



Lion Perry Knutson

Lion Perry Knutson joined the Bloomingdale Lions Club in 2001. He was soon elected to the board of directors. In 2004, he served as club president. In the same year, he organized the formation of the Bloomingdale Westfield Middle School Leo Club. He also served as District 1-J Lions Opportunities for Youth Chairperson.

In 2006, Lion Perry was appointed District 1-J Eastern Region Zone Two Chairperson. In the same year, he served as the designer for the revised District 1-J Web site. He also served as Youth/Leo Chairperson for the 90th Annual Lions International Convention in Chicago. Lion Perry was the Chairperson for Sightfirst II for the Eastern Region and had 100% of the Clubs donate funds, three clubs were model, and raised the most funds for District 1-J.

He has attended 12 Lions international conventions.

In May 2008, Lion Perry was the Chairperson for the 1st Leo Conference for MD-1 in Addison, IL.

Lion Perry is currently the Youth Opportunities Chairperson for the State of Illinois (MD-1).

Among the many Lions awards he has received are: Distinguished Leadership Award from Mahendra Amarasuriya, International President, 2008; Jim Davis Joyce Lifetime Service Award, 2008, Melvin Jones Fellow, 2006; Lion of the Year, 2006, 2003; Rookie of the Year, 2002; International President's Award Recipient at Lions Day with the UN 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002. He has had perfect attendance since joining the Bloomingdale Lions Club.

In addition, Lion Perry has accepted leadership roles in his church. He is a member of the Roselle American Legion after having served in the US Air Force during the VietNam years. He also sings with WestTowns Barbershop Chorus. Employed as a Dealer Operations Facility Manager for Navistar (formerly International Harvester) for the past 35 years, Lion Perry resides in Roselle with his wife, Bloomingdale Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson.

Between Lions Perry and Sue, they have raised 4 children and have 6 grandchildren.