, more money.

It's not easy to ask for money all the time but that's what Lion Bob Jilke and I are tasked to do as your Foundation Trustees. We don't want to face the inevitable decisions we both see on the horizons . . . cutting programs. But that is what is going to happen if Lions in Illinois cannot somehow increase the funds our Foundation receives.

In the remaining six months of the 2011-2012 Lions year I hope you will each examine how your club contributes to our Foundation and see if you can somehow increase those contributions. Sight and Sound Sweepstakes, Diabetes Day, Tootsie Pop Day, Walk for Sight 2012. All are significant and important sources of income for our Foundation.

Participate, contribute, support.

*Lion John Landon, PDG, PCC*

*1-J Governor 2004-2005*

*MD-1 Council Chairman 2007-2008*

*District 1-J Foundation Trustee 2009-2013*

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