

# District 1-J Journal

Home of Lionism

## From the Governor's Desk . . .

*(Sing to the tune of "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here.")*

HAIL, HAIL, THE LIONS ARE HERE.  
 DON'T YOU HEAR THEM ROARING?  
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 HAIL, HAIL, THE LIONS ARE HERE.  
 DON'T YOU HEAR THEM ROARING NOW?

On Candy Day on October 10 and 11, 2008, or thereabouts, Lions all over Illinois will be roaring around their communities giving away Lions Mints and accepting donations to the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

### ROAR ACTIVELY -- ROAR LOUDLY CANDY DAY is . .

- R**aising money
- O**ppportunity to
- A**ctively help blind, visually impaired, deaf, and hearing impaired individuals
- R**ight now!

### Sandwich In Time For Service

It is through fundraising activities like Candy Day that Illinois Lions are able to keep *MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE* happening. Our Lions of Illinois Foundation will effectively and efficiently use the money raised. Local clubs have the option to retain a portion of the money collected for local projects.



Visible Lions, actively and happily working in their communities to collect funds to help people in need, are noticed by others who want to serve. Candy Day is a great opportunity to attract members. Talk about your Lions Club. Let people know about the many ways Lions serve.

Hoping for Great Participation and Great Fund Raising on Candy Days.

*Lion Nancy Rex, Governor, District 1-J*

*Your Editor received this poem from the Bartlett Lions Club. This little poem that could help re-ignite you:*

### Lion Poem

Raise your glasses in the air and give three rousing cheers  
 To all of you, our extraordinary volunteers!  
 You always share your time with an enthusiastic heart  
 You appear from out of nowhere to do your special part.  
 Whenever there's a project or a task to be completed;  
 We can always count on you!  
 You never are defeated; your smiles are genuine  
 And your attitude is winning  
 So if there is a job to do – don't shrink back in fear  
 Just seek out the expertise – of our Bartlett Lion Volunteers!

*Can anyone set it to music -- "Sing, Lions, Sing!"*

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**District Pin Order Form  
 2008-2009**

The 1-J Journal is posted monthly on the District 1-J web site at [www.district1jlions.org](http://www.district1jlions.org)

*Use it often -- there's always something new!*

## And Now We Say Good Bye To . . .

*Lion Tony Lytner*  
McHenry Lions Club

*One Final Thought from the  
Wonder Lake Lions Club Inc. Newsletter  
-- "Those whom we have loved and lost  
never really leave us.  
They are with us wherever we are."*

## F. Y. I.

### On Candy Days:

Get out and shake your can!

1-J Trustee Lion Bob Jilke says:  
"More than 18,000 Illinoisans  
are counting on you.

Please don't let them down."

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## Visitor at Elmhurst Noon Lions Meeting

Elmhurst Noon Lions Club had a visiting Lion from Kodiak, Alaska recently. Lion Judy Kidder was visiting friends in Bensenville and came to the Elmhurst Club's meeting to learn about the Reverse Raffle they completed earlier this summer.

It turns out the Lions here felt that Lion Judy could probably have given them some pointers! She chairs a Salmon Tournament in Alaska that raised \$40,000 this year. The club also sponsors other fishing tournaments, a music festival, a snow festival and a number of other events.

The Kodiak Lions Club has 100 members in a town of only 8,000. *(Even though 100 members sounds like a lot, Elburn Lions Club has almost 200 in a town with less population than that.)*

Software called Rafflebench was purchased by the Kodiak Lions to manage the club's raffles and they rent it out to other clubs for a 5% cut. *(It's free to try and \$59 to purchase. Google for Rafflebench and find info about it.)*

*"My, what one can't learn from other Lions!" says Newsletter Editor Lion Sarah Caltvedt.*

## Lions' Gas Raffle Went Well!

The first Naperville Noon Lions' "Gas" Raffle went well would be an understatement -- it was a big success is more like it!

The top winner received a \$3,500 check, 2nd prize was \$1,500, and 15 winners received \$100 each. Over 3,500 tickets were sold and the club should realize approximately \$20,000 to help provide services to those in need in the community.

Lion Jane Bowers chaired the project and many Lions assisted to make the raffle a success. Lion Ollie Burrows did his usual good sales work -- he sold over half of the raffle tickets. Lion Bob Anderson suggested the revised raffle to fit our economy. Lions Al Knotek and his wife Glenda provided administrative assistance. Lion Russ Freeland handled all street sales and Lion Sherry Lyden processed all of the credit card charges. *And we won't forget all of the Lions who sold tickets. Good job, Lions, for the first run!*

## 1-J Directory Changes

P. 46	We posted the new address and corrected e-mail for Oakbrook Terrace Lions Pres. Christopher Schmit last month. His phone number is: 708-514-1089.
P. 54	A change in the meeting night & location of Batavia Lions Club's dinner meeting to the Batavia Moose Lodge (One East Wilson Grill & Pub is closed due to year-long bridge re-construction project). <i>Check with Batavia Lions before just dropping in!</i>
P. 59	Villa Park Lions Club Business Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thurs at Noon; 2nd & 4th Thurs. at 7 PM. All meetings at Villa Nova, 237 West St. Charles, Villa Park.

## Special Mention in 1-J

### **LIF Foundation Fellows**

Linda Gilke  
Wife of 1-J Trustee Lion Bob Gilke  
Sun City-Huntley Lions Jerry &  
Mary Jo Darlington

### **Lions of the Year**

Sun City Huntley Lion Bud Reyes  
Sandwich Lion Beth Swanson

### **50 Year Member**

Sandwich Lion Don Augustine

### **President's Excellence Award**

Past President Lion Sue Carter

## 2008 Peace Poster Contest

Imagine being a 12 year-old in art class and the teacher gives you the assignment of creating a poster that says "Peace begins with me". What would you draw? This assignment is being given to students all over the world this September for the Lions 2008 Peace Poster Contest. The grand prize winner will be awarded \$2500 (or local equivalent) and a trip to New York City for Lions Day at United Nations. There will also be 23 Merit Award winners who each will receive \$500 (or local equivalent).

How do you get started? Easy! Contact Lions International and order the Peace Poster Contest Kit (\$7.95 ea). All the rules and instructions are inside the kit. Contact your local school and give them the kit for their classes.

Important dates to remember:

- Oct. 1 – Deadline to order the kit from Lions Clubs International
- Nov. 15 – Postmark deadline to mail your entry to District Governor Lion Nancy Rex

If you have any questions, please contact Lion Pam Kelley, Peace Poster Chairperson.

## Johnsburg Lions Club's Monthly Meat Raffles

Johnsburg Lions Club holds monthly Meat Raffle fundraisers. Proceeds are used in various ways.

Last month, the raffle proceeds helped a local family in need due to a financial obligation to a hospital. The Lions Club had fantastic support from the community because of a Northwest Herald story and word of mouth. The club was able to raise over \$5,500.

"The extra special part of this," reports Club Secretary Lion John Smidl, "is most of the meat won by participants donated their winnings back to the family."

## 4th Annual Motorcycle FAST Ride

For the 4th year, Elmhurst Noon Lion Walt Teichen organized the 4th Annual Motorcycle FAST Ride. The 162-mile ride to Morris IL and back raised funds for fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. The motorcycle ride traverses highways and rural roads from Elmhurst to Morris and back and is now the longest charity ride in Illinois.

## Publicity Pays!

McHenry Lions Club Secy. Lion Mary Winkel notes that the club was mentioned in the news 13 times in Aug. -- 4 times in the 1-J Journal, 3 times in the IL State Lions Magazine, once in the club's newsletter, 4 times in the NW Herald, and once in the local Chamber Guide.

*No hiding the Lions' light under a barrel in McHenry! It pays to get copy & photos out there!*

## A Different Method of Advertising

South Elgin Lions Club used 50 yard signs to advertise its Sept. Smelt Fry. These signs were placed around town for several days prior to the event and picked up on the day after the event.

The West Chicago Lions Club has been using this same technique to advertise its Pancake Breakfasts for some time. The club used signs much like realtors' signs with advertising for the Pancake Breakfasts and placed them at members' homes and/or businesses. Back when, Lion Charlie Wenk noted that the signs definitely did increase attendance at the breakfasts. *Looks like it's a proven method of advertising!*

## A new Leo Advisor e-News

On Lions Clubs International's website, [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), there is a new Leo Advisor e-News section for Leo Advisors and wannabe Leo Advisors.

Training tools are being developed for Leo Advisors by Lions Clubs International. To access these on-line training courses, click on: Resources, Learning Center.

A WMMR system will soon be available for Leo Clubs to send in monthly reports. The Youth Programs Dept. is looking forward to having the ability to communicate directly with Leo Clubs. Other improvements to the Leo Club Program are in the works.

As District 1-J Leo Clubs Chair, Lion Maggie Girard wants you to know that the Bartlett Leos were shown in action in the new Leo Advisor e-News publication. *Go, Leos!*

## From the LIF Trustees' Blotters . . .

Fund-raising during troubled economic times becomes even more difficult than usual. This fact, combined with the increasing numbers of persons needing the help of **your** Lions of Illinois Foundation makes this Candy Day even more important than ever.

**Your** Lions of Illinois Foundation serves more than 18,000 men, women and children in Illinois every year. This help comes in the form of eye and hearing exams, low vision screening, hearing aids, recycled eyeglasses and other assistance. The most well known, and most popular, is **your** Camp Lions.

**Your** Foundation relies on your club to fund these programs. Without your help the Foundation will not close down . . . it will just serve fewer people.

For several years the income of the Foundation from fund-raising did not meet the expenses. It was due to the astute investing done by our Executive Director, Lion Van Stone, that budgets were met and everyone who requested assistance received your help.

This year, more than ever, you must sell the benefits of **your** Foundation to your community. There are many simple ways you can accomplish this.

- ▶ Send news releases to your local newspapers, cable stations and radio/TV.
- ▶ Send a request for a donation to everyone in your Internet address book.
- ▶ Ask your neighbors and relatives for a donation.
- ▶ If you can, request donations from companies you do business with regularly.
- ▶ Ask your employer for a donation. If your employer matches your charitable collections make sure to get their match for your work.
- ▶ Solicit help from Scouts, church groups, PTA groups, etc. You can share part of your 40% with them.
- ▶ Set a goal and relate the benefits Illinois residents will reap from your Candy Day collections.

More than 18,000 Illinoisans are counting on you. Please don't let them down.

*Yours in Lionism,*

*LIF District 1-J Trustee PDG Lion Bob Jilke*

## On-Line This Month --

### **New Lions Sought for Magazine Profiles**

THE LION Magazine wants to profile young, interesting and active Lions who have joined an existing club within the last four to eight months. One such Lion will be highlighted each month in the magazine starting in January 2009.

Please e-mail a brief description of the impact the Lion has made on the club along with person's name, club name, location and contact information (phone, e-mail) along with your contact information for consideration.

### **Lions Clubs International Videos on YouTube**

LCI's videos are now available on YouTube – the premier online destination to watch and share original videos worldwide.

Visit [www.youtube.com/lionsclubsorg](http://www.youtube.com/lionsclubsorg) to see the latest videos about our International Convention in Bangkok, club service projects featured in LQ and more.

While on YouTube, click the Subscribe button to stay up-to-date on the latest Lions Clubs International videos.

### **International Convention Registration**

Registration for the international convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA is now available online -- it is convenient and easy to use.

You can also use online registration to book a room at your delegation hotel. Your convention registration and hotel reservation are confirmed immediately via e-mail.

Check the convention pages online frequently for updated information about convention events and logistics information.

### **Watch the International Program video,**

**"Everyday Heroes" online** -- The video brings to life 2008-09 International President Al Brandel's program "Miracles Through Service," illustrating the everyday acts of Lions that make them everyday heroes.

This inspiring video is an excellent resource to share with your club members. The DVD is available to purchase from Club Supplies in all official languages.

For additional information, read the written program.

### **New LCIF Exhibit**

-- A new Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) exhibit is available to clubs and districts to reserve for their convention or community fairs to promote the Foundation. The tabletop exhibit provides an overview of LCIF programs. The exhibit is available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact LCIF Communications to reserve the exhibit for your event.

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

## Central Region

Recent donations made by the **Bartlett Lions Club** include: \$1,000 to Wayne Township for its Back to School Program which helps with school supplies for those in need, a \$1,000 donation to Hanover Township's General Assistance Fund, a \$1,000 scholarship for a hearing-impaired student who will attend Elgin Community College, and a \$250 donation to Alexian Brothers Hospital for an ad in its fundraiser program for a new children's hospital. The 3rd annual Labor Day Dash is history now -- *details later!* A SightFirst II Raffle and Oktoberfest fundraiser are in the works.

A slow month for **Batavia Lions Club** -- only the road-cleaning effort on West Main Street early in Aug. took place. *But that's hard and important work!*

**Hampshire Lions Club** participated in the Hampshire Days celebration with a float. The club sponsored the LIF Hearing Bus last month. A \$1,000 donation was made to the local library for Audio Books. The club is making plans to participate in the local Food Pantry CROP Walk.

Aug. projects for the **South Elgin Lions Club** included National Night Out and Riverfest, as well as work party meetings at the clubhouse. *Weather was good for Riverfest this year!* A Smelt Fry will be held in Sept. The club will be running the Beer Tent at the Burlington Fall Fest. The Lions there asked the South Elgin Lions to do it. Raffle Calendars are being sold again as a fundraiser. Recent donations made include: \$500 to South Elgin High School Booster Foundation and \$1,000 to a fundraiser to fight Mitochondrial Disease.

The LIF Retinopathy Eye Screening Unit was hosted by the West Chicago Lions Club earlier this month. The annual Teachers Luncheon was held recently. A firewood splitting session was scheduled to get enough cords of wood finished for the club's Firewood Sale this fall.

Early in September, the **Winfield Lions Club** was an active participant in the Good Old Days celebration in town by staffing the Beer Tent and sponsoring a Bags Tournament and music (DJs and bands).

## Eastern Region

Sixty-five golfers, many sponsors, and a great team of volunteers made for a successful Aug. Golf Outing for the **Bloomington Lions Club**. Lions participated in the annual Septemberfest. Final details are being wrapped up for the 3rd Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon fundraiser last this month. The local VFW is assisting this year as many veterans are in need of assistance dogs. A Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is planned for Oct.

Many members of the **Elmhurst Noon Lions Club** attended the Chambers' New Teacher Luncheon.

Late last month, the **Glen Ellyn Lions Club** presented, in partnership with Community Bank-Wheaton/Glen Ellyn, a Festival of the Arts at Lake Ellyn. This was the 39th year for the annual celebration of sight & sound. The club's 11th Annual Charity Golf Extravaganza will take place late this month.

A total of 750 pairs of used eyeglasses and 5 hearing aids has been collected by the **Lombard Lions Club** for recycling by the Lions of IL Foundation.

**Villa Park Lions Club** is working at its largest fundraiser of the year now -- Oktoberfest. The club is also selling Entertainment Books to raise funds for the club treasury. A Diabetic Retinopathy Eye Screening was hosted early this month.

**Wheaton Lions Club** has been serving its community for over 80 years by providing services and equipment for the visual and hearing-impaired. Support for much of these fundraising activities is earned with the club's Annual Golf Outing & Steak Fry and Candy Day. Underwriters throughout the business community make all of this possible for the Lions to do their service work.

### Collect Eyeglasses for Sight Night

Lions -- join with Leos, Scouts, and other community groups to collect eyeglasses during trick-or-treat. Visit [www.sightnight.org](http://www.sightnight.org) for materials to get your collection started. Sight Night is sponsored by Lions Clubs International and Give the Gift of Sight Foundation.

The Bartlett Lions Club is holding its 4th Annual Sight Night Light Parade this year on Halloween evening. Lions and Leos will have collection boxes throughout the parade route for used eye glasses, hearing aids and all the other things that our Lions of IL Foundation recycles.

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

Fox River Region

Recent donations of the Dundee Township Lions Club include: \$1,000 to Camp Lions, \$1,000 to the town of West Dundee to use for the community activities Dickens in Dundee and Heritage Fest, and \$500 each to the FISH Pantry, School Dist. 300 Foundation, Eckert Center, Elgin Crisis Center, and East Dundee Police Dept. for special vehicle rehabilitation.

The **Elgin Lions** are wrapping up the final details for the annual Golf Outing planned for this month. Candy Day planning is also on the agenda. Lions are continuing to collect aluminum cans.

For the **Fox River Grove Lions**, Aug. was a very successful month! The club held its 3rd Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament of 2008. Over 55 players were in attendance, with 30 of them being pre-registered, the largest amount of pre-registrants since the club started tournaments in 2005. All tournament proceeds went into the Lions Club treasury for future philanthropic endeavors. Eyeglasses were provided recently for a single mother in need. Cary Optical helps the Lions Club with its eyeglasses requests.

The **Huntley Lions Club** held its first meeting of the 2008-2009 Lion Year at the picnic grove and Club Secy. Lion Jim Heavey says "We hope to find some new members there -- maybe it's the smell of brats and beer." Ninety-two golfers turned out for the club's annual Golf Outing and Steak Dinner. Over \$1,000 was cleared by the club.

**Island Lake Lions Club** held its 49th Annual Cornfest late last month. Three thousand ears of fresh sweet corn were donated to attendees in thanks for year-long support of the Lions Club's efforts in the community. It resulted in much good publicity for the club in local newspapers -- copy and photos. The Adopt-A-Highway clean-up will be done in late Sept.

Last month, **Johnsburg Lions Club** held its monthly Meat Raffle and also the annual Boat, Bike & Auto Poker Run Fundraiser. Proceeds from the Poker Run are donated to a food bank organized by the Johnsburg Rescue Squad, Johnsburg Shop With A Cop program and the McHenry Area Youth Commission. The Lions provided labor to pour beer at a local car show where proceeds went to support the McHenry Area Youth Commission (MAYC) as it has lost critical funding for its program.

Twenty-four **McHenry Lions** worked a total of 250 hours during the Fiesta Days celebration last month. The club's two scholarship winners were treated to dinner at one of the club's recent meetings. The club is looking forward to its annual retreat.

The **Richmond Lions Club** had a lovely Champagne Breakfast Cruise on Lake Geneva last month as a reward for all of the efforts put forth by the members during the previous Lion Year. Four pounds of pull tabs and 96 pairs of eyeglasses were turned in for recycling by LIF last month. A Bose Entertainment Center and a queen-size quilt were raffled off early this month. Tickets were sold at Richmond Round Up Days. A Meat & Potato Raffle is going on now and the drawing will be held at the club's Breakfast with Santa in early Dec. Members are continuing to bring canned goods or paper products to meetings for the local food pantry.

Seven **Sun City-Huntley Lions** attended the Camp Lions Open House near Dixon in early Aug. Twenty members and their guests were in attendance at the Lions Night at Cougar Park. Another 200 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected for recycling at LIF, along with 1.5 pounds of aluminum pull tabs. Forty Lions and non-member spouses filled the Pavilion for the club's annual picnic. Final details are being wrapped up for the club's 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast.

**Wonder Lake Lions Club's** Annual Duck Race is history now -- *details later!* A book sale fundraiser is in the works soon.

## Wit & Wisdom

- ☆ From the *Waterman Lions Club News*: "When someone asks you, 'A penny for your thoughts' and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?" --- George Carlin (1937-2008)
- ☆ From the *Wheaton Lions' Tales* -- "In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." -- Robert Frost
- ☆ "If we had no winter, spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." -- from the *Naperville Noon Lions Head Lion-er*
- ☆ "Change is difficult but often essential to survival." -- *Richmond Lions Phantom Tales*
- ☆ From the *Elgin Lions Tale*: "A man spoke frantically into the phone: 'My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart.' 'Is this her first child?' the doctor asked. 'No!' the man shouted, 'This is her husband!'"

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

## *Southeastern Region*

The **Aurora Eve. Lions Club** held a new fundraiser last month, a Brewmaster Dinner and Comedy Show at Payton's Roundhouse in Aurora. The club raised close to \$3,000 for the treasury from ticket sales and raffles. A total of ten eye exams/eyeglasses was approved last month. The club continues to collect used eyeglasses (*268 pairs last month*). Three Lions sold Lightsticks at Montgomeryfest fireworks raising \$275. A \$500 donation was made to the Wounded Soldiers Fund for two local soldiers from Naperville & Warrenville injured in Iraq. A \$250 donation was made to the Hased House Annual Walk.

Late last month, **Aurora Noon Lions Club** hosted a Football Coaches Night at Luigi's Pizza.

**Darien Lions** sold sweet corn at the annual Darienfest early this month and Lions also served beer for the Darien Chamber during the Fest.

A check for over \$500, collected in tips at Eyes to the Skies booths, was donated by the **Lisle Lions Club** to Lion Don Golminas for the Ataxia Fund, an illness with which his wife is affected. Six Lions and two non-Lions, cleaned a 2-mile stretch of Ogden Ave. in Lisle. Six Lions (*no, they weren't all the same Lions*) and one spouse worked for 1/2 hour one evening sorting 1,110 pairs of used eyeglasses, 19 hearing aids, and 17 cell phones for recycling by LIF. Lions Quest materials have been delivered to two schools.

**Naperville Noon Lions Club** celebrated its 60th Anniversary in late Aug. ZC Lion Jim Addington and Mayor George Pradel (a Lion of the club) attended. The event was covered by the press. The Turkey Trot is off & running. The Lions' "Gas" Raffle went well. Planning is on-going for the 2008 Turkey Trot. Over \$20,000 has been pledged from sponsors and 50 individuals have already registered for the race.

## *Lioness Clubs*

The **Fox River Grove Lioness Club** collected donations for TLC, a community collection of items to be sent to US troops in Afghanistan.

## *Leo Clubs*

The **Bartlett Leos** are prepared for the Sight Night Lighted Parade in Oct. The club is trying to re-schedule its car wash that got rained out last summer.

It was a sell-out for the **Elburn Leo Club** -- 1,000 root beer floats were sold during Elburn Days. The Leos also provided garbage clean-up during Elburn Days and donated portions of their pay back to the club for charities. Members worked at a concession stand at the Sept. All Wheels Show. The club will be having its Haunted House again during several weekends in Oct. prior to Halloween. This haunted house has been consistently rated as one of the best in Illinois over the past several years. Able assistance is given to the Leos by the **Elburn Lions**.

The **Elmhurst Leo Club** V. P. that was to move into the position of President moved away over the summer and nominations and an election is the first order of business for the club this fall. Members will be collecting money for the club at a Elmhurst College football game. Leos will be handling the moon jump, games and face painting at the Lions' Pumpkin Patch next month.

**South Elgin Leo** Nate Reichhold was given a donation by the **South Elgin Lions Club** to go on a trip to Philmont with the Scouts. He will be the Sept. Featured Speaker at the Lions Club.

The **Westfield Leo Club** in Bloomingdale now has 41 Leos in its club. *More hands to help more!*

### **Club Briefs --**

- ⇒ After Somonauk Lions Club's Sept. Meeting, the group will walk over to Lion Bob Fraley's house and have a Bags Tournament. Any one bringing a guest(s) will receive an extra point for each on his/her score. *Great way to entice Lions to bring new members with them!*
- ⇒ A low vision reader valued at \$2,000 to \$3,000, originally purchased by the Bartlett Lions Club, was returned as it was no longer being used. This machine will be loaned to the Wayne Township Senior Center.
- ⇒ For the Bartlett Lions, the highlight of the month of Aug. was participating in National Night Out in their town. Over 2,000 pieces of ice cream were distributed to those in attendance. The ice cream was donated by Edy's Ice Cream. The LIF Hearing Bus was at the site and 50 individuals benefited from the free hearing screening.

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

## Southwestern Region

The **DeKalb Eve. Lions** held the annual picnic and had to dodge heavy rains and tornado sirens, but are happy to report that all survived. The club participated in the annual Corn Fest in late Aug. with a food booth and dunk tank. Weather was just about perfect this year for the club's biggest fundraiser -- only a small rain shower on Sat. AM.

This fall starts the **Elburn Lions Club's** 2nd season of Bingo. Two carryover progressive raffle pots from last season will start at \$1,260 and \$557. Proceeds from Bingo will go to Campaign SightFirst II. The All Wheels Show (cars, motorcycles and tractors) took place early this month. The show used to be a part of Elburn Days, but took place as a stand-alone event for the first time this fall. The club is selling 2009 Jackpot calendars. Farmers Markets will continue until the end of Sept. A Spouse's Dinner is planned for early Oct. and a 300 Raffle will be held in mid-Nov.

The **Hinckley Lions Club** is making plans for a Homecoming Parade, a Turkey Raffle, and Christmas Baskets.

The **Lee Lions Club** raised \$1,100 recently with a Drawdown Raffle. The club also provided help to the local Food Pantry.

The **Maple Park Lions Club** participated in the town's Fun Fest by selling Culver's Custard and being in the Fest's Parade. Members handed out material on Lions and worked on recruiting new members.

The **Malta Lions Club** held a Work Night at Lions Park last month where members trimmed trees in the park.

The **Sandwich Lions Club** sponsored its annual Steer Raffle during the Sandwich Fair Days. This project takes many Lion hours, before, during and after the Fair, but it is the club's largest fundraiser. The Steer Raffle winner and members of the Tuttle family that provides the steer for the raffle will be guests at a dinner meeting soon. Completed Aug. activities include: Annual Club Picnic, a Blood Drive, and constructing a handicapped wheelchair ramp in the Wildwood community.

**Shabbona Lions** held a picnic at Lion Bob Purdy's lake last month for Lions and their families. Lions Dave Miller & Shawn Eaton represented the club at the July 2008 Fishing Derby at Lake Shabbona State Park in July. The club is still searching for ideas for a Fall Fundraiser.

A Lions Golf Outing was hosted by the **Somonauk Lions Club** last month. A Draw Down Raffle also was held last month. Several Lions helped with the 1-J Lions Fishing Derby in July. A 5K Run was sponsored to raise money for the bathrooms at the park. It was very successful thanks to the work of many club members. A pair of eyeglasses was provided for a local child. Lions participated in Vision & Hearing Screening at the Sandwich Hospital recently.

Two **Sycamore Lions** helped with the **Sycamore Lioness** Food Stand at the late July Car Show. Final figures for the 1-J Fishing Derby are not known yet, other than the \$200 assessment the club gave. A total of 349 pairs of eyeglasses and 10 ink cartridges were turned in to LIF for recycling.

A Back-To-School party was hosted for local elementary school children by the **Waterman Lions Club** late last month. The annual Steak Fry will be held in Sept. An Orchard BBQ Pork Sandwich Sale is planned for late Sept. at Honey Hill Apple Orchard. Rain dates will be in Oct. The LIF Hearing Bus screened 26 individuals recently.

## Club Briefs --

Crystal Lake Lions Art Pears, Flagmeister of the Crystal Lake Lions, has made arrangements for the club's LARGE American Flag to be displayed on the Raue Center in Crystal Lake during the days before and after 9/11/08. The club purchased the flag several months prior to 9/11/01 and it was displayed at Raue Center shortly after that tragic event.

The Waterman Business Association will put the Lions Club's brochure in its welcome basket for new residents. The brochure will also be handed out at various club events.

"Reading can be fun -- and rewarding" says West Chicago Lion Pres. Dan Czuba: The first 10 West Chicago Lions who read a certain paragraph from the club's newsletter and quietly pull him to the side and let him know that they have will be awarded with a special gift at the club's next meeting.

Villa Park Lions Club asks local store owners/managers to come and speak to the club -- *it could be good for business -- it could be good for Lionism.*

The Bloomingdale Lions Club is maintaining the Lions Club's showcase display in the local library. *A great way to keep Lions in the public's eye.*

A recommendation was made that the Sun City-Huntley Lions Club print its financial information in the Huntley View and the Sun City Herald so that the community will know what the Lions do in the community and what their support makes possible.

# Out & About



Cornfest in Island Lake takes a lot of set-up and clean-up work, like

many club's fundraiser projects. Lions Shambo & Kurtzer carry tables after Cornfest is over. The Hole-in-1 game offered a challenge at the Fest to golfers.



Johnsburg Lions Club's card shark, Lion Gary Barla, (in red shirt) deals the poker hands for the club's recent Boat, Bike and Auto Poker Run. *Great action shot!*



Four Crystal Lake Lions -- Gustafson, Moravec, Parashis and Daly are shown with Camp Lions Director Robin Schroeder during their visit. "We've often been told that a visit to Camp Lions would be a 'payday' to any Lion who helps raise funds for the Foundation" says Lion Bob Moravec. "This was my first visit and they are so right. We were proud to be Crystal Lake Lions. Make it a point to come with us next year -- I'll drive."



(Top) Summer is a time for Waterman Lions to shine! Lions Warren Sommerfeld, Bob Bend, and Dave Stryker grill perfect pork chops for dinner at the Antique Tractor Show.



(Right) IPPres. Lion Dale Gaston (l) and his wife Pam visit with an exhibitor at the Tractor Show. The Allis G belongs to Gaston. Lions Leonard Johnson (l) and Shawn Blobaum (r) keep track of incoming tractor entries.



Bloomington Leos & Lions and some Erickson School

(Below) Betty Giddings, Lion Ted Ball and Lion Harold Giddings enjoy a break during a lull at the Concession Stand.



Cub Scouts prepare to march in the Septemberfest Parade. The group advertised the Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon they will be sponsoring in late Sept.



A Football Coaches Night, hosted by the Aurora Noon Lions Club, at Luigi's gave a preview of the coming football season for fans and supporters.



# Our 1-J Lion Family

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

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Richard Smith	Waterman Lions	Lion Craig Rice
James Kesse	Hampshire Lions	Lion Carl Brooks
Stephen Maney	Wheaton Lions	Lion Bob Clavel
Daniel Hatcher	Aurora Eve. Lions	Lion Galen Hatcher
Shannon Smith	Richmond Lions	Lion Kay Smith
Lion Rich Zaccagni	Algonquin Lions	Lion Kent Floyd



South Elgin Lion Paul Groth has become our District 1-J roving photographer this year. He was at the Candy Day Jamboree in late Aug. snapping photos. Hopefully, we will soon have more available for you to see on the District 1-J website. Once Lion Sandy gets the pathway established for getting photos onto the website, check in every once in a while for new pictures in our Photo Gallery.

(Top Right) Ex. Dir. Of the Lions of IL Foundation loves handing out awards and here he gives out one to IPP Lion Lynn Miller of the Aurora Eve. Lion Club. Lion Sandy has the club listed several times in her notes from that evening -- Most Dollars Collected Per Capita; a Sweepstakes Award; Medium-Sized Club Candy Day Award, and Top Medium-Sized Club for Tootsie Pop collections. *You did good, Lions!*

(Bottom Right) This is a photo of Lions of Illinois Foundation trophies awarded to clubs for high performance in Candy Day. The one on the right must have name plaques for the Darien Lions Club as Lion Van stated that over the last 15 years, Darien Lions have given the most dollars to the Foundation. *1-J is proud of you!!*



Sycamore Lions Barbara Schultz (c) and Loren Krout (r) each were awarded Melvin Jones Fellowship plaques last summer. Lion Jerome Perez (l) is Chair of the Lions Club Selection Committee. Lion Loren has been a Lion for more than 35 yrs. And Lion Barb has 20 years of service in Lionism.



Southwestern ZC Lion Chris Halsey (l) presents Sycamore Lion Kevin Brint (r) with his Lazansky Award plaque.



Lombard Lion Ernie Turcotte gives Lion Laddie Nudera a plaque for 40 years of service to the Lombard Lions Club.

# WHAT'S GOIN' ON — IN 1-J

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- Sep. 12 **Elgin Lions Club's** Annual Golf Outing at the Highlands of Elgin. 9 AM Shotgun start.
- Sep. 12 1st Annual Smelt Fry, hosted by **South Elgin Lions Club**, at the clubhouse. Serving from 5 - 8 PM (DJ and music begins at 7 PM) \$7.00 for smelt, fries, cole slaw, and dinner roll. Cash bar will be available for \$1 drafts. Free hot dogs for the kids.
- Sep. 12-14 -- It's Oktoberfest in September in Villa Park! Look for hard-working **Villa Park Lions** there at the beer tent!
- Sep. 13 2nd Annual **Sun City-Huntley Lions Club** Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with Huntley Harvest Fest -- serving from 7 AM to 11 AM in Deicke Park Cosman Center. Tickets are \$5 each (\$3 for kids under 13/under 3 are free).
- Sep. 17 **Villa Park Lions Club** Golf Outing at Fox Run Golf Links, 333 Plum Grove Rd., Elk Grove Village -- \$85 for cart, lunch and dinner at Villa Nova Restaurant, 237 W. St. Charles Rd, Villa Park. Lots of prizes and raffles! Contact Lion Rich Hamlin at 630-279- 6112 or Lion Don Pillsbury at 630-834-7522 if interested.
- Sep. 18-20 32nd Annual **USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM** in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, See [www.usacanadalionsforum.org](http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org) for info on registration and the Forum.
- Sep. 20 A fundraiser for *Horizons for the Blind* -- The Eddie Cash Show -- at McHenry County College Auditorium. \$15 for advance ticket orders/\$20 at the door. For tickets, call Horizons at 815-444-8800 or Sun City-Huntley Lion Helen Anderson at 847-669-3933.
- Sep. 22 Glen Ellyn Lions Club "Golf Fore Sight," the 11th Annual Charity Golf Extravaganza, at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Rd., Bloomingdale.
- Sep. 27 APPRECIATION DINNER for Lions Russ & Sue Sarver, 2006-2007 International Director, with Special Guests PIP Lion Bill Biggs and ID Lion Dana Biggs -- at Giovanni's in Rockford (across the street from the Holiday Inn on Bus. U.S. 20) -- 4:30 PM Reception and 6 PM Dinner -- \$35.00 per person. Send reservations and check to PDG Lion Gordon Grande, 1151 West Donald Drive, Freeport IL 61032
- Sep. 28 3rd Annual Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon hosted by the **Bloomingdale Lions Club** at 2 PM at Springfield Park Nature Trail (Springfield Drive south of Lake Street). **Westfield Leos**, and Erickson School Cub Scouts, as well as the Bloomingdale VFW, will assist the Lions. All proceeds will be donated to Lions Project Canine Companions for Independence.
- Oct. 10-11 LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION CANDY DAYS -- *get out and shake your can!*
- Oct. 22-26 47th Annual Sycamore Pumpkin Festival -- look for hard-working **Sycamore Lions and Lionesses** there!
- Oct. 24 **Bloomingdale Lions Club** Spaghetti Dinner at Bloomingdale Golf Club. Serving from 5-8 PM. \$10 per person; children 8 and under eat FREE! Entertainment provided by Tony Spavone.
- Oct. 25 Lions German Dinner -- hosted by **Elburn Lions Club** -- *Great food and open to the public!*
- Oct. 26 Fall Family Fest at the Pumpkin Patch hosted by the **Elmhurst Noon Lions Club**. Lions will be selling pumpkins and the **Elmhurst Leos** will be handling the moon jump, games and face painting for the kids.
- Oct. 31 **Bartlett Lions Club's** 4th Annual Sight Night Light Parade at 7 PM. Costume judging will occur in front of the new Metra Station just before the parade. Lions & Leos will have collection boxes throughout the parade route for used eye glasses, hearing aids and all the other things that LIF recycles.
- Dec. 7 **Elburn Leo Club's** Breakfast with Santa.
- 2009**
- Mar. 13 LIONS DAY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS in New York City. The day-long program features UN speakers and a luncheon with UN ambassadors. This will be the last opportunity to tour the historic UN building prior to its renovation. Registration forms are available on LCI's website. The registration form and payment (a check, draft, or money order in US dollars drawn on a US bank payable to Lions Clubs International) must be mailed together to Lions Clubs International on or before February 6, 2009. Pre-registration is required by UN security.
- Apr. 17-19 DISTRICT 1-J CONVENTION at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville.

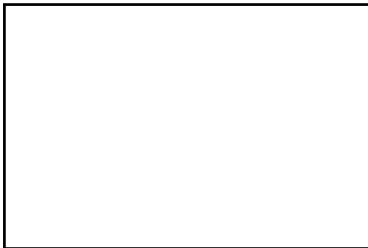
# Around the District



Johnsburg Lion Dick Short calls out winners in the a recent raffle.



Bloomington Lions run a tight ship at the club's Concession Stand at Septemberfest. . . And gather lots of tips!!



Aurora Noon Lions took a tour of the Paramount Theater recently.

Built in 1931, the theater was purchased by the City of Aurora in 1975 and remodeled to restore it to its original Venetian grandeur. A large lobby area was added in 2000.



A sign like this is a "must" when Lions Clubs have sponsors for events held. It lets the community know the businesses are helping. (See more Summerfest pix on p. 9.)



It looks like dog Buddy wants to walk under Lion John Kunzer's umbrella, too! Nikki says his Lion's umbrella (and Buddy's raincoat) got a real work-out during Hurricane Gustav's stay in Florida.

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In Sandwich -- Lions pose in front of the completed wheelchair ramp that they constructed for the Wildwood community. This is one of several handicapped ramps that the club has built in the last couple of years.

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