

District 1-J Journal

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From the Governor's Desk . . .



HAPPY NEW 1/2 YEAR!

With the beginning of 2009, I wish you a good second half of our 2008 – 2009 Lion Year and a good 2009 calendar year. For the many food boxes, visits with Santa, holiday raffles, and other projects to make the holidays more fun for people in our communities, I thank you on behalf of the recipients of your service and on behalf of Lions Clubs International.

Now that the busy Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holiday season is over, it's time to resolve to have a good second half of this Lion Year. Here are some LION RESOLUTION thoughts:

Resolve to keep up the good work. People throughout the world need the service Lions, Lionesses, and Leos provide.

Enjoy working on service projects and fundraisers. Service-minded people are fun to be around.

Sponsor a new member or two, or three, or four . . .
You get the idea.

Offer to serve as an officer or committee chairperson for your club.

Learn more about what Lions do and the opportunities available to Lions. Read the "The Lion" magazine, check the Web site, and come to the District 1 – J Convention April 17 – 19, 2009.

Unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding. That's one of the objectives of Lions Clubs International.

Talk about your club. Send photos and articles to local newspapers about your club. Make sure your community knows about Lions.

Involve all members in the club to keep members interested and to avoid burnout that sometimes happens if only a few members are active.

Organize a service project or fund-raiser new to your club. Fresh ideas keep people interested and can attract new members.

Now is the time to SANDWICH IN TIME FOR SERVICE to keep those **MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE** happening.

Sooo, there you have it, LION RESOLUTION ideas to help finish this Lions year with a BANG!

*HAPPY NEW 1/2 YEAR,
Lion Nancy Rex, Governor, District 1 - J*



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The 1-J Journal is posted monthly
on the District 1-J web site

at www.district1jlions.org

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

F. Y. I.

Editor Lion Sandy Williams
received a note recently
from Lioness Florence (Suchy) Bramble
indicating that she and Lion Ollie
would not be attending Lion & Lioness
activities as Lion Ollie's health is keeping
them at home now.

I'm sure they'd love to hear from you!

Ollie & Florence Bramble
2314 W. Byrne Drive
Fox River Grove, IL 60021-1607

In case you haven't checked out
the District 1-J website lately,
there is a link to
the Cabinet Christmas Party photos
taken by Lion Perry Knutson.

Click on "Cabinet News"
on the left side of the Home Screen.

You will then see the link
to click for the Party photos.

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Like to write?

Since Lions Clubs International requested Club Secretaries to submit their monthly reports by the end of the month, the bulk of my e-mails started arriving within the last 3-4 days of each month. It definitely became a more concentrated push than in previous time. *By Sept. I began thinking there must be another way for me to handle this!*

The solution I am proposing to you is this -- *how many of you would like to be a Regional Correspondent/Reporter?* I would like to hear from anyone out there in District 1-J who would be interested in such a position.

My plan is to have at least one person, possibly two, from each of the five regions that would collect news from his/her region, prepare it for Journal input, and then forward it to me no later than the 5th of each month. I will use by-lines for all who contribute. The Journal will become the joint effort of all of us. I will remain Editor-in-Chief and be responsible for layout and final copy.

If you like to write and would like to get involved with producing the Journal, now is your chance! I will be putting a flyer in the Feb. 2008 Region Meeting packets with more details.

Lion Sandy Williams - 1-J Journal Editor

The New LCI Activity Report

With no advance warning, District 1-J Club Secretaries who have been filing the electronic Activity Report, along with the MMR, each month on LCI's website found that the format had changed much in Dec. 2008. Those Activity Reports that were e-mailed to me, as the Journal Editor, were accompanied by complaints about the new format. As I had not yet filed my own club's reports, I felt I could not offer any substantial suggestions to them, but I did note that it was rather difficult to really discern what club activities really had taken place. There was not much room for explanation of the projects, i.e., no Activity Detail category as there had been previously.

The story began to get more interesting and more frustrating when I, Lion Sandy Williams, went to file the Lisle Lions Club Activity Report. All I was able to do was to check & uncheck the boxes on the pages of the report. Our club's projects didn't fit under those with check boxes. However, I found I was unable to enter any data into the blanks on any of the pages. At first, I thought it was surreptitiously recording what I had typed in, so I decided to print out the Dec. 2008 Activity Report to see -- *nothing on it! As of 1/6/09 I can now enter data.*

I began to wonder how the two styles of reports were working together and so printed out a "Current Year Activity Report" for the Lisle Club. Much to my dismay, over \$3,000 our club had donated under the "Other Community Services" category in the fall months didn't even appear on our report print-out! That's when I e-mailed IT at LCI. The IT Dept. is still working on it. *Stay tuned!*

Club Secretaries Please Note -- Do include a brief resume of your club's activities in the body of your e-mail message to District Personnel conveying your MMR and LCI Activity Report. It will be much appreciated by all recipients.

1-J Directory Changes

P. 12, 61	Lion Perry Knutson's new cell # is: 630-389-8422.
P. 65	DeKalb Eve. Lions Club Pres. is now PDG Lion Ed Kelley, 930 S. 6th St., DeKalb IL 60115. Ph: 815-758-6706.
P. 70	New address for Sycamore Lions Club Secy. Barb Schultz: 496 Kensington Court, DeKalb IL 60115. Home Phone: 815-758-1832; Cell: number: 815-762-0119.

1st District Green Team Contest is On!

Consider planning a springtime community clean-up, tree planting, recycling, or environmental education project.

Details for the Green Team Contest are available on the District 1-J website under "Info & Documents." Scroll down to 2008-09 Green Team Contest and 2008-09 Green Team Entry Form.

This 1st District Lions Green Team Contest is open to Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs in 1-J. Deadline for entries is June 30, 2009.

Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson
District 1-J Environmental Chairperson

West Chicago Lions Club Supports Local Food Pantries

Many of our Lions Clubs in District 1-J donate either cash or product to a local food pantry.

Early last month, the West Chicago Lions Club made a total \$6,000 donation to three local pantries, Wayne Township Food Pantry, The West Chicago New Life Bilingual Church Food Pantry, and the West Chicago St. Mary's Food Pantry.

The Director of the Wayne Township Food Pantry stated "The present economic conditions, plus the increased holiday demands, have reduced inventories to a critical level. These donations will go a long way to helping improve our inventories."

West Chicago Pres. Lion Dan Czuba says: As Chapter President, I am so proud to witness true Miracles of the Holiday Season, providing comfort and hope to families in need, through the unselfish, enthusiastic fundraising efforts of our Lions Club members. Thank you to those who support us throughout the year. We can't do without you."



These three food pantries received holiday donations from the West Chicago Lions Club! (front) Florence Sudent and Juanita Martinez, Wayne Twp. Food Pantry, (back) ZC Lion Leo Snyder, Ken Walher, St. Mary's Food Pantry, Pres. Lion Dan Czuba, and Dan Bovey, New Life Bilingual Church Food Pantry.



It's A Winner!

This photo was submitted to the 2008-2009 Environmental Photo Contest by Lion Elaine Fisher of the Burr Ridge/Hinsdale/Oak Brook Lions Club.

The picture will now proceed to the MD-1 Contest where a winner will be chosen from the winning photos submitted by each the twelve districts in the State of Illinois.

CAMP LIONS 2009 SUMMER SEASON

Yes, we are in the depths of winter, but summer will come . . . and Camp Lions is gearing up for the 2009 summer season. Foundation Chairman Lion Mario Gumino and State Chairman Lion Dick Sellers released the 2009 Camp Lions Schedule at the State Coordinators meeting at the Chateau in Bloomington, IL, January 4, 2009.

May 26-June 6	Staff Training
June 7-13	Adults at Helen Keller
June 21-27	Youth at Camp Reynoldswood
June 28-July 4	Off
July 5-11	Youth at Camp Dubois
July 12-18	Youth at East Bay Camp
July 19-25	Youth at East Bay Camp
July 26-Aug 1	Youth at Camp Reynoldswood

Open Houses

July 11 (Fri.)	Dubois Camp
July 25 (Fri.)	East Bay Camp
July 31 (Fri.)	Camp Reynoldswood

Applications for all camp sessions must be submitted on or before June 8, 2009. Applications are handled on a first come, first served basis. Attendance at Camp Lions is FREE to eligible campers. For more information contact LIF, 1-800-933-3937, e-mail: adwilson@tbc.net.

As of 12/27/2008, Lion Mario Gumino reported the tally of Camp Lions donations from the twelve State Districts was \$239,271.58. District 1-J topped the list of donations with \$45,092.88, followed by District 1-F with \$39,183.14 and District 1-CN with \$18,326.17.

Lion Jess Galvez,
District 1J Camp Lions Coordinator

What Fun To Go Shopping!

Each December, Bloomingdale Lions meet for breakfast on a Sat. early in the month. Over breakfast, the Lions receive their team assignments from Chairpersons Lions Marv Roehlke and Jerry Bertrand of the Christmas Baskets program and each team shops for a designated family. The names are obtained from the Bloomingdale Township Office. Last Lion out of the restaurant picks up the tab for breakfast and everybody conveys over to the local Jewel to begin the fun!

Lions are welcomed by the store manager and their shopping carts are adorned with Christmas stockings and balloons. Teams begin by placing fruits and vegetables in their carts in the produce department. Each team has a \$200 monetary limit and there is a time limit for shopping, as well. Sabotage is rampant as Lions secretly place items into opposing teams' carts, etc.

At the checkout every team exceeded their limit this year. *So who was the closest?* Lion Larry Kowalski's 3-person team split the \$40 betting pot.

The 4-digit bill was paid by one of the Lion Chairmen and the teams loaded the groceries into their cars. Lion Marv Roehlke says "When the smoke all cleared, the Lions had spent a total of just over \$3,800 for food, Jewel-Osco gift cards, and donations to Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry and Family Shelter Services."

"This is truly the spirit of Christmas," report the Bloomingdale Lions.

Villa Park Feb. Meeting Dates Changed

Villa Park Lions Club has revamped its meeting dates in Feb.

The 1st Thursday will be an evening meeting. The next two Thursdays will be Noon meetings. All will be held at the Villa Nova Restaurant.

The 4th Thursday meeting will be at the Villa Park Library (no food). A Board Meeting will begin at 6 PM with a Business Meeting at 7 PM.

This is to help younger members who in the past have had to hire baby sitters. Younger working members are looking forward to the new system.

Guiding Lions

*Who are they? What do they do?
Could I be one?*

**Come to the Illinois State Lions Convention
and find out!**

May 15- 17, 2009 -- Lisle, IL

Special Mention in 1-J

Melvin Jones Fellow

Batavia Lion John Rompala

Lion of the Year

Bartlett Lion Michael Santacruz --
(Also awarded a Lions of IL Fellowship)

A Magical Evening in Westmont

The live auction at Westmont Lions Club's Magical Vision for Lions fundraiser will feature a Chicago Cubs' Dream Day Package for four, Blackhawks tickets, and Bulls tickets.

There will also be tickets for Miss Saigon at Drury Lane, DePaul vs. Seton Hall, Metallica, Wolves vs. Admirals, Behind the Scenes at Soldier Field, Bowling at Lucky Strike, and Shedd Aquarium to bid on. A bottle of wine and a gift certificate for a massage are also being offered.

This event will be held at the Grape Restaurant on Cass Avenue in Westmont and there will be magic entertainment to complete the evening. Proceeds will be used for Camp Lions and the club's hearing aid fund.

Pre-bids for auction items will be taken from anyone who is interested in items, but cannot attend the event. Please contact dreeder@comcast.net by midnight Jan. 10th. Contact Lion Renee at the above e-mail address for the complete listing of auction items.

A New Year's Resolution in Crystal Lake

Crystal Lake Lions Club Pres. Lion Mike Cortina has been encouraging members to double club membership this year. However, he has indicated that he would like to triple the number of women in the club. Presently, there is only one female member. "Some," he says, "have questioned the idea of bringing in additional female members to the club."

These are some more of Pres. Lion Cortina's thoughts: "There is no reason that we should not broaden our horizons and search out female members as well. Imagine what our Club Song would sound like with a few altos and sopranos. Imagine some of the different ideas that may come from a woman's perspective on things."

"Strength can come from diversity, and we need to be more diverse. . . . This will be one of my New Year's resolutions, and I ask it to be one of yours as well."

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

Central Region

Bartlett Lions participated with the local Chamber of Commerce in providing Santa Claus (*Lion Frank Schulter*) and goody bags for the children during the annual tree lighting event. Lions packed 250 boxes with the essentials for a Christmas meal for less fortunate families in Bartlett. A \$500 donation was made to sponsor the Bartlett Little League.

In Dec., **Batavia Lions Club** assisted the Batavia Park District with its "Breakfast with Santa." Afterwards, Lions filled sand bags for the Luminaria Candle Sale. Candles and sand were distributed on the two weekends prior to Christmas. On Dec. 24th, luminaria candles were set up at Riverain, a low-income housing facility in town, and the Batavia Congregational Church. The annual Christmas Brunch was held and the highlight of the brunch was the "White Elephant" gift exchange. A Steak Fry was held on Dec. 22 with 47 members, friends, and guests attending the Mon. Night Football game between the Bears & the Packers.

The **Hampshire Lions Club** completed its annual Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle with a profit of just over \$1,000 for the club. One hundred percent of the Candy Day proceeds (just over \$1,400) was sent to LIF. A \$500 donation was made to Spectrios Institute and another \$500 was given to Hadley School for the Blind. The local food pantry was the recipient of donations during holiday time.

The month of Dec. started out with a tremendous turn-out for a Breakfast with Santa with **North Aurora Lions and Leos** serving approximately 250 attendees. Several Lions erected the Nativity scene at the Community Center. The club's Awards Dinner and the Dinner Dance are on the current work agenda.

Last month, the **South Elgin Lions Club** distributed 21 food baskets and donated to Little Angels, a family in need, Operation Jingle Bells, and the South Elgin Food Pantry. 2009 Calendars are still being sold. A No Limit Texas Hold 'Em in mid-Feb. will benefit both the South Elgin Lions Club and the South Elgin Parks & Recreation FUNDation.

The **West Chicago Lions Club** gave away popcorn at the Frosty Fest in town early last month. Exams and eyeglasses were approved for two individuals. Over 300 pairs of eyeglasses and several hearing aids were collected from the club's mailbox deposit at the Jewel.

Eastern Region

The final figures for the **Bensenville Lions Club's** Fashion Show are in and it's been determined that the club now has \$1,300 to reinvest in humanitarian causes. The club is checking out requirements for holding a Texas Hold 'Em fundraiser sometime in 2009. Feb. 2009 Calendar Raffle is now on sale. There will be a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser in early Feb.

Last month, the **Elmhurst Noon Lions Club** made a \$500 donation to United Community Concerns. Lions also served as drivers to help deliver food and gifts to over 200 needy families in Elmhurst.

More than 70 guests attended the **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions Club's** fundraising Holiday Party in late Dec. The club has been collecting used ink cartridges from members and friends for donation to LIF.

The **Lombard Lions Club** collected 600 pairs of used eyeglasses and five used hearing aids for recycling by LIF. One Lion spent 28 hours in support of a food pantry in Lombard which services approximately 220 families. The club held its annual Deicke Home/Senior Men's Christmas lunch early in Dec. Those who attended were served a meal and received presents. The Music Club from Glenbard East provided musical entertainment.

Wheaton Lions declare the club's annual Christmas Auction a great success! Lion Neil Pollock was the Auctioneer extraordinaire once again. Thanks to the generosity of the members and guests who bid on the fine items and events. Lion Mike Gresk led the successful raffle ticket sales.

The **Wood Dale Lions Club** received a Thank You from the Northern IL Food Bank for its donation. Members sold 129 poinsettia plants and delivered them in early Dec. Easter Seals gave a presentation at one of the club's meetings on their services to children. A \$350 donation was made to the organization.

Wit & Wisdom

From **Elmhurst Noon Lions Club** Pres. Jim Worden: "Two Lions went into a pub, ordered a couple of beers and took out some sandwiches to eat. The pub owner said, 'You can't eat your own sandwiches in here,' so they switched sandwiches."

One Final Thought . . . From *the Wonder Lake Lions Club Newsletter*: "If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble." -- Bob Hope

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

Fox River Region

Last month, **Crystal Lake Lions** assisted the McHenry County Police Charities with the Shop With A Cop program with Lion power and a \$500 donation. The club also collected toys for the Marine Corps Reserve's annual Toys for Tots Drive. A \$1,000 check was presented to Major John Price, of the Salvation Army, at the club's Nov. meeting. Unofficial totals from the Fall Raffle were over \$5,100. Recent donations include: \$5,000 to LIF from Candy Day collections, \$1,000 each to CL Food Pantry, PADS, and Good Samaritan Ministry.

Club Secy. Lion Michael Dewey says: "If Dec. is not the busiest month of the year for the **Dundee Township Lions**, it surely comes close!" The club participated in "Dickens in Dundee" by providing a community Christmas tree in the park and hot chocolate for the kids. Nineteen Elem. Schools and three Boy & Cub Scout troops took part in the Lions' Festival of Trees. Members marched in the Spirit of Christmas Parade. Christmas tree sales raised \$4,900 for the club's Charity Fund -- involvement from community volunteers and the Carpentersville Lions made this project possible.

Elgin Lions Club members entertained children of the Boys & Girls Club in mid-Dec. with a delicious dinner and a talented magician. The club's newest member, Lion Craig Bradley, said he didn't remember the last time he laughed so much. Recent donations by the club include: \$50 to Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic and \$121 in food to the Community Crisis Center in Elgin. Noting that local food banks were in need of having their shelves filled up, the club donated 120 cans, boxes or bags of food to the Elgin Crisis Center.

Saturdays in Dec. found the **Fox River Grove Lions** outside the local Dominick's ringing bells for the Salvation Army. Early in Dec., the club participated in the Village Christmas Party. Santa dropped by and Lions took pictures of local kids telling Santa what they most wanted for Christmas.

The **Huntley Lions** are happy to report that they made some money at the Turkey Testicle Festival. Plans are being made for the Feb. Steak Fry. The **Union Lions** will join them for dinner in early Feb.

The **Johnsburg Lions Club** "Sing-A-Long" was a fun event. The group sang Christmas songs and enjoyed a great meal at a Lions Club supporter, the Grand Old Mill in Wonder Lake. The Dec. Meat Raffle benefited a local resident with financial need for medical services as insurance payments were running out. A total of \$440 was raised with the raffle.

At the **McHenry Lions Club's** Christmas party, a Silent Auction was held and the proceeds were donated to the FISH organization. The club had an entry into the Environmental Photo Contest. Members are preparing for the club's annual Pancake Breakfast in Feb.

Island Lake Lions Club made a \$500 donation to the Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry for the Christmas holidays. An eye exam and eyeglasses have been provided for a 7 yr. old girl. Christmas wreaths sold out after the first day of the 2nd weekend -- *we'd say it was a successful project!* The annual Ice Fishing Derby has been set for Jan. 24th. According to the new LCI Activity Report, it appears that a \$150 donation was made to Diabetes Awareness, although your Editor is not totally certain of that. *Sorry, Secy. Lion Geoff -- the new report IS hard to interpret!*

The Dec. Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the **Richmond Lions Club**, was a great success. The Meat & Potato Raffle netted \$5,399 and the Lions were thrilled at the first try for this type of raffle. Recent donations made include: ten 5# hams to the food pantry, 50 toys to Toys for Tots, \$100 to Hadley School for the Blind, \$100 to Shop With A Cop, and sponsorship of one skier for Ski for Sight. The next project on the work agenda is the annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Mar. 7th.

Twelve **Sun City-Huntley Lions** participated in the Shop With A Cop program with the McHenry County Police. One student has been referred to a local optometrist for an eye exam and eyeglasses. The club donated about 200 pounds of food to the Grafton Township Food Pantry during the holiday season.

In early Dec., **Wonder Lake Lions** handed out brochures and information promoting Lionism at the Winter Wonder Walk. The club also sold raffle tickets for three homemade quilts. The money raised was earmarked for the club's commitment to CSF II.

Lioness Clubs

Last month, the **Fox River Grove Lioness Club** ran games and provided refreshments for the Village Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Lionesses also collected food and cash donations for the local food pantry. Members helped the **Fox River Grove Lions Club** with bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Items were collected and donated to Toys for Tots. *Looks like it was a busy and rewarding month for FRG Lionesses!*

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

Southeastern Region

The **Aurora Eve. Lions Club** continues to collect used eyeglasses and printer cartridges for recycling. Five eye exams and eyeglasses were provided for local residents. Last month, the club held its annual Christmas party. Members collected and donated three boxes of food to the Holy Angels Food Pantry.

Selling Christmas trees was the "Activity of the Month" for **Lisle Lions**. Christmas Baskets, in the form of gift certificates from Jewel/Osco and K-Mart, were delivered to 15 individuals early in Dec. A \$200 donation was also approved for a needy family in the area. Future fundraisers are being discussed by the club.

The **Naperville Noon Lions Club** gathered for its Christmas party and numerous presents were provided for donation to the Humanitarian Service Organization. Donations were also approved for the Heritage YMCA Group's Before & After School program, Little Friends Krejci Academy and It's About the Children.

Club Briefs

The **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions** scheduled a tune-up practice bowl early in Jan. *Here we come, ready or not!*

In Nov., the **North Aurora Lions** discussed the Sight & Sound Sweepstakes Campaign at length. Basically, this fundraiser is cost-free to the participating clubs. Tickets will be received by the Jan. club meeting. Money raised from the Sweepstakes is used to support the various programs and services of our Lions of IL Foundation.

Shabbona Lions Tom Greenwell and Fred Vandre designed & built three Spin Art machines for less than \$60 to be used in future fundraisers. (Retail price for the three machines would be over \$600.) Lion Wayne Fleetwood also built and donated a new board for the club to use in the Drawdown. *Looks like the club certainly is using its Lions' talents to good advantage!*

DeKalb Eve. Lions Club held its 2nd Annual Candy House Contest in Dec. Year 2008 saw one more entry than 2007. A reporter from the Daily Chronicle also attended the 2008 Contest, giving the Lions great press coverage. *Yeah, Lions!*

The 50th **Dundee Township Lions** Middle School Boy's Basketball Tournament (*seven schools -- 14 teams*) also was held during the Christmas holiday before the new year started. A Banquet for the All-Star Players will be held in Jan. (*See Club News on p. 6 for all of the club's other Dec. activities.*)

Naperville Noon Lions Club donated its stock of Turkey Trot shirts from past years to one of the mission groups in South America.

From Lion Jim Heavey of **Huntley Lions Club**: "We look to the New Year with the hope that we will continue to strengthen our family ties, bring enthusiasm to our job and find time for community involvement. What a great way to bring joy and peace to the world. If there could be a universal New Year's resolution, I think that this would be it."

South Elgin Lions Club had a Round Table Discussion on Membership at its Jan. Meeting. Finding new members and retaining members were the topics of discussion by club members.

Sandwich Lions Club made 3 x 5 nylon U.S. flags available to its members for a cost of \$13.29 each and they were picked up pick-up at the Dec. dinner meeting.

The **Villa Park Lions Club** hosted a 4th grade teacher at Ardmore School recently. She is a finalist in the IL Teacher of the Year Contest.

DeKalb Eve. Lions Club Secy. Lion Pam Kelley says: "Everyone start praying for snow NOW since we melted off the 22 inches we already had on the ground! *I'm sure that she isn't the only one with that thought!*

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

Southwestern Region

The **DeKalb Eve. Lions Club** tried three new fundraisers over the past several months. The one the club believes it will stick with is ushering at NIU football games. (*The team won every time the Lions ushered last fall and the Lions felt they were a good luck charm -- the NIU team went to the Independence Bowl on 12/28 and played against Southern Louisiana, losing the game -- the DeKalb Eve. Lions should have been there!*) Lions from Waterman and Cortland joined DeKalb Eve. Lions for a Christmas Dinner. Lots of socializing and the clubs also raised money for the Salvation Army. Lions rang bells for Salvation Army late in Dec.

Bingo was held every Fri. night in Dec. by the **Elburn Lions Club**, making the club funds for CSF II grow. The club hosted its annual Seniors Christmas Dinner, the annual Club Christmas Potluck, and assisted the Leos with Breakfast With Santa. Three other events were hosted at the clubhouse during the month. A New Year's Eve Party with a 50s theme brought Dec. to a close. A "Recognizing Your Efforts" Appreciation Dinner is on the agenda next month for Lions & non-Lions volunteers. The club will be hosting Ski for Sight guests for lunch, bingo -- and snowmobiling, if weather permits!

The **Lee Lions Club** hosted Santa Claus with free pictures and refreshments for the children. Thirteen food boxes were packed and delivered to less fortunate families in the Lee area.

The **Malta Lions Club** is making plans for the annual Pancake Breakfast and Cash Raffle to take place in late Feb.

Last month, twelve **Maple Park Lions** spent a total 72 hours at three activities. Forty elderly people were assisted and 35 children came to the Lions Club Christmas Party.

Sandwich Lions sorted groceries for the Franklin Mall project and then delivered them to less fortunate families in the area on Dec. 20th. Cookies & candies were made by Lions for Cheer Baskets and then delivered to shut-ins in the area on Christmas Eve. Club members brought unwrapped toys to the Dec. Dinner Meeting to support the DeKalb County Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. The club hosted a Heartland Blood Drive in late Dec. Lions will provide hot chocolate and other snacks at Ski for Sight at Lake Shabbona State Park in Jan.

The **Sycamore Lions Club** hosted the **Genoa Lions Club** (*located in Dist. 1-D*) in late Nov. The club has collected 331 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling at LIF.

Twenty-four deserving families received holiday bags of turkey or ham dinners from the **Shabbona Lions Club**. Thirteen winners names were drawn for the Dec. Drawdown. A Christmas Decorating Contest was held with the 1st place winner getting \$50. Thanks to all of the Lions who sold tickets for the Christmas Wagon Raffle, there were record sales and profit this year. The club will set up the warming station with tables & chairs at Shabbona State Park for Ski for Sight. Ice fishing stations will also be set up if the weather cooperates.

Waterman Lions sold Christmas trees in Dec. and fruit orders during Nov. / Dec. The annual Pancake Breakfast was held mid-Dec. Fruit orders were picked up that day at the breakfast.

Deaf People Have Just As Many Abilities

Just the other day, your Editor happened to see an article in the Springfield Journal-Register that she found quite interesting and it relates to Trustee Lion Bob's topic of deafness.

The article was written about ISD (Illinois School for the Deaf) students at Jacksonville IL. About 20 students and six staff members will be going to Washington D.C. for the President-Elect Barack O'Bama's swearing-in later this month. The group will be able to stay for free for three nights on the campus of Washington's Gallaudet University, the world's only college for the deaf.

Sen. Deanna Demuzio of Carlinville was able to obtain only 15 tickets. Two students are guaranteed tickets because they attended both Springfield events when O'Bama came to Springfield during his campaign. Eight more students were chosen by lottery at the school. Four of six staff members will also get tickets to accompany the teens at the inauguration, as will the president of Gallaudet, in thanks for the free lodging.

Around \$7,000 in funding is being raised for travel & food to & from D.C. and for food & tours while there. *Some Lions Clubs in 1-G might even get in on that.*

The students are so excited! At the bottom of the article it stated they wanted to "inspire other deaf people and demonstrate to the non-hearing-impaired that deaf people have just as many abilities. We're not that different."

The article also mentioned that in Aug. in Springfield, when Michelle O'Bama saw the students and realized they were deaf, she signed to them "My name is Michelle." *Sounds like 1-A Lions would be missing a good bet if no one contacts Michelle O'Bama when she returns to Chicago!*

The Christmas Season in District 1-J



Roselle Lions Kids' Christmas with Santa Party. Anyone recognize Santa (besides Roselle Lions)?



Bartlett Lions packed 250 boxes with fixings for a Christmas meal for less fortunate families in town.



Did ZC Lion Leo Snyder tell you he'd been a good boy, Santa?



(Above) Waterman Lion Craig Rice mans the cash box for the club's breakfast fundraiser.

(Below) Lion Dave Stryker and Grandson Dominic check orders for Waterman's Pancake & Fruit Day.



Waterman Lion Steve even made a Christmas Tree pancake for someone special.



Lisle Lion Peter Gayde ties a tree atop a vehicle at the club's Tree Lot prior to Christmas. His picture accompanied an article written on service clubs (Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, and Shriners) in the Chicago Tribune newspaper in Dec. (Photo by Stacey Westcott/Tribune)



Chairmen Bloomingdale Lions Jerry Bertrand and Marv Roehlke see that the bill is paid when Lion shoppers are finished filling their carts for the club's Christmas Baskets program.



North Aurora Leos & Lions served hot chocolate at the Village Christmas Tree decorating ceremony.



Our 1-J Lion Family

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

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Randall G. Stevenson	Hampshire Lions	Lion John Gehringer
Gerry Dakin	Wheaton Lions	Lion Jim Herrmann
Linda Knicker	Wheaton Lions	Lion Richard Drury
Stephen Bailey	Wheaton Lions	Lion Bud Roeser
Jack Aylward	Wheaton Lions	Lion Jerry Schumeir
Bruce D. Wallace	Sycamore Lions	Lion Bud Wallace
Jason S. Myers	Lombard Lions	Lion Paul Friedrichs
Kevin Botterman	Batavia Lions	Transfer from Hampshire Lions



Bartlett Lion TL Arends (r) presents Lion Mike Santacruz with the club's Lion Jim Jensen Lion of the Year Award. Lion Mike was also presented with a Lions of IL Foundation Fellowship Award.



Richmond Lions Club Peace Poster winners each received a check and a certificate from Pres. Lion Harry Krieger.



(l to r) Dist. 1-J Gov. Lion Nancy Rex, new Sandwich Lions Vicki Schuler and Mickey Farley, and Sponsor Lion Norma Norling. Lion Rick Siebert sponsored Lion Vicki Schuler.



Richmond Lions Alan & Linda Hatch worked together in their first year as Candy Day workers. *It's more fun when you have a partner to keep you company in Lions' work!*

WHAT'S GOIN' ON — IN 1-J

- Jan. 11 "A Magical Vision for Lions," **Westmont Lions Club** fundraiser, at the Grape Restaurant, 244-246 N. Cass Ave., from 5-8 PM. Family-style meal of incredible food, with magic entertainment. Silent Auction, as well as a live one, too. \$65 for adults; \$10 for children under 12. For tickets and additional information, call 630-632-1448 or e-mail reeder-helms@comcast.net.
- Jan. 17 Annual **Somonauk Lions Club's** Chili Supper at the High School Cafeteria. Serving from 4-7 PM -- dine in or carry-out for the same price. Children under 4 are free; Children 5-12 - \$4.00; everyone 13 & older is \$6.00. Tickets are available through Citizens First National Bank of Somonauk.
- Jan. 18 DISTRICT 1-J BOWLING TOURNAMENT at Stardust Bowl in Addison. *Get your team listing to Lion Jim Addington yesterday!*
- Jan. 23-25 SKI FOR SIGHT at Lake Shabbona State Park and other locations throughout the weekend. *Think SNOW!*
- Jan. 24 Let's hope Mother Nature treats **Island Lake Lions** well today too-- it is to be the club's annual Ice Fishing Derby!
- Jan. 31 **Crystal Lake Lions** Club Winter Steak Fry. Cost is \$30 per person. *Contact a Crystal Lake Lion for tickets. Get on the ball as the event always sells out every year!*
- Feb. 7 **Bartlett Lions Club's** 4th Annual Candlelight Bowl for Diabetes will be held at the Brunswick Bowl in Roselle with proceeds to benefit Diabetes Education and Research. \$25 for a single/\$50 per couple -- ticket price includes dinner, bowling and shoes. Dinner at 6:30 PM with bowling starting at 9 PM. For a Registration Form call 630-375-7157 or e-mail bartlettlionsclub@yahoo.com
- Feb. 7 **Bensenville Lions'** Spaghetti Dinner at Bella Vista Banquet Hall, Addison St. & Main St., Bensenville. \$7 for adults / \$3.50 for kids. *All you can eat!*
- Feb. 13 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser hosted by **Bloomington Lions Club**.
- Feb. 13 Texas Hold 'Em Tournament tonight at **South Elgin Lions** Clubhouse! Entry fee is \$125 for food & buy-in. Registration is to be done at the Village Hall by Feb. 10th. *No Walk-In Registrations Allowed!* \$10 entrance fee to anyone coming to watch the event and food is included in that fee. Check-in is at 5:30 PM with play beginning at 6:15 PM.
- Feb. 14 **Hinckley Lions Club's** Annual Consignment Auction today!
- Feb. 21 **Villa Park Lions Club** Pancake Breakfast -- *Details later!*
- Feb. 21 Invite your friends, other Lions, Lionesses, Leos, or non-Lions to bring a "Brown Bag" lunch for a very special morning session about Special Olympics. IL Supreme Court Judge Anne Burke tells her story of Special Olympics. 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind, 1850 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago IL. \$5.00 donation -- coffee & soda provided.
- Feb. 22 **McHenry Lions Club** annual Pancake Breakfast -- serving from 8 AM to 12:30 PM. Donation - \$5.00
- Feb. 25 Deadline for the DISTRICT 1-J CONVENTION AD BOOK is Mar. 1, 2009. Your Club President should have the rates and form -- if not, it's on the 1-J website under "Info & Documents." *Pull an ad together soon! Please note ZC Lion Lynn Raske's new e-mail -- lraske@tbc.net.*
- Feb. 28 **Last day** to mail (*or e-mail*) George Lazansky Distinguished Service Award forms to PDG Lion Ed Kelley. (*Forms are on the 1-J website.*)
- Feb. 28 **Malta Lions Club** Annual Pancake Breakfast and Cash Raffle at Malta Grade School. Serving from 6 AM to 11 AM. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any Malta Lion.
- Mar. 6 **Elburn Lions Club** Dream Flight Raffle. Tickets are \$100 each and will admit two for dinner. Contact **Elburn Lions Club** at 630-365-6315 if interested.
- Mar. 7 It's Corned Beef & Cabbage time! Get yours at the **Richmond Lions Club's** Dinner at Richmond Middle School. Serving from 4 - 8 PM. All you can eat for \$8.00!
- Mar. 7 Pizza Day, hosted by the **Elmhurst Noon Lions, the Elmhurst Eve. Lions and the Elmhurst Leos!** *Details later, but we hear the big innovation this year will be pepperoni pizza!*



Sun City-Huntley Lions (l to r) Sandy Beck, Tom Pearson, and Sue Floden work on the assembly line getting luminaria candle kits ready for distribution before Christmas Eve.

Around the District

(l to r) Richmond Lions Sandy Ditzig and Kay Smith enjoyed "Christmas of Yester-Year" in Richmond.



Crystal Lake Lions Club Pres. Lion Mike Cortina presents a check for \$1,000 to Major John Price of the Salvation Army at a recent meeting.



"The race is on!" Teams of Bloomingdale Lions get ready to shop for the club's Christmas Baskets program. The team that comes closest to \$200 wins the betting pot. *See story on p. 4 for more.*



Lombard Lions Club met at the Lombard Log Cabin for the club's Christmas Party. Lions ate pizza and were entertained with country Christmas songs.

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Richmond Lions Club Pres. Lion Harry Krieger with the club's "special boy," Dustin Gackowski. Dustin received two hearing aids from the club and now he has 98% hearing! *Bet Dustin thinks Richmond Lions are pretty special, too!*

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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

From the LIF Trustees' Blotters . .

We've all some time in our lives covered our eyes and tried to experience what it is like to be blind. But, most of us never really plugged our ears to experience deafness.

Hearing loss at any age is a serious misfortune. For it to occur in a young child is especially tragic. A child born with hearing loss and those who acquire hearing loss during the first three years of life can suffer significant developmental delays. Not only will speech skills be diminished but cognitive, social and academic functions are hindered as well. The earlier hearing loss is noted, and proper interventions followed, the less severe the impairment will be.

The Lions of Illinois Foundation Infant Hearing Screening Program aims to screen children from newborn to five years of age. Using small sound emissions called Otacoustic emissions, audiologists throughout Illinois have been trained to screen children who would most likely not be screened later in life. The Otacoustic emissions are generated by a normal healthy ear. By placing a soft plug into the ear canal the audiologist can record these sounds and display them on a computer screen. If Otacoustic emissions are present, then most likely, the child has normal hearing.

If a deficit is noted the parents or guardian of the child are notified to seek further testing and possible treatment. This is another of YOUR Foundation programs benefiting the residents of Illinois.

By the way, Candy Day has come and gone but 24 District 1-J clubs have not sent in their reports or checks as of January 2, 2009. The returns so far show a 14% drop in collections over last year, so please send in the checks.

*As always, Have Fun Being a Lion.
Lion Bob Jilke, LIF Trustee*

For The Record: Lions District 1-J is the largest contributor to our Lions of Illinois Foundation. Each year, your Foundation serves more than 20,000 people through its 13 programs and services. With the 2008 Candy Days now over, it is imperative that we complete the process by submitting our final reports and sending in at least 60% of our net collections, underwriting, and donations. Currently, only two-thirds of Lions District 1-J Clubs have reported. This is way down from where we were last year. On behalf of our Lions of Illinois Foundation, we would like to thank those Clubs that have already completed the 2008 LIF Candy Days Campaign.

LIF 35th Anniversary: CELEBRATE, CELEBRATE, DANCE TO THE MUSIC!!! Yes, Lions, we are all celebrating. This is the 35th year since the creation of your Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF). I know, for many of you, it only seems like yesterday. But it really has been 35 years. Festivities will be held

at various Lions events to celebrate. Lions Clubs may give our Lions of Illinois Foundation an anniversary present by purchasing a 35th Anniversary Lions of Illinois Fellow for their Club or a deserving Lion, Lioness, or Leo. Price tag as usual is \$500. Too high? You may also purchase 1 or more 35th Anniversary Sustaining Supporter for yourself or your club members at \$25 per Sustaining Supporter. All money goes into our LIF Endowment Fund.

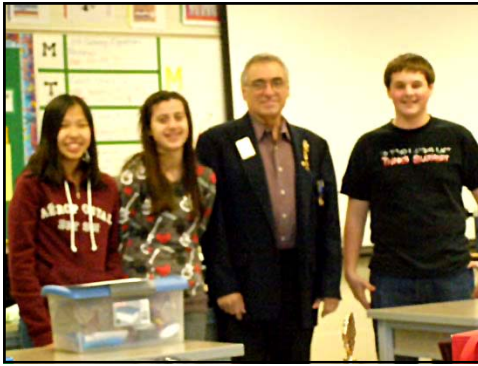
LIF Sight and Sound Sweepstakes: By now, all Lions Clubs and Lioness Clubs should have received Sight and Sound Sweepstakes Tickets and promotional materials by UPS. If you have not received this package, we ask that you contact Lion Joanne Delby at 815-756-5633 (x222). We also ask that all Lions and Lionesses consider the buy one / sell one idea. More information about this fundraiser will be forthcoming over the next few months in this newsletter, Regional packets, and our District website. We ask that you remember that this is a fundraiser which allows Your Lions of Illinois Foundation to bring the programs and services people in your communities depend on. If you would like one of the Trustees or Lion Ron Wigton (State and District Coordinator – 815-786-2385) or one of Your Trustees (Lion Larry Krebs at 630-917-7367 or Lion Bob Jilke 630-289-9519) to visit your club on this program, you only need to give us a call.

Charitable Giving At Work: Every year, State, Federal, County, and Municipal employees have the option to designate a donation to their favorite charity through programs such as the Combined Federal Campaign or SECA. If you have the opportunity please consider "checking" the Lions of Illinois Foundation. Look for these numbers that will identify the LIF as your charity of choice: Combined Federal Campaign - # 75459 or SECA - # 911-0875. Many other companies offer similar plans. To find out ask your payroll or human services director for details on how you can participate or even begin such a plan at your workplace.

John Deere Classic: This exciting program to raise funds for our Lions of Illinois Foundation is scheduled once again in July. Birdie Guess/Pledge Forms will be available by contacting your Trustees. If you have a form, please fill it out and mail it to Trustee Larry Krebs, 170 Boulder Hill Pass, Montgomery, IL 60538. The District 1-J goal for this year is \$3.00 per birdie. If 2,000 birdies were shot and if you pledged \$0.01 per birdie, you will have a pledge of \$20. In addition, our LIF Endowment fund would receive an additional \$2.00 in a bonus as soon as the John Deere Foundation receives your check. Remember, your donation counts towards a LIF Fellow. Birdies for Charity forms will be available at the Region Meetings, District Convention, and State Convention. If District 1-J Lions or Lioness Clubs are planning on doing a LIF Fellow over the next few months, you should contact Lion Van Stone (815-756-5633, x227) to find out how you can help our Endowment Fund earn an extra \$50 per Fellow.

I would like to thank you all for your commitment to our Foundation and for serving in the mission of providing the services and programs for those who are less fortunate.

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



IPDG Lion Ron Fangusaro was the guest speaker at a Bloomingdale Westfield Leo Club meeting recently. He thanked the Leos for their contributions and impressed upon them the importance of volunteering and the positive effect it has on our lives.



North Aurora Leos helped North Aurora Lions with the Breakfast with Santa.



Bloomington Westfield Leos made cards for area nursing homes. All were voted on and the winner took home this large teddy bear wearing a Leo shirt!



Then, all the Leos gathered around Santa for a picture.

South Elgin Leos Nate Reichhold and Gabby Mainard took time out from the Children's Christmas Party to have a picture taken with Santa & Mrs. Claus.



Leos in 1-J

Leo Clubs

Eighteen **Bloomington Westfield Leos** were present at the club's Dec. meeting. Guest Speaker IPDG Lion Ron Fangusaro (a Bloomingdale Lion) thanked the Leos for their contribution and the positive effect it has on their lives. Leos made holiday cards for the area nursing homes. The best card was voted on and the winner won a large teddy bear wearing a Leo shirt. *(See photo above.)*

The **Elburn Leo Club** held its annual Breakfast With Santa last month, and once again, it turned out well.

Elmhurst Leos sang Christmas carols at the Elmhurst Extended Care facility for residents just before Christmas. The Leos brought candy canes with bells attached so that residents could sing and play along. Members will be assisting with Bingo at the Elmhurst Extended Care on Tues. evenings.

North Aurora Leos from Jewel Middle School are collecting used athletic shoes for recycling into surfaces for playgrounds. The club is also collecting used jeans. The jeans will be given to the Oak-Leyden Developmental Services Organization to recycle them into bags for shopping. *(Jose Saunders recently featured the item on Channel 7 news.)*

North Aurora Leos from Herget Middle School painted snowmen for North Aurora. A friendly snowman now greets visitors, students, and staff to their school. Mr. May, the school's Assistant Principal, proved to be the "Biggest Turkey" when the club raised \$275 for the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry. Over 150 holiday cards were sent to soldiers at a combat support hospital in Iraq and to recovering soldiers at two military hospitals stateside. This winter, the Leos will hold a food, supply and fund drive for the Aurora Humane Society.