

District 1-J Journal

Home of Lionism

From the Governor's Desk . . .

Soooo, Governor Rex, what ever happened to the District 1-J Club of the Year Contests for Lion year 2007 – 2008 when you were Vice District Governor?

Well, in my opinion, any Lions, Leo, or Lioness Club that does service for people in need in a local community and throughout the world is a Club of the Year in the minds of the people served. I give personal thanks and thanks on behalf of Lions Clubs International to all Lions, Leos, and Lionesses who are able to SANDWICH IN TIME FOR SERVICE to keep MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE happening.

In order to be a Club of the Year for District 1-J, a club must not only be a good active club that tries to retain members and gain new members, but it must also have club leaders who are zealous about timely reporting and publicity. During 2007 – 2008, the clubs listed below not only accomplished much service but also were diligent about publicizing and reporting their accomplishments. Congratulations to the 2007 – 2008 CLUBS OF THE YEAR.

- ☆ Lions Clubs 25 members and under as of July 1, 2007: Richmond Lions Club
- ☆ Lions Clubs 26 – 50 members as of July 1, 2007: McHenry Lions Club
- ☆ Lions Clubs 51 members and over as of July 1, 2007: Sun City Huntley Lions Club
- ☆ Leo Clubs: Elburn Leo Club
- ☆ Lioness Clubs: Fox River Grove Lioness Club



These clubs will be acknowledged during the Plenary Session at the District 1-J Convention on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle, Illinois.

Please SANDWICH IN TIME to attend the District 1 – J Convention. Not only is it FUN, SERVICE, SCHOOLING, BUSINESS, NECROLOGY, and MORE all rolled into one event, Club of the Year points are awarded for each club member attending if that attendance is reported to the Vice District Governor. I hope to see many Lions, Leos, and Lionesses at the convention.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Nancy Rex, Governor, District 1 – J



- Do you have a Theme Basket for the Saturday, Apr. 18th, Lunch Auction? If so, contact ZC Lion Jim Addington at jaddington@AMBANKQC.com ASAP!
- Silent Auction items? Let ZC Lion Chris Halsey and/or ZC Lion Lee Stone know!
- DG Lion Nancy will be hosting an Eyeglass Sorting Party on Friday, Apr.17,. at the 1-J Convention. Bring your used eyeglasses (*with a completed donation card for LIF -- available from the LIF website*).

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LEOS in 1-J

From the LIF Trustee's' Blotter

The 1-J Journal is posted monthly on the District 1-J web site at www.district1jlions.org
Use it often – always something new!

F. Y. I.

Lion Kay Smith writes that
Lion Leo is gravely ill.

She asks that we keep him
in your prayers --

Also keep Lion Kay and family
in your prayers as well.

**A Low Vision
Screening**

On Mar. 11, several Crystal Lake Lions attended a Low Vision Clinic in Woodstock offered through SEDOM.

Dr. Mary Fritz Jordan, O.D., Low Vision Physician, examined two students that day, one male, age 18, and one female, age 5.



Bob Pomije, age 18, featured in the above photo will attend MCC and hopes to be able to drive with expensive correction glasses. Dr. Mary Fritz Jordan, O.D. examines him while SEDOM itinerant teacher Donna Vesely watches. Bob's mother is in the background.

In McHenry County, the Low Vision Clinics are offered through SEDOM. Children of all ages are referred through the McHenry County Schools. Spectrios Center for Low Vision, formerly Deicke Center, conducts the clinic at SEDOM in Woodstock. These screenings are made available to students through the support of the Lions of IL Foundation and clubs' contributions from Candy Day, Sight & Sound Sweepstakes, Tootsie Pop Day, Diabetes Awareness Day and other Foundation programs.

Telescopes, magnifying glasses, magnifiers, sun glasses and other items are provided at no charge to the patients.

Check the 1-J Calendar for other Low Vision Screenings throughout the District. Contact LIF Trustee Lion Larry Krebs, PDG, if you would like more information.

Been to the New LCI Website?

Have you checked out Lions Clubs International's new website? *It's here!*

It explains who Lions are and what we do and then tells the Lions' story in pictures and in words. The "Our Impact" section includes stories and photos that tell how Lions make a difference.

A new Member Center contains much of the material accessed on the site previously, but in a different format. Content and navigation will be enhanced later in the year.

Submitting reports on the website will remain the same for the time being.

To learn more about the new website, read "Setting Our Sites on a Better Web" in the Mar. 2009 THE LION magazine.

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1-J Directory Changes

P. 35	<i>JUST SO EVERYONE KNOWS</i> -- Johnsburg Lions Club is looking into going back to Mondays for meetings, and with this change, another location -- <i>stay tuned!!</i>
P. 76	The Elmhurst Leo Club is changing its meeting day to the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month.

A Bit of Advice for Club Secretaries

Only if luck is in your corner will you get your MMR filed easily if you wait until the last days of the month.

No one, not even Club Secretaries, needs that kind of frustration. If your last meeting of the month is on the 3rd week, make it a habit to do your filing shortly after that meeting.

New habit patterns are reasonably hard to establish, but it might not be all that hard if you find that you can avoid the frustration that happens otherwise!

Have You Voted for Lion Roy Yet?

The Bartlett Lions Club entered Lion Roy Engstrom in the Lenox Industrial Tools EXTRA-MILE HERO CONTEST and he has been named one of the 10 finalists.

Bartlett Lions say Lion Roy is fourth on the list. **Voting ends on Apr. 30, 2009. There is still time to vote!**

Go to www.lionoxhero.com today and cast your vote. Because only one vote is allowed per person, Lenox has set up a 2-step process, requiring a confirmation e-mail. Be sure you don't miss it in your spam/junk folder.

So That They May Hear

Bartlett Lions Club paid a hospital bill of \$5,333 which covered the cost of a special hearing implant for a Bartlett child with multiple handicaps.

Naperville Noon Lions Club recently also helped a fifth-grade student with a hearing problem. He had been wearing hearing aids since kindergarten. His family has spent hundreds of dollars repairing them when they broke or malfunctioned. A battery door needed to be repaired and the family did not have the resources to do it. They were able to secure \$1,000 from another organization in Naperville and the Naperville Noon Lions Club will donate \$2,200 to complete the amount needed for repairing the equipment.

Both of these children's quality of life improved greatly with the aid of a Lions Club in each of their communities.

A New Leo Club in the SW Region

As farms in our rural areas of the Midwest become larger, school districts become larger, too, as there are fewer and fewer young people in these regions. The school districts continue to serve an ever-widening area.

Three clubs in our Southwestern Region have decided to band together in their efforts to start a Leo Club at Indian Creek Middle and High Schools. Shabbona Lions Club is joining with the Lee Lions Club and the Waterman Lions Club to sponsor a new Leo Club. Lion Duane Farnsworth of the Lee Lions is spearheading this project.

This Will Be The Cheapest & Most Fun State Convention We've Had in A Long Time!

Yes, that's a direct quote from State Convention Chairperson, PDG Lion Judy Tapper. She and her committee have made every effort this year to make the May 15-17 Convention in Lisle a "must" to attend.

There will be lots of activities after you arrive on Friday. A welcoming reception will be from 6 to 7 PM, followed by a First Plenary Session from 7:15 to 9 PM. The Hospitality Room will be open after that.

Exhibitors and Pin Traders will be out on Saturday. Seminars will be available in the morning and don't miss the 1-CN Squirrels vs. the 1-F Pigs Race from 1:15 to 2:15 PM.

There will be voting for two International Director candidates and proposed resolutions. (*Resolutions are on pp. 12-13 of the Mar/Apr issue of the IL State Magazine.*)

Keep your program handy and check it often. Use the "L" Lounge to relax, play complimentary pool & darts, and talk with friends (*or meet some new ones*) from all over the State.

The Registration fee is only \$10 and rooms at the Wyndham Hotel are only \$89 per night. Register and make reservations by May 1st.

There will be golf on Apr. 14 and Apr. 15. Golfing reservations, with money, must be made with PDG Lion Larry Barber by May 1, 2009.

You will find all forms for the IL State Convention on the 1-J website, www.districtj1lions.org, under Conventions, 2009 Convention.

It's Our Foundation's 35th Anniversary!

Yes, it's been 35 years since the Lions of IL Foundation was started.

There will be a special celebration at the Foundation Breakfast on Sun. morning, Apr. 17th, at the State Lions Convention.

A Special "Walk Down Memory Lane" will have Kari Kinnett return for an encore performance for us. Kari was the delightful pianist and singer who entertained us long ago with "The Snake & the Garden Hose" at an MD-1 Convention and at Camp Lions.

2009 Sight & Sound Sweepstakes

Lion Ron Wigton, Dist. 1-J Sight & Sound Sweepstakes Coordinator, wants to emphasize how important this "no cost" fundraiser is to your club AND the Lions of IL Foundation.

Known as "The SWEEPS," at least 60% of your club's ticket sales go to LIF and up to 40% may stay with your club. *It's a win/win situation for all!*

DISTRICT 1-J CONVENTION SCHOOLING 2009

Session 1:

Treasurers	Room 1	Presenter - Lion Jim Davis
Secretaries	Parlor West	Presenter – Lion Perry Knutson
Membership-Part 1	Parlor East	Presenter - Lion Jim Graves, Lion Marilyn Liwanag, and Lion Rick Tonozzi
AHAP - (Affordable Hearing Aid Project)	Room 2	Presenter - LCIF
Presidents & Vice-Presidents	Room 3	Presenter – Lion Paul Groth
Tail Twisters	Room 4	Presenter – Lion Bob Jilke and Lion George Gould

Session 2:

New Projects Attract New Members Move Up!	Parlor West	Presenter – Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson
Join the District 1-J Cabinet Team	Room 1	Presenter - Lion John Landon
Membership – Part 2:	Parlor East	Presenter – MERLOW TEAM
Lions of Illinois Foundation	Room 2	Presenter – Lion Mario Gumino
2009 International Convention	Room 3	Presenter – Lion Charles Williams
Diabetes Awareness	Room 4	Presenter – Lion Susan Galvez

Special Mention in 1-J

Honorary Membership

North Aurora Lion Jim Lester
(*Lion since 1981*)

25 Years of Service in Lionism

Villa Park Lion Don Pillsbury
(*Lion Don is also renowned as the
long-standing Club Program Chairman*)

50 Year Lion

Wood Dale Lion Doc Perkinson

Just Published!

Lions Clubs in the 21st Century -- the proud history, services and humanitarian philosophy of Lions Clubs International -- all contained in one hardcover edition volume for \$29.95 each.

You may order online from the Lions Club store or by phone from Lions Clubs International 630-571-5466- -- ask for Number S47 - *Lions Clubs in the 21st Century*.

Not only is the book an invaluable resource for the individual member, but a copy should be in the possession of every Lions Club for study and reference.

Several Lions Clubs have purchased books for members' use. Some clubs have donated a book to the local library so that the general public may read about Lionism.

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

Central Region

Bartlett Lions are standing on corners in town, as we speak, collecting for the Diabetes Association. The March Pancake Breakfast was a huge success! Over 600 were served. The club donated \$1,500 to the Northern IL Food Bank for a truckload of food to be delivered to Hanover Township & Wayne Township Food Pantries. Lions will help in the distribution of the food. A \$1,500 donation will be presented to The Spectrios Institute for the Visually Impaired at its April 2009 Gala. A \$500 sponsorship donation was given to the Bartlett Park District for its annual Apple Blossom Run.

Mar. 2009 was a planning month for **Batavia Lions Club's** spring activities -- the annual Pancake Breakfast in Apr, Easter Egg Hunt with the Batavia Park District, and Food Sharing Days with the local food pantry. In May, the club will start the month by doing road clean-up, followed by serving pancakes for the Valley Sheltered Workshop. The 34th Annual Plant Day is on Mothers' Day weekend. In June, the club's annual Golf Outing will raise funds for the Guide Dog Foundation.

Last month, **North Aurora Lions Club** donated \$250 for sponsoring Lion Robyn Stecklein for St. Baldrick's Day, sponsored two campers for Camp Lions, and approved a \$200 donation to sponsor packages for troops in the Middle East.. The club's annual Dinner Dance raised just over \$3,600 to fund club community projects. The LIF Hearing Bus will be hosted by the club at North Aurora Days. Football Mania profits will be turned over to the Riverwalk project in the future. The club's rain barrel & compost bin project are well underway and will be launched in Apr.

Starting in May, the **South Elgin Lions Club** will be holding work party meetings throughout the summer months.

The **West Chicago Lions Club** will be participating in Blooming Fest in mid-May to beautify the downtown area. The club's Mar. Pancake Breakfast served 250 people, which fell short of the average attendance of around 400.

Eastern Region

Both **Bloomington Lions** and the **Westfield Leos** will be assisting at the Park District's inaugural Bunny Bash and the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Elmhurst Noon Lions Club received a Thank You from LIF for its recent donation of eyeglasses. Lions will march in the town's Memorial Day Parade and hand out American-made flags. The club is planning a Membership Recruitment in July. Since Elmfest will not take place this summer, the club has had to find another location for its Reverse Raffle. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at the end of Aug.

Early this month, **Glen Ellyn Lions** contributed time to sort food at the Northern IL Food Bank in St. Charles. The club will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser soon. Members will participate in Recycle Day in Glen Ellyn on Apr. 25th at the parking lot just west of the Library from 8 AM to Noon. Planning is continuing on the Festival of the Arts.

The **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions Club** is looking forward to providing entertainment in a Hospitality Room at the District 1-J Convention soon.

"We Serve" is our motto -- **Lombard Lions** also serve in the community -- one as a youth hockey coach, another collects money for the Cancer Society, and another volunteers at two food pantries. A \$400 donation was made recently by the club to the Villa Park Food Pantry. A sum of \$250 was donated to the Lions of IL Foundation Sight & Sound Sweepstakes.

Roselle Lions Club held a Casino Night late last month to raise funds for the club's administrative fund. The club's 75th Anniversary celebration is next on the agenda.

Villa Park Lions are wrapping up final details of the annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser that will take place in early May. Lions will have a booth at Summerfest again this year, mostly to get out the message about the Lions Club. The LIF Hearing bus will be in town in mid-June.

The **Wood Dale Lions Club** donated 493 pairs of eyeglasses, 12 hearing aids and 680 keys to LIF at the last Eastern Region Meeting. The club received a Thank You from Child's Voice for its donation. A camper will be sponsored this summer by the club.

Heard Via the Grapevine . . .

Former Roselle Lions John & Joe Kunzer are planning to be in town for the Roselle Lions Club's 75th Anniversary celebration on April 25th. Lion John will be here from Florida, where he lives now, and Lion Joe will be here all the way from Galesburg Illinois, where he has lived for several years and runs Doc Joe's Animal Hospital..

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

Fox River Region

Algonquin Lions Club is planning its 1st Golf Outing fundraiser to take place in the month of June. Summer cookout meetings will take place in the park from June through September. *A nice change of venue, Lions!*

Plans are well underway for the Steven Macko Memorial Golf Outing, hosted by **Cary Lions Club** and the Cary Firefighters Association, that will take place in early June.

The **Crystal Lake Lions Club** is hosting a brand new event this month -- Candle Light Bowling. The club's annual Golf Outing will take place on June 1. Several Lions attended a Low Vision Clinic recently where two students were screened for low vision.

On Mar. 14th, several **Dundee Township Lions** marched in East Dundee's St. Patrick's Day Parade. They were dressed as chefs carrying pots filled with chocolate eggs to pass out to the children in the crowd. YUM! The Lions were promoting the club's annual Ranch Style Breakfast coming up in late Apr.

By the time you read this, the **Elgin Lions Club** will have completed its Rose Day fundraiser. The club is continuing Shop & Share Certificates to earn funds for the club treasury. Authorization for 190 pairs of eyeglasses has been given by the club so far this year.

The **Fox River Grove Lions Club** reports that it is well into the planning stages for most of the club activities for the next six months. Last month, the club endowed its Scholarship Program and the Committee will soon begin the process of selecting students to receive the annual award. A donation was made to LIF to sponsor two campers this summer at Camp Lions.

The **Huntley Lions Club** Scholarship Committee will soon be selecting winners of the two \$500 awards the club is giving out. The club has a goal of helping the Grafton Township Food Pantry.

The **Island Lake Lions Club** donated \$100 to the **Island Lake Lioness Club** for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The **Johnsburg Lions Club** Monthly Meat Raffle proceeds this month went to the Johnsburg Baseball Travel Team.

Richmond Lions are thrilled with the outcome of the annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner! Three prospective members for the club roster as a result of helping with dinner preparations. ZC Lion Lynn Raske, Wonder Lake Lion Jerry Raske, the Honor Society and many other volunteer workers helped much to make the project a success! "THANKS" the **Richmond Lions** say! Recent donations include: \$100 to RBCH Post Prom, \$250 in valentine supplies to Spring Grove Food Pantry, compliments of Walgreens, and 178 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling by LIF. Members are now selling World's Finest Chocolate Bars to earn funds.

The **Sun City-Huntley Lions Club** took part in the C.A.M Charter Club Expo his month. Eyeglasses were purchased for a local child. The club is looking into other activities, i.e., selling 4th of July lightsticks and Tootsie Pops for Memorial Day. A Pasta Dinner fundraiser is being held this month.

Lioness Clubs

Last month, donations were collected for the local food pantry by the **Fox River Grove Lioness Club**. School supply kits/backpacks for 42 low-income students in the local elementary district were also purchased by the Lioness Club.

The **Island Lake Lioness Club** hosted the annual Easter Egg Hunt early this month-- the Lions Club donated \$100 of funding assistance. Lionesses will be doing Tootsie Pop Day in early May.

Wit & Wisdom

"As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way." -- from the *Elgin Lions Tale*

April is National Volunteer Month -- As a Lion you are part of the greatest service organization that volunteers its time.

Wise Ol' West Chicago Lion sez: "The difference between education and experience? Experience is when you read the fine print. Education is what you get when you don't."

"Let prospective members know that you are making a difference in someone's life" -- from the South Elgin Lions *Roaring Rumors*

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

Southeastern Region

Funding of one hearing aid and four eye exams & eyeglasses was approved by the **Aurora Eve. Lions Club**. Used eyeglasses and printer cartridges continue to be collected for recycling.

The **Darien Lions Club** completed the annual Pancake Breakfast last month. The LIF Hearing Bus was there to do hearing screening and a Nurse Station offered blood pressure checks. Shop & Share certificates from Jewel/Osco brought in funds for the **Darien Lions Club Foundation**. Planning is progressing for the club's Golf Outing and Big Raffle Drawing in late May. The 4th of July Parade and Picnic are also on the work agenda.

Two water stations were staffed by **Lisle Lions** and one non-Lion at the Chamber 5K/10K Run Walk in Mar. Six Lions worked at collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids at Lisle's 1st recycling event -- it yielded almost 500 pairs of eyeglasses and 13 hearing aids. Recent donations include: \$100 to the Lisle Home & School organization for Senior Banquet expenses, \$200 for American Diabetes Association, and \$500 to Lisle Township Food Pantry. The LIF Hearing Bus has been scheduled for early June.

Fourteen **Naperville Noon Lions** volunteers staffed the registration desk in support of the St. Baldrick's Foundation head-shaving night last month. More than 120 individuals signed up and contributed funds for children's cancer research. The club also donated \$1,000 in support of Team Jordan in memory of Lion Bob Jordan.

Club Briefs

Naperville Noon Lions will have lunch and tour DONKA facilities this month. DONKA, located in Wheaton, is a not-for-profit organization that teaches assistive technology and computer skills to adults that are physically and visually challenged.

A new vision reader was purchased and donated to the Bartlett Public Library by the **Bartlett Lions Club**. This \$2,600 unit replaced a machine that was donated to the library 13 years ago by the Lions Club.

With the economy as it is, the **Maple Park Lions Club** decided to give back to its community and offer a free breakfast to local residents this spring.

A \$200 donation was made to the MD-1 Leo Conference by the **Richmond Lions Club** in memory of Lion Nancy Duswald.

An interesting Note: **Villa Park Lions Club** Newsletter Editor Lion Russell Comas says: "I was surprised to see the Villa Park Library Room fill up as quickly as it did. For our second combined business meeting with no food or drink to distract us we spent extra time on fundraisers past and future."

Naperville Noon Lions Club's Social Service Program continues to be its largest program with expenditures of over \$53,000 for this fiscal year. Over 200 cases have been processed thus far.

Ten campers are being sponsored by **Bartlett Lions Club**. at a total cost of \$5,250.

The **Elmhurst Eve. Lions Club** is considering the possibility of merging with the **Elmhurst Noon Lions Club**. The Evening Club is quite small now in size after the loss of several of its members. Some of the members would be able to attend lunch meetings, while others would not. They would like to continue the scholarship they have funded with their share of the earned Pizza Party money. Various scenarios were discussed for dues and the possibility of holding occasional evening meetings. There is a possibility that would also attract other potential members who live in Elmhurst but work elsewhere. The Board will consider these ideas and discuss the options with Lions Clubs International.

Crystal Lake Lions Club Pres. Lion Mike Cortina: "It is when we think of why we are Lions that we do our best. If we have no purpose to exist, then we have no drive to do more. We must remember why it is that We Serve, and we should try to do so each and every day."

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

Southwestern Region

"March was a quiet month" says **DeKalb Eve. Lions Club** Secy. Lion Pam Kelley, but now the Lions are collecting for Diabetes Day and selling roses for the annual Rose Day fundraiser. And yes, the Lions will also be attending the District 1-J Convention!

It was Bingo every weekend last month for the **Elburn Lions Club**, plus hosting two other events at the clubhouse. The Annual Dream Flight Raffle was held, and also, the 3rd annual Lions Irish Dinner. An Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt were held early this month. Several other projects are on the work agenda: Lions' 300 Raffle, Elburn Lions Ride and Elburn Days, plus Bingo every Fri. night in Apr.

Hinckley Lions report that they have recruited three new prospective members and hope to have them installed with the new officers in June. *Good work, Lions!*

Lee Lions Club has approved the sponsorship of a Leo Club. The club will join together with Shabbona Lions Club and Waterman Lions Club to make efforts to start a Leo Club in the Indian Creek School District in their areas.

The **Sandwich Lions Club** held its annual Pancake Breakfast in late Mar. Funds earned will buy large-print books for the local library. The library reports that large-print books are being requested more often now. Plans are being wrapped up for the Draw Down and Tootsie Pop Days in early May.

Shabbona Lions Club will be offering a \$500 scholarship to a deserving graduating senior at Indian Creek High School. A donation was made to Camp Lions recently to help send a child to camp this summer.

The **Sycamore Lions Club** recently collected 307 pairs of eyeglasses, 2 hearing aids and 2 cell phones for recycling.

IDENTITY THEFT

South Elgin Lions Club had Lydia Molina from the Kane County States Attorney's Office speak to them recently. Here are some of Lion Paul Groth's notes from her presentation:

- ▶ Don't put the flag up on your mailbox -- use the drop boxes provided by the post office or drop by the post office.
- ▶ Keep an eye on your checkbook -- identity thieves often steal just one or two checks from the back of the checkbook.
- ▶ Don't forward jokes etc. -- identity thieves use this info along with other info they can gain about you.
- ▶ Don't fall for the prince (or any other foreigner) who is claiming there is money to be had easily.
- ▶ Another scam now involves Face Book -- They use someone on your friends' list and tell you they are traveling and have been robbed and you need to send them some money. It sounds legit, but it is best to call them directly rather than doing what the message says.
- ▶ Patch your Windows machines regularly -- it prevents your machine from getting viruses and worms -- keep your antivirus up to date and use a firewall. No personal firewall provides 100% security, but it does help.
- ▶ Don't fall for Phishing -- usually with PayPal and Banks. A message will ask you to confirm something about your account and will provide a link to the website. This site will resemble the real thing, but isn't -- it is a hackers site. Banks have all of the info they need and will not e-mail you for it.
- ▶ Popups -- turn on your popup blockers. Fake antivirus scanners like to use this technique to tell you that you are not secured.
- ▶ If you have not already done so, invest in a shredder, cross-cut is best. If you do not want to purchase a shredder, check with the library to see if they have one to use or make one available to the public on a particular day. Recycling events sometimes provide shredding services.
- ▶ Do not carry your Social Security card with you -- For the thief, this is the equivalent of finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. It's a good idea to occasionally Google your SSN -- it should not come up, but if it does, a company's computers have been compromised.
- ▶ Lydia said that services such as LifeLock are generally not worth it if you are diligent enough to be watching for the signs. Set limits on your credit cards so that if someone uses it out of state, over a certain dollar amount on a purchase, or over a certain number of times in a period, you will be notified. Set this up and the chances are good of something going undetected are small.

Is North Aurora Lion Robyn Stecklein (front row, right) next in line at the Goodwin School St. Baldrick's fundraiser? Lion Robyn did agree to dye her green in time for the club's next dinner meeting. The North Aurora Lions Club also donated \$250 to the Children's Cancer fund.



More 'Round the District PIX

Well, Gov. Nancy it's beyond the time in your campaign that you need to be kissing babies, but this one's sure cute!

The "little one" is the first grandchild of PDG Lion Ed Carter and Lion Sue Carter, a boy named David Kenneth Carter-Allen. Parents are Ben & Karen Carter-Allen of Iowa.



It was the 1st St. Patrick's Day Parade in town and the McHenry Lions Club was a part of it! The theme was: "Salute to Volunteers" and what better group to participate?



Dundee Township Lions used the town's St. Patrick's Day Parade to advertise its Ranch Style Pancake Breakfast -- they dressed as chefs carrying pots and handed out chocolate eggs to children on the parade route! Mmmm!



Because of the club's recent fundraising efforts, McHenry Lions Club Vice Pres. Lion Les Bacon was able to present Barb Swanson,

Director of Funding for Pioneer Center, with a check for \$700.



Bloomingdale Lions Club's inaugural Bean Bag Tournament was held last month at Gaynor's Pub. Lions Kelly Gits and Jerry Bertrand served as Co-Chairs. There were 24 Lion volunteers and 24 teams played in the tournament. All ages attended and all had a good time.

Roselle Lion Irene tallies chips for "Philly Ed" as Lion Nancy Little looks on at the Roselle Lions Club's Casino Night.



This is what's fun about going to the Region Meetings -- sitting and talking with other Lions!

(right) The Lombard Lions tell Journal Editor Lion Sandy Williams (l) about the club's recent activities and what's new on their agenda.



Getting ready to serve a FULL HOUSE at the Richmond Lions Club's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner are (l to r) Lions Al Hatch and Tim McKeener and a RBCH Honor Society Member. When you have a good reputation -- they come!





Our 1-J Lion Family

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

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Ken Kusch	Bartlett Lions	Lion Roy Engstrom
Bradley Davis	Bartlett Lions	Lion Roy Engstrom
Sandi Graber	Waterman Lions	Lion Dave Stryker
Alfred Aspengren	Shabbona Lions	Lion Dick O’Kane
Garet Galbreath	Lee Lions	Lion Jeb Harper
Les Waschow	Dundee Township Lions	Reinstated
Bryan Borchart	Huntley Lions	Lion Scott Ruth
David Weber	Wood Dale Lions	Lion Bob Bieszki
Michael Uplegger	West Chicago Lions	Lion Laz Perez

McHenry Lions Club Pres. Jim Bart receives a Melvin Jones Fellow Award from PDG Lion John Landon.



Barb Pierce, McHenry FISH Food Program Co-ordinator, receives a gift of \$1,608.00 from McHenry Lions Food Drive Chair Lion Curt Bremer. When the Lions held a recent-food drive, they collected cash donations and two truck loads of food. The Lions Club also donated \$500 to FISH in Nov. and that same amount again in Dec.



Malta Lions Club Pres. Lion Robert Dobberstein (r) and Sponsor Lion Tom Weber (l) welcome new member Lion Roger Barclay (c) to the club.

Gov. Lion Nancy Rex visits at the Bloomingdale lions Club.



ZC Lion Mario Gumino (r) presents Bloomingdale Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson with a Membership Key for sponsoring two members into her Lions Club.



When District Governor Lion Nancy Rex and ZC Lion Perry Knutson visited the Glendale Heights Barangay Lions Club the Lions HAD to take a photo to capture the occasion.



WHAT'S GOIN' ON — IN 1-J

- Apr. 14 **LOW VISION CLINIC** today at CASE in Lombard -- contact Debbie Oates at 630-629-2600 to attend.
- Apr. 17 **Sun City-Huntley Lions Club** Pasta Dinner fundraiser at Huntley High School -- serving starts at 5 PM.
- Apr. 17-19 **DISTRICT 1-J CONVENTION** at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville, Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL.
- Apr. 19 1st Annual **Crystal Lake Lions Club** Candle Light Bowling -- sign in at 3:30 PM and bowl at 4 PM. \$25 per couple (includes dinner). Call Lion Chuck at 630-290-7485 for particulars.
- Apr. 24 This is the date for the **South Elgin Lions Club's** Smelt Fry. (If you've seen other dates -- THIS IS THE ONE!)
- Apr. 24 Spaghetti Dinner hosted by **Glen Ellyn Lions Club** at St. Mark's Church, Main & Hillside. Serving 5 - 8 PM.
- Apr. 25 **Glen Ellyn Lions Club** will be collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids and other items from 8 AM to Noon at the town's Recycle Day in the lot just west of the library.
- Apr. 25 **Lions Club's International WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY** -- get information on this activity from Lions Clubs International, New Clubs and Marketing Dept. or inductionday@lionsclubs.org.
- Apr. 25 **Roselle Lions Club** is celebrating its 75th Anniversary with a gala Dinner Dance at the HolidayInn in Elk Grove Village.
- Apr. 26 **Dundee Township Lions Club's** Annual Ranch Style Breakfast at Highlands Elem. School, 407 S. Fifth St., West Dundee. Serving 8 to Noon. Adults \$6 / Children \$4 / Under the age of 3 - Free.
- May 1 **Bloomington Lions Club** Steak Fry. *Check with Club Pres. Lion Daniel Davis at 630-351-3345 for more info.*
- May 1-2 **LIONS OF IL FOUNDATION TOOTSIE POP DAYS**
- May 2 2nd **IL LEO CONFERENCE** at Bloomington Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Rd., Bloomington. 10 AM - 3 PM. \$12 Registration fee for Leos & Leo Advisors; \$15 each for other Lions. Deadline for registration is Apr. 15, 2009. For questions about the event, contact lionperry@hotmail.com or call 630-894-7394. The Registration form is on the 1-J website.
- May 3 **Cortland Lions Club** Motorcycle Run -- French Toast Breakfast at 10 AM and Bike Run starts at 11 AM. \$15 per bike with pre-paid entry and \$20 per bike on the day of the ride. *\$5 per person for breakfast only.*
- May 6 **LOW VISION CLINIC** today at Highland Hills in Villa Park -- call Mary Ellen Zerante.
- May 7 Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, hosted by the **Villa Park Lions Club**, at Willowbrook High School. Serving from 4:30 PM to 7 PM. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12 years of age.
- May 8 Annual Lou Brady Draw Down Raffle hosted by **Sandwich Lions Club** at Fox Valley Older Adults Building, 1406 Suydam Rd. Raffle starts at 6:30 PM with a buffet dinner at 7:15 PM. Proceeds to be used for scholarships for two graduating seniors. Tickets are \$30 each & include the buffet. Call Lion Leo at 815-786-7380 by Mar. 1st for tickets.
- May 9 34th Annual Plant Day, hosted by the **Batavia Lions Club**. It's both Rose Day and Diabetes Awareness Day today for the **Shabbona Lions Club**. Info about diabetes awareness will be included with every dozen roses delivered.
- May 10 **Elburn Leo Club** will be hosting its annual Mothers' Day Breakfast beginning at 7 AM at the Elburn clubhouse.
- May 12 **LOW VISION CLINIC** today at CASE in Lombard -- contact Debbie Oates at 630-629-2600.
- May 13 **LOW VISION CLINIC** today at NIA in Aurora -- contact Jean Osterby or Loretta at 630-513-5012.
- May 15-17 **ILLINOIS STATE LIONS CONVENTION**, Wyndham Hotel, Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL. Register and make hotel reservations by May 1st. Same deadline for Golfing Outings, too. (Forms are on 1-J website under Conventions.
- May 27 Steak Night and New Member Night at the **Shabbona Lions Club**.
- May 28 **Darien Lions Club** Golf Outing and Big Raffle Drawing at Carriage Greens Country Club.
- Jun. 1 **Crystal Lake Lions Club** Golf Outing at Prairie Isle Golf Club. 10:30 AM shotgun start. *More details later.*
- June 4-7 **Roselle Lions Club's** 2009 Rose Festival -- a carnival with lots of rides and lots of bands providing music. Also Bingo on both Sat. & Sun. afternoons. *Look around for hard-working Lions -- you'll find them many places!*
- Jun. 7 **LIONS OF IL FOUNDATION - WALK FOR SIGHT**, Danada Equestrian Center, Wheaton, IL

Around the District



Roselle Lions Don and John have an animated conversation before the club meeting.

Lombard Pres. Jerry Bimgives Bill Kaiser of the Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry a check for \$400.00. According to Mr. Keiser, the number of people using the food pantry has creased substantially.



ber A young lad who came and volunteered (*no name*), but fit right in, at the Richmond Lions Club's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. ple in -



Roselle Lions Club is ready to observe its 75th Anniversary. "Just look at us now!" they say.

Crystal Lake Lions Tom Swett, Bob Gustafson, Jim McMonigal and Art Pears with Mary Fritz Jordan, O.D. Physician, who conducted the Low Vision Screenings. Lions Frank Vargas and Rick Miller attended as well, but are not in this photo.



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ZC Lion Chris Halsey (l) presents Builder Key Awards to Sandwich Lion Bob Jones (c) for sponsoring 13 members and Lion Walt Farley for sponsoring 10 members. Other Lions who received Membership Advancement Keys were: Lion Russ King (9 members), Lion Don Augustine (8 Lions, and Lion Gene Olson (5 members). *Congratulations, Lions Bob & Walt!*

PASS THE WORD . . . The 1-J Journal is on the District 1-J web-



From the LIF Trustees' Blotters . . .

For The Record: This is the 35th Anniversary of the creation of our Lions of Illinois Foundation. Our Endowment Fund is the only route to making our Foundation a permanent legacy. To honor this event, we have created a 35th Anniversary Fellow Pin and a 35th Anniversary Sustaining Supporter Pin. How about naming one of your Lions, Lionesses, or Leos as either a Sustaining Supporter or an LIF Fellow? Our Endowment Fund is currently at almost \$6 million, which is a long way from the \$20 million that we need.

Sight and Sound Sweepstakes: By now, all Lions and Lioness Clubs should have received their Sight and Sound Sweepstakes Tickets to be sold in their communities. If you have not received them or if you need more, you should contact the LIF Development/Fundraising Coordinator Lion Joanne Delby, 815-756-5633, x222. Our LIF needs dollars if we are to continue such programs as the Low Vision Clinics, Camp Lions, Diabetic Retinopathy Screening, and Hearing Screening. If you sell all of your tickets, contact the LIF Development/Fundraising Coordinator Lion Joanne Delby, 815-756-5633, x222 to obtain more to sell. We also ask that no Club return unsold books or tickets. If you are not able to sell them, we ask that your club buy them. Remember the "Buy One, Sell One" philosophy.

Tootsie Pops Days: This fundraiser for our Lions of Illinois Foundation was originally created to give our Lionesses a vehicle for helping it fund our programs and services. With the number of Lioness Clubs decreasing as they become Lions, we have encouraged our Lions Clubs to participate as well. The execution of this fundraiser on May 1st and 2nd is the same as Candy Days. Last year, the Aurora Evening Lions Club came in 1st in Illinois winning both Most Raised Trophy and Largest LIF Share Trophy. One thing to remember, if a Lions Club and a Lioness Club exists in the same community, the Lioness Club is the lead Club for this fundraiser. This fundraiser would be great as a method to raise money for Campaign Sight First II. The Lions of Illinois Foundation would receive the 60% net, while Campaign Sight First II would receive the 40%. Come On Lions and Lionesses, let us show the world that District 1-J knows how to do it better.

Walk for Sight: The 5th Annual Walk for Sight (formerly known as the Annual Nightwalk) is scheduled for June 7th, at the Danada Equestrian Center, Wheaton, IL. Other dates and locations are May 30 (Lakewood Forest Preserve) and June 14 (SIU Edwardsville Campus). All District 1-J Clubs should have received the Annual Walk for Sight (formerly known as the Annual Nightwalk) packets. The information and form was put in the Club Information Packets at all of the Region Meetings. Please remember, this is an opportunity for organizations in

your communities to raise money for their own organizations. Each participating organization will receive 40% of the amount raised. Our Lions of Illinois Foundation will bear all expenses. The 40% raised by participating organizations will be mailed to the local Lions Club for presentation. We will only be able to succeed with you and other community groups as walkers, and your family and friends as pledgers.

If you have any questions, please contact one of your Trustees (Lion Larry Krebs at 630-917-7367 or Lion Bob Jilke 630-289-9519).

Yours in Lionism,

*LIF District 1-J Trustee
Lion Larry Krebs, PDG*



These pins are to be offered in 2009 only!



A pair of special pins issued by the LIF Board of Trustees are now available for the Foundation's 35th Anniversary.

Please show your pride and support by calling and arranging to be the distinguished owner of either a Foundation Fellow or Sustaining Supporter pin & honor. Call Van or Sherry at 1-815-756-5633 for full details.

All funds raised help to support the Endowment Fund of the Lions of IL Foundation, the monetary vehicle to secure our vision & hearing services for the future.

Our Featured Leo Club This Month

The **North Aurora Leos at Jewel Middle School** are collecting shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and other toiletry items in travel, hotel and regular-size containers. When the collection is completed, it will be given to a domestic abuse shelter, Mutual Ground, in Aurora.

During the same time, Leos will be collecting empty Pringle cans to use to send cookies to our military men and women. Leos have been saving aluminum can tabs all school year. They are very close to filling a large box that will be given to the Ronald McDonald House in Chicago for recycling purposes.

In May, the Leos will be conducting the 1st Annual Locks of Love event. At reporting time, there were 10 students, 1 pre-schooler, and 4 adults that signed up for cutting hair for a good cause. A recycled jean container made by clients of Oak-Layden Developmental Services will be raffled off. Money raised for this raffle will be donated to the Avon Breast Cancer Walk.

Leos in 1-J

Leo Clubs

Bloomington Lion Bill Wolff, Jr. Vice Commander of the VFW of the State of IL, spoke to the **Bloomington Westfield Leos** about the packages the VFW sends to the troops each month. Leos wrote letters last fall to include in packages sent to the troops in early Dec. Lion Bill also brought a flag and taught the Leos how to properly fold the flag and the significance of each fold.



Elburn Leos are selling Vidalia Onions now to raise funds for their club treasury. The club will be holding a Mothers' Day Breakfast.

The **North Aurora Leos at Herget Middle School** are planning a School Clean-Up Day. The club will conduct a fundraiser for Paws for a Cause. Leos will also be brightening the environment by planting flowers for the Village of North Aurora and cleaning up along the Fox River. Leo Advisor Lion Mark Gaffino reports the club is going strong!

South Elgin Leos sorted eyeglasses at the Lions clubhouse one Sat. last month. Members will be helping with the Lions' Smelt Fry in late Apr. Several members plan to attend the Leo Conference in May. A Bake Sale is being planned for early May. The club also plans to donate a basket for the 1-J Convention Silent Auction.