

District 1-J Journal

Home of Lionism

From the Governors Desk . . .



Greetings,

We hope that all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and you spent quality time with your families. Families are what makes our Lions Family much easier to strive for. Without them, there is a deep void in our lives. Please keep PDG Lion George Gould and his family in your prayers for the loss of Betty. May our precious Lord give them all peace and love through these troubled times.

The 2010-2011 Lion Year is close to being half over and we have visited several clubs in the District with overwhelming hospitality and are deeply grateful to all of you.

District 1-J will always be the premiere district in the state with what our clubs are doing with membership growth and their service to their communities. The only down fall that I can see in the District is our loss of membership in our clubs. I wish that I had a magic wand to stop this but it can only come from the leadership in the clubs to stop this trend. We all can do so much more with retaining the members in our clubs and membership growth to better serve our communities.

The world is calling and Lionism is the answer to be the service organization to handle what will be put in front of us to serve with pride.

The next part of the International President's Theme is Feeding the Hungry. Let's all do our part to help the hungry in our communities over these holidays to give them a Beacon of Hope that someone is looking out for them and wants to help.

The economy has hit hard with families in our communities and we hope that you are helping with the supplies in the food pantries, baskets from your clubs, Santa letters from the Post Office, visits to shelters, senior homes, hospitals and our veterans. What a warm feeling you will get knowing that you have done a small part to give that person some joy.



We have been invited to several Christmas Parties and at this time Lion Darlene and I wish all a Very Merry Christmas, a Joyous New Year, and that our precious Lord gives you all peace and love over the holiday season and places his hands over our troops and their families.

District Governor Lion Bob Jackson



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From the LIF Trustees' Blotters

Lions in the News

The 1-J Journal is posted monthly on the District 1-J web site at www.district1jlions.org

And Now We Say Good Bye To . . .

Lion Dennis A. Anderson
Elburn Lions Club

F. Y. I.

Naperville Noon Lions Club Pres. Bill Cornish put this quote in his club's latest newsletter that is good advice for all Lions Clubs:

"Be thankful for what you have, be creative,
be innovative.

Think differently and positively.

When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry,
show life that you have
1,000 reasons to smile.

Face your past without regret.

Handle your present with confidence.

Prepare for the future without fear."

Thank you, Lion Bill.

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On-Line Registration for 2011 1-J Convention Is Now live!

Thanks to Lion Perry Knutson, we can now register for the April 2011 1-J Convention on-line – and pay for it there, too!

Look under Info and Documents on the 1-J website for information on registering on-line for the District 1-J Convention being held April 1-3, 2011. For new registrations, the password to access the Registration page is: district1j.

Lions who registered last year, enter your username and password to enter your site, click the Edit Link located in the 1st column (Date/Payment) in your area and update your information.

After all information is updated, click Edit at the bottom of the Registration Page and you will be directed to your Summary Page. You can send in a check to Lion Bob Fowler, Registration Chair, or pay by Pay Pal, Credit or Debit Card.

Training Tools for the on-line system are on the 1-J website under "Conventions" (left column) / District 1-J / 2011 April 1-3.

District 1-J is trying to make registration easier so that more will attend the Convention. The fee is \$12.00 per registrant through Dec. 31, 2010 ; after that, the fee goes to \$15.00 per registrant.

If you have questions, e-mail Lion Perry at lionperry@gmail.com or call 630-894-7694.

Need Help With PR?

In her presentation on the Illinois State Magazine at the MD-1 Lions Forum in November, Lion Katy Baumer, Editor of the IL State Lions/Lioness/Leo Magazine, handed out a pamphlet entitled "Winning Words" that you might find helpful for your club in putting out Public Relations (PR) material.

Lion Perry Knutson has posted this material on the 1-J website under "Info & Documents" for you. It has many helpful tips, hints & ideas to get your club into the Media. *You'll like it!*

Going to Seattle?

Check with 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Leo Snyder about transportation to the Lions Clubs International Convention at Seattle in July 2011. He has been doing research on transportation costs to Seattle during the time of the Convention.

Dec. 31, 2010 is the date to register for the LCI Convention in Seattle if you wish to stay at the IL Delegation Hotel in Seattle (and pay the \$100 Registration fee). From Jan. 1–Mar 31, 2011 the Registration Fee is \$130 and you may have your choice of hotels. On-line registration can be done on LCI's website: www.lionsclubs.org.

Have You Heard About Project 8110?

Elgin Lion Tom Linder left recently for Sierra Leone, Africa, with 3,600 pairs of eyeglasses where he met with Lion Andrew Benson Green and helped residents of that impoverished nation with their vision and dental problems.

Lion Tom has made the same mission before. Lions Clubs International provided his cargo of eyeglasses and Lion Tom and his optical technician assistants prescribed and distributed the eye ware.

Also on the trip is a dentist, Dr. Brian Evans, who has a practice here in Bloomingdale. He assists the residents that need dental procedures.

For complete information on this effort, go to Project8110.org on your computer. Also be sure to read Lion Tom's commentary in this month's issue after Editor Lion Sandy asked him to provide more information for her on the project.

What a wonderful Region Meeting program for us . . . by one of our own!

Change We Want To See in the World

Sandwich Lion Sharon Adkins, president of the Sandwich Lions Club, wrote in a recent club newsletter that she enjoyed the changes of the seasons and added:

"I also enjoy the changes brought about by our Lions Club."

"Our section of Pratt Road looks much nicer because of the crews that have worked cleaning it all season. The sight and hearing impaired will get life-changing help because of donations made to the Lions of Illinois Foundation's Endowment Fund in memory of Pauline Fischer, Nancy Brady and Pam Wigton."

"Individuals in our community see and hear better because of help with glasses and hearing aids from our club. Others are able to get around better thanks to the ramps built by our members. "

"Our club is the change we want to see in the world," Lion Sharon said

GHB Peace Poster Contest



Students, parents, principals, and art teachers from three area schools were on hand to view the more than 100 Peace Posters on display at the Annual Glendale Heights Barangay Peace Poster Contest. Schools participating included Glenside Middle School, Marquardt Middle School and St. Matthew School

Lion Lilia Narciso chaired the contest, assisted by Lions Susan Galvez, Henry Kare, Ed Tolentino and Marilyn Liwanag. Refreshments were served after the program.

District 1-J Peace Poster Chair Lion Pam Kelley and 1st VDG Lion Jim Addington presided over the awarding of prizes.

This is the 9th year the club has done a Peace Poster Contest and it definitely has become "an event" for the artists and everyone attending. If your club is interested in hosting a contest of this caliber, contact GHB Lions Club Pres. Lion Susan Galvez for tips on doing so.

Rules for the Contest are on Lions Clubs International's website. Search for Photo Contest Rules.

Dog Lovers Everywhere

"For a dog, every morning is Christmas morning. Every walk is the best walk, every meal is the best meal, every game is the best game. We can learn so much by observing the way our pets rejoice in life's simplest moments." — Cesar Millan, *The Dog Whisperer*

Deadline Coming Soon for Environmental Photo Contest Entries

Submit all Lions Environmental Photo entries (*one per club please*) to Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson, Dist. 1-J Environment Chairperson before the Jan. 1, 2011 deadline at Sue.Crosson.Knutson@gmail.com.

Photos should showcase the environment around your club area. It may be of a plant, an animal, landscape, or weather phenomena. Photos of Lions caring for the environment may be submitted.

Rules for the Contest are on Lions Clubs International's website at www.lionsclubs.org – search for photo contest rules.

Special Mention in 1-J

Melvin Jones Fellow

Itasca Lion John Binneboese
South Elgin Lion Ed McCarthy
Darien Lion Hue Stephan

Lion of the Year

Island Lake Lion Mary Kurtzer
Darien Lion Jim Tikalsky

Certificate of Appreciation to Villa Park Lions Club

For services to the community for 87 years

Club of The Year with 51 and over

Bartlett Lions Club

Happy 50th Anniversary on Dec. 23

West Chicago Lions Club

LCI 5-Key Pin Award

Bartlett Lion PDG George Endean

LCI 2-Key Pin Award

Bartlett Lion Anthony Troyke

100% Secretary Awards

Bartlett Lion Greg Szydowski
Naperville Noon Lion Jane Bower
Lisle Lion Sandy Williams

New Member Achievement Award

Darien Lion Mark Kiwiet

North to Alaska

To most of us, Alaska exists only in a haze “somewhere up there,” but such thoughts are quickly dispelled by the facts.

Anchorage, Alaska, where the 35th USA-Canada Lion Leadership Forum will be held on Sept. 22-24, 2011 is a modern city of 250,000, with amenities equivalent to those in the “lower 49.”

But you may want to pack some snowshoes and winter gear, just in case you meet a moose or other wildlife creature on its streets, and want to accompany it home. More to follow about this real-life adventure opportunity. . . .

Look under Info and Docs on the 1-J website for information on Early Bird Registering for the USA-Canada Lions Forum. An on-line Registration Form is available on USA-Canada’s website, too.

Suzi Davis Travel Agency is also offering two land tours and two cruises before the USA-Canada Lions Forum, if you are interested in turning the trip to Alaska into a vacation.

*Lion Charles W. Williams, PDG
District 1-J Chair, USA-Canada Forum*

She Did More Than Run!

From Naperville Noon Lions Club Head -Lion-er –

On Turkey Trot Race Day, Jillian Callichio, an 8 yr-old girl and 2nd grade student at Grand Reserve Elementary School in Yorkville, was running her first-ever 5K Turkey Trot Race with her mother. She didn’t know whether she would be able to finish. But she did, in 50 minutes, 51 seconds and was very tired after finishing.

But she did more than run, she presented the Naperville Noon Lions Club with a coffee can full of money, close to \$40, that she had collected.

On her can was a sign “ I am walking/running in my first 5K on Thanksgiving morning. I am collecting whatever spare change so I can donate to the Lions. The Lions Club helps various organizations like the poor, the blind, the hungry, the mentally challenged, and the elderly and more. 100% of the donations will go to the Lions Club of Naperville.”

Jill collected the money from family members at a family outing and friends in her neighborhood. The Lions thank her for her support and hope she will run again on Thanksgiving morning 2011.

1-J Directory Changes

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New address for ZC Lion Perry Knutson is:
lionperry@gmail.com

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

Central Region -- by Region Reporter Lion Jess Galvez

The **Bartlett Lions Club** donated \$1,000 to Independence School to help visually and/or hearing impaired students, \$650 to the Wayne Township Food Pantry, \$650 to the Hanover Township Food Pantry, and \$250 to the Bartlett Volunteer Fire Dept. for their Thanksgiving fundraiser. The club provided eye exams and glasses to two individuals and a new hearing aid to a senior citizen. The club's Fall Pancake Breakfast served 300 people and netted \$1,500.

The **Batavia Lions Club** donated \$250 to the Batavia Access Committee for their Christmas Toy Drive, \$100 to the Suicide Prevention Services for their Grant Challenge Program. The club helped the Batavia Park District with the Breakfast with Santa.

The **South Elgin Lions Club** designed the 2011 Raffle Calendar that provides 365 chances of winning cash prizes of \$10 and up to \$100. Winners will be put back in and are eligible to win more prizes per month. Only 1000 calendars will be sold. Prize amount for each day is listed on the club's website at www.southelginlions.com. Raffle chair Lion Mary Holton dared the members if all 1,000 calendars are sold, she will raffle off two of her season tickets to the Cubs game and any active member is eligible to win the tickets. \$10 each calendar. To order, log on at the South Elgin website, you'll receive a numbered calendar in the mail.

The **Hampshire Lions Club** held their Annual Turkey Raffle and Cash Prizes at the Corkshire, the Knave and the Red Ox Restaurant Nov. 12 for the benefit of Brian Anderson, a life long member of the community. Brian who was in the final stage of CML Leukemia, received a bone marrow transplant and due to numerous complications remained in Rush University Hospital where he received the transplant. The benefit raised \$35,000 for the Anderson family.

The **West Chicago Lions** held a firewood sale involving 17 lions splitting, stacking and delivering cords of firewood for a total of 264 hours. They made 18 successful deliveries and one happy delivery of a free cord of wood to a needy family to warm their home.

Eastern Region -- by Region Reporter Lion Jess Galvez

Bensenville Lions Club Pres. Lion Ron Kroll thanked Boy Scout Troop 47 for their Candy Day help. He gave the volunteers of Scout Troop 47 a new Lion commemorative patch for their uniforms. The club donated \$668 to the Foundation from their Candy Day proceeds. The club also donated 325 pairs of glasses, 1 hearing aid, 1 blind calculator and a talking watch to LIF.

The **Bloomington Lions** held another successful Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, Nov. 5 at the Bloomington Golf Club. The club made around \$3,700. Special thanks to Dinner Chair Lion Larry Kowalski, Lion Elisabeth Fangusaro for the 42 gift baskets that were raffled off, and to Tony Spavone for singing during the dinner.

The **Elmhurst Lions** Pumpkin Patch fundraiser sold 13 tons of pumpkins and earned the club \$5,100. Special thanks to Pumpkin Patch Chair Lion John Wartinbe and cleanup crew Lions Bob Mills and Brian Stolper.

The **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions** held their 9th Peace Poster Contest Nov. 6 at the high-tech Marquardt School District 15 Administration Center in Glen Ellyn. More than 100 peace posters were submitted by students from Glenside Middle School, Marquardt Middle School and St. Matthew School. Cash prizes were awarded to the best posters. First VDG Lion Jim Addington and Peace Poster Chair Lion Pam Kelley presided over the awarding of prizes.

Thirty or more Entertainment Books have been sold by the **Villa Park Lions Club** and Lions are hoping to sell more.

Wit & Wisdom

Waterman Lion Craig Rice included this item in one of his recent club newsletters: "We missed you at the meeting . . . One-third of our members attended the meeting. That's 9 out of 27 members. That means 18 members missed out on all the fun!"

Editor Lion Sandy told Lion Craig that was too good to not use /or pass along. He came back with this retort: "Well, I guess you may have my permission to use that line – I borrowed the idea from the Sept. 2010 issue of *The Loughheed Leader*, monthly newsletter of the Burnaby Loughheed Lions Club in Canada, 1st place winner in LCI's Newsletter Bulletin Contest for Lions Clubs." *If it's good, why not use it? And give credit where it's due!*

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

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

The **McHenry Lions Club's** recent food drive coincided with "Make A Difference Day". They brought in a lot of good food donations, plus \$1200 in cash, which always goes a long way to help folks in need of food. The Lions are also celebrating the fact that they were fifth in the State with the amount collected for the LIF Sight and Sound Sweepstakes Project this year and have proudly placed the patch on their banner.

The **Dundee Township Lions Club** helped set up the annual community Halloween Party at Grafelman Park. This is a fun event for children including costumes, wagon rides and many games and fun activities. The Lions also donated \$150 in chips and \$150 in donuts. After the party, the Lion members helped clean up the park. The club recently voted to give the FISH food pantry of Dundee Township a \$500 contribution to assist those less fortunate in the community before the holiday season.

The **Elgin Lions Club** had a successful Candy Day resulting in a collection of \$3,000. Lions are "ringing them bells" for the Salvation Army.

The **Sun City - Huntley Lions Club** announced some donations in time for the Holidays --\$700 to the Home of the Sparrow; \$500 to the McHenry County Shop-with-a Cop Project; \$700 to New Horizons Veterans Home; \$1,000 to the Grafton Twp. Food Pantry; and \$200 to the Canine Companions for Independence.

Richmond Lions contributed to Toys for Tots at its Christmas Party. Lions are busy preparing for the annual Pancake Breakfast and Money Raffle to be held on Dec. 12. Lions participated in Christmas of Yesteryear by selling popcorn and baked goods.

Club Briefs

- The **Bartlett Lions Club** received a Certificate of Appreciation from Lion Van Stone for its generous donation to Camp Lions.
- The **Island Lake Lions Club** sent 100% of their \$428.86 Candy Day collection to the Lions of Illinois Foundation.
- **Dundee Township Lions Club** members, and the Dundee-Crown High School Honor Society, Cub Scouts from Pack 36, sponsored by the Dundee Lions, Village of West Dundee Personnel, including the mayor and village manager, and community volunteers numbering about 80 people, unloaded and set up Christmas Trees for sale in Grafelman Park beginning the Friday after Thanksgiving. *WOW!! That's mind-boggling!! You must have been done in short order!!*
- The 1st lighted Christmas Tree on the Prairie Path has always been the Lions' Tree decorated by the **Villa Park Lions Club**.
- **Richmond Lions Club's** \$500.00 donation to the new SASED Leo Club went to pay for the dinners of all of the new Leo Club members.
- Be sure to enter the **District 1-J Lions Green Team Contest** by organizing an environment project. The Lions Green Team Banner is available to every Lions, Leo, or Lioness Club in District 1-J to borrow for their project and to which to affix its signature. Contact Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson, Dist. 1-J Environment Chair at Sue.Crosson.Knutson@gmail.com for details.
- Lion Bob Moravec, Webmaster for the **Crystal Lake Lions Club's** website, sent along this message to your Editor about an e-mail he received from a lady inquiring about Lions Clubs who sell Christmas trees. It seems that when she was young her family purchased their Christmas trees from a Lions Club just past the border of Wisconsin. Now, she wanted to keep that tradition alive and wanted to know about Lions Clubs selling Christmas trees in Wisconsin. He did, however refer her to the Algonquin Lions Club as it was near to her area. *"We Serve" in all kinds of ways!*
- *In perusing local west suburban papers today, your Editor saw a very good PR article in The Beacon-News on the Christmas Party for vision-and hearing-impaired children hosted by the **Aurora Noon Lions Club** and the Northwestern Illinois Association. This is the 6th year for the party and attendance has increased each year. "Among Santa's many gifts is his ability to communicate with all children, no matter the language." The article noted that a group of children presented Santa with a special gift – they used sign language to sing "Merry Christmas" with the help of classmates.*

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

Southeastern Region -- by Lion Sandy Williams

What a happy surprise – Editor Lion Sandy found that **Clarendon Hills Lions Club** has a website with Picasa Albums posted on it of the club's projects – *old and new! Check them out for yourselves at www.chlions.org.*

Burr Ridge/Hinsdale/Oak Brook Lions Club has an e-clubhouse website. *It does have photos, but it would be great for Editor Lion Sandy if there were some captions included with the photos, Lions*

Lisle Lions are in the midst of the annual Tree Sale to raise funds for Dollars for Scholars. Recent donations include: Eyeglasses for a local resident, \$4,000 to LIF from Candy Day collections, \$150 for the Rotary Red/White/Blue Ball raising funds for veterans' causes, and \$1,100 for a handicapped young resident to pursue a welding course. A \$2,000 check was delivered to the Lisle Teens With Character for the students' contributions of work hours during the Eyes to the Skies Festival.

Naperville Noon Lions Club had to shut off registrations at 7,000 on Thanksgiving Day for its annual Turkey Trot. Needless to say, there were some disappointed individuals. It's one of the largest 5K runs in the state. The club passed along its winning Peace Poster entry to Gov. Lion Bob Jackson. The annual Christmas Luncheon will take place mid-month.

The **Darien Lions** will be delivering food baskets soon to the less fortunate in the community so that they will have a happier holiday. This project is coordinated by the Lions, but a number of other individuals also make it happen each year.

Southwestern Region -- by Lion Craig Rice

DeKalb Evening Lions Club ramped up the "We Serve" motto with the following donations and activities: Total receipts from Candy Day of \$1859.20 to the Lions of Illinois Foundation; \$100 to Salvation Army Toy Drive to buy new tops for teenage girls; sponsored a Free Movie Day on the day after Thanksgiving attended by 245 people; provided eyeglasses to two local children; and participated in Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

During Christmas Holidays, **Sandwich Lions** will participate in the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, candy making, pack boxes and deliver food for the Franklin Mall Project from the fire station, pack and deliver Cheer Boxes from the United Church Project, and take down Christmas decorations after the holidays.

Hinckley Lions Club reports it held a Turkey Raffle fundraising event.

As usual, **Elburn Lions** are busy. They served the Senior Turkey Luncheon, hosted the Lions Holiday Raffle, participated in the Kuipers' Family Farm event, worked the Lions 300 Raffle, ate heartily at the new member installation dinner and hosted Bingo, Bingo, Bingo.

Waterman Lions Club hosted its 4th annual Gobbler Gallop 5K Run/Walk on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. A total of 351 people participated -- the best turn-out ever. For fundraising events, the Waterman Lions are selling Christmas trees and citrus fruit and hosting a pancake breakfast this month.

Lee Lions Club increased their Candy Day contribution to LCIF by 14.6% and turned in 100% of its collection. Several Lions sorted ski equipment to get ready for Ski for Sight. Lion Tom Kapraun served as Santa while children had their pictures taken with him and received stockings filled with gloves, hats & goodies. And there were refreshments for everyone.

Sycamore Lions Club sorted collected-eyeglasses and donated them to LIF; bought twenty-five \$10-meat certificates and donated them to the local food bank; and donated 120 lbs. canned and non-perishable food to the food bank.

Bits of Dis 'n Dat

New **North Aurora Lion Mike Glass'** daughter Natalie has worked for Lions Clubs International for 10 years. So, when the time came that he wanted to get involved with his community, he knew that Lions was a tremendous organization with which to become involved.

Bloomington Lions Club Pres. Sharyn Murphy sent to all club members, by e-mail, the Lions of IL Foundation Information Sheet that was published in last month's issue. *That's the way to get it in every Lion's hands!*



Lioness Clubs in 1-J

Lioness Clubs -- by Lion Sandy Williams

The **Sycamore Lioness Club** donated \$100 to the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center.

The **Union Lioness Club** recently held its Feather Party Fundraiser. Fox River Region ZC Lion Bob Fowler made an appearance there. Plans are being made to order shirts for club members.

Fox River Grove Lionesses held the 5th Annual Pasta Dinner fundraiser last month. There was a Silent Auction with many donated baskets, a raffle, and kids' games. Over 350 dinners were served and it has become quite a community get-together now. Lionesses are working with the **FRG Lions** to "ring bells" for the Salvation Army at various locations in the Village.



Leo Clubs in 1-J

The new **SASED Leo Club** is involved with several projects to make it a happier holiday for others. Members are putting boxes around their school to collect canned goods for less fortunate families. Leos are collecting Toys for Tots & writing Christmas cards for our Troops. The club has been working with Denny's Restaurant in Addison to receive a 10% portion of sales from 11-2 on Dec. 10.

The **Elmhurst Leos** are selling the World's Finest Chocolate bars to raise money and sponsor a \$1,000 Shelter Box. Help the Leos reach their \$1,000 goal by underwriting the cost of a case of candy for \$25 or buy a case of the finest chocolate bars for \$50. For more information, contact the Leo advisers Lion Kristi Reynolds - 630-632-8300 or Lion Jeri DiPasquale at 630-941-0698.

Bloomington Westfield Leos decorated Snowman Trees in town, worked at the Bloomington Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, and are making holiday cards for our veterans.

The **South Elgin Leo Club** has been active in its community by planning and hosting several Spaghetti Dinners for residents in need and by participating in local events such as Night Out Against Crime, Harvest Hustle, and Almost A Winter's Day. The club will be hosting, as we speak, a Christmas Party/Membership Drive to let others know about the club and what it means to be a Leo.



South Elgin Leos Stephanie Pitts, Melissa Mattson, Stephanie Hand and Gabriel Mainard worked at the club's booth at Night Out Against Crime last summer.

'Round the District PIX



Sandwich Lions Bob Jones, Chuck Adams, Les Redden, Gary Lemke and Jerry Grommes (*which one took the picture?*) prepare to unload sections of ramp for the club's latest Ramp Project.



North Aurora Lions Club raised funds by delivering Fall Displays to local residents who requested them to be set up. This has been a successful fundraiser for the club for several years.



McHenry Lions Club Secy. Judy Bierman (l) and Immed. Past Pres. Lion Les Bacon (r) proudly show the other Lions Club members the plaque that the club earned for being the best Medium-Sized Lions Club in District 1-J for Lion Year 2009-2010. Club activities and community events figure heavily in who earns this award.



Sun City-Huntley Lion Jim Graves presents a \$1,000 check to Mary Hardy of the Grafton Food Pantry to assist with building the pantry's resources before the holiday rush.



Fox River Region ZC Lion Bob Fowler attended the Union Lionesses' club meeting and Feather Party fundraiser recently. (*Can you spot him in the back row?*) "Please come again in 2011" the Lionesses say.

Santa Claus made his way early this month to see the children at the Clarendon Hills Lions Club Christmas Party for Salt Creek School.



For those Lions who do this, it's not a real easy job – but it's easier if you've lots of help! Here, Volunteer Nathan Rice helped Lions set up the Waterman Lions Club's Tree Lot. Several other Lions Clubs throughout 1-J also sell trees at the holiday season.





Our 1-J Lion Family

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

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Lion Terri Pasernik	Bensenville Lions	Lion Rick Cuvala
Lion Tom Hong	Bloomingtondale Lions	Lion Sharyn Murphy
Lion E. Jay Kelly	Geneva Lions	PDG Lion Don Forni
Lion Jim Harper	Sun City-Huntley Lions	Lion Bill Lepola
Lion Brian Tuman	Fox River Grove Lions	Lion Bill Freeman
Lion Diane M Hollingsworth	Naperville Noon Lions	Lion Donna Kearney



Itasca Lion John Binneboese (c) accepts a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award at the club's Awards Ceremony last month. With him is Itasca Lions Club Pres. Edward Izzi (l) and DG Lion Bob Jackson. Lion John is an outstanding Lion and a pillar of his community.



Bloomingtondale Lions Club Pres. Lion Sharyn Murphy (l) recently sponsored Lion Tom Hong (c) into the club. ZC Lion Perry Knutson performed the induction ceremony.



(Above) Central ZC Lion Leo Snyder presents fellow South Elgin Lion Willie Leman with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

(Below) South Elgin Lion Ed McCarthy thanks his fellow Lions for presenting him with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, one of Lions Clubs International's highest awards.



Eastern ZC Lion Mario Gumino (r) inducts a new Bensenville Lion Terri Paserni (c). Her sponsor is lion Rick Cuvala (l).



WHAT'S GOIN' ON — IN 1-J

- Dec. 11 **Waterman Lions Club** Pancake Breakfast at Community Building this AM.
- Dec. 11 Shopping for and delivery of Christmas Baskets by the **Bloomingtondale Lions** today.
- Dec. 12 **Villa Park Lions'** Christmas Party is at the Odeum tonight.
- Dec. 12 **Richmond Lions Club's** Pancake Breakfast and Money Raffle at Nippersink Middle School on Rte. 12 in Richmond. Serving from 8 AM to 1 PM. "Money Raffle" to take place, too. 1st Prize is \$500.00.
- Dec. 13-17 The **South Elgin Lions** Christmas Food Basket and Toy Sharing. More than 225 food baskets and toys will be distributed to the less fortunate. The club have received more than \$7,000 in donations for the food baskets.
- Dec. 14 **Naperville Noon Lions Club's** Annual Christmas Luncheon at Walkers Char House in Naperville.
- Dec. 21 The **Bensenville Lions** Christmas Party is at Bella Vista Banquet Hall, 207 W. Main St.
- Dec. 26 **DISTRICT 1-J LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST** deadline is Jan. 1, 2011 — Send your entries to Dist. Chairperson Lion Sue Knutson at Sue.Crosson.Knutson@gmail.com.
- Dec. 26 The **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions Club's** Holiday Party is at the Glendale Lakes Golf Club tonight.
- Dec. 28 The Batavia Lions Club Steak Fry today.
- 2011**
- Jan. 16 **1-J BOWLING TOURNAMENT** -- Stardust Bowl, Addison IL -- Funds raised help reduce Dist. 1-J expenses.
- Jan. 28-30 **SKI FOR SIGHT** -- at Lake Shabbona State Park and other places. Hosted by Southwestern Region of Dist. 1-J, handicapped and blind people are brought to Shabbona Lake State Park and other nearby locations for cross-country skiing, bowling, bingo, hiking, and dancing. *If you'd like to be a guide, contact your Club Prez for info.*
- Jan. 31 To kick off Ground Hog Days Celebration Week, **Woodstock Lions Club** is hosting an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast -- \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 6-12, under 6 -- eat free. Serving from 8 AM to Noon at Woodstock Moose Hall on Clay Street.
- Feb. 05 Winter Steak Fry, hosted by the **Crystal Lake Lions Club**, at D'Andrea's Banquets at 6:30 PM.
- Feb. 11 The **Bloomingtondale Lions'** Spaghetti Dinner is at Bloomingtondale Golf Club -- serving from 5-8 pm.
- Feb. 19 **Island Lake Lions Club** Ice Fishing Derby 7 AM to 2 PM. Back-up date is Feb. 26th. Headquarters at Eastway Park. Adults \$10 / Children 15 & under \$5. Raffle & Prize Presentations at The Fan Club Pub & Eatery on Rte. 176 in the heart of town. Hourly prizes and raffles.
- Feb. 23 The **Bartlett Lions Club's** Annual Candle Light Bowl for Diabetes.
- Mar. 05 3rd **ANNUAL ILLINOIS LEO CONFERENCE** from 10 AM to 2 PM at Bloomingtondale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road, Bloomingtondale IL. Meet other Leos and share news about your successful activities. Registration fees -- Leos: \$7.00; Leo Advisors: \$7.00; and Lions & others: \$10.00. Registration deadline: Feb. 14, 2011. Contact PDG Lion Ron Fangusaro at rfangusaro@yahoo.com or 630-893-7596.
- Mar. 05 **Richmond Lions Club's** Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner — 4-8 PM at Richmond Middle School.
- Mar. 05 The **Bensenville Lions'** Spaghetti Dinner is at Bella Vista Restaurant -- kids 12 and under \$4.00, all others \$7.00. *All ya' can eat!*
- Mar. 18 **LIONS DAY AT THE U.N.** — Registration Deadline — Feb. 11, 2011. First come / first served. Space is limited.
- Apr. 01--03 **DISTRICT 1-J LIONS CONVENTION** at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville Hotel, Warrenville Road, Lisle.
- Apr. 10 **Woodstock Lions Club's** 81st Annual Ham Dinner at Woodstock Moose Lodge on Clay Street. All you can eat Ham Dinner with all of the trimmings -- \$9.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors, \$5.00 for children 6-12. Under 6 eat free. Carry-outs available.
- Apr. 23 **SOMEONE SPECIAL** at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace — Volunteers should plan to be there by 9 AM. Contact Lion Cindy Glenn at cindyobt@comcast.net or Shelly Lear at ftshell@earthlink.net to let them know how your club can help.

Around the District



FRG Lionesses look over the selection of donated baskets to be auctioned off after the Pasta Dinner fundraiser. Over 350 dinners were served at this 5th Annual event.



A Casino Trip to Horseshoe Casino in Hammond IN was one of the Glendale Hts. Barangay Lions' fundraising events. The club charged \$14 per passenger and was able to net \$500 from the trip. Coffee & donuts were served on the way to Indiana and wine to toast the winners and cheer the losers was served on the return trip. Two more trips are planned for 2011.



Lombard Lions Club Pres. Steve Kabulis presents Lombard Library Director Bob Harris and Head of Adult Services Linda Schehl with a plaque that will be placed next to the LCD

Reading Machine that Lombard Lions purchased for the library.



DeKalb Eve. Lions Carolynn and Larry Werline donated turkeys to the Salvation Army through a local radio program, "Let's Talk Turkey." Lion Larry challenged other area service organizations to better the Lion Club's donation.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

From the South Elgin Lions Club's
 "Roaring Rumors" Newsletter --
 "Your kids/grandkids do not need to have
 the most expensive things out there.
 That is not character building.
 Take them out and let them pick out
 gifts they can donate to needy children.
 That is character.

Isn't that what Christmas is all about?"
Happy Holidays to One & All!



From the Blotter of
Lion Bob Jilke, District 1-J Trustee
Lions of Illinois Foundation

A SEASON OF GIVING

At this time of year I spend many hours portraying Santa Claus for hundreds of kids and for Senior Citizens in Nursing Centers. A comment from a charming 90 year old lady the other day made me think of a similar comment I heard from a blind child at Camp Lions. The lady said, "I'm 90 years old and I never thought I would get to see Santa Claus in person." Similarly, the blind child at Camp Lions said, "I never thought I would get to go to a summer camp." Two different situations. Similar circumstances. The old lady never had the opportunity to see Santa because when she was growing up there was no time for such foolishness. The blind child never thought he would go to camp because of the obstacles he faced . . . blindness, low income, lack of concern from his elders. But, Lions, we gave both of these people an experience that was golden to them. Both experienced something they felt was out of reach for them. Both had an experience because of the Lions.

At this time of year I ask you to consider two things. First of all, your Candy Day Report and checks were due December 1. Did your club send yours in? If not, please do so today. If your club did not take part in Candy Day, can you send a donation instead? Second, consider an extra donation this year to your Lions of Illinois Foundation. The need for your help is great. The expenses keep rising. The number of persons asking for our help is greater than it's ever been. Reconsider sending greeting cards this year and send the money you would spend to the Foundation. Or, purchase a \$25 Sustaining Supporter Pin and continue to renew it annually from now on. Or, make a holiday donation to our Endowment Fund in the name of your spouse, friends, club, etc.

This is our Foundation, Lions. While other causes certainly are worthwhile, this is our cause. Please. Contribute as you can to let us continue serving the 18,500+ people in Illinois we help every year.

Happy Holidays one and all.

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

From the Blotter of
Lion John Landon, District 1-J Trustee
Lions of Illinois Foundation

Lions all. We need your help.

First, we need some volunteers to help with the Walk for Sight. Not volunteers to be there and set up or take down, we always have enough of those. We really need volunteers to serve on the Walk Committee and to help us plan and organize the 2011 Walk For Sight. Let either Trustee Bob Jilke at bljilke@aol.com or John Landon at landon@mc.net know if you would be willing to serve on the Committee. We'll probably get together in late January/early February.

In addition we need some Clubs (or individual Lions) to contribute the following items to make the Walk a Success

- Tents/Tables and Chairs Island Lake Lions donate these
- Hot Dogs ZC Lion Paul Zubinski, offered Ball Park Hot Dogs-
from Sara Lee Corp.
- Hot Dog Buns _____
- Water/Sports Drinks _____
- Condiments (mustard, etc.) _____
- Ice _____
- Napkins/Utensils/Gloves _____
- Trash Cans _____
- Games/Entertainment _____
(cost of and conducting Beep Baseball,
Bag Toss Game, or Blind obstacle Course)
- Portable Generator _____
(Rent, Delivery and Pickup)

There may be other items/services we need help with but this list will go a long way towards making the Walk successful. Please contact either Trustee Jilke or Trustee Landon if you or your club wishes to donate one of these items.

*Lion John Landon, PDG, PCC
1-J Governor 2004-2005
MD-1 Council Chairman 2007-2008
District 1-J Foundation Trustee 2009-2011
landon@mc.net*



Lions in the News

From Elgin Lion Tom Linder:

Lion Sandy: I am back from my trip to Sierra Leone. As you know, I went there as part of Project 8110. I understand that you have been on the web and seen our website (www.Project8110.org). You can gather much of the history of Project 8110 from that website. Project 8110 trains local people in Sierra Leone in dental procedures and optometry and dispensing of eyeglasses. Tax deductible contributions are always welcome and can be made through the website.

Back in September, Dr. Evans and I met with Lions in Bartlett, Illinois. I learned of how extensively the Lions Clubs work on matters of eyesight throughout the world. I grew up as a Boy Scout, and attained the Eagle rank. After college, I became a police officer and am currently a sergeant in the Elgin Police Department. As I wish to continue to be active in serving the public, becoming a Lion seemed like a natural thing to do. I quickly joined the Elgin Lions and have been learning more and more about the organization through being active. We have tried to make the Eyeglass Program available to all underprivileged children in the U-46 School District by computerizing the forms and distribution system. The forms have also been translated into Spanish for easy understanding by the parents.

One of the first things I learned about the Lions was that they had a number of eyeglasses through the Recycling Program. Traveling to Upland, Indiana, I met Lion John Clester. He introduced me to one of the recycling centers operating in the United States. I returned home with approximately 1600 eyeglasses. After explaining the center to Dr. Brian Evans, I made a return trip to Indiana and was able to pick up another 2000 eyeglasses.

My wife and I packaged up the glasses into the largest containers the airlines would allow, while still being under the maximum weight limit. We were able to pack them into seven containers, each slightly under 50 pounds. Dr. Evans and I were quite a sight to see at O'Hare Airport, with everyone inquiring what we were going to be doing. It was easy to point out that this could not have been done without the cooperation of the Lions.

When we arrived in Freetown, Sierra Leone, I met with Lion Andrew Benson Greene. We talked of a new Lions Club in Bo, Sierra Leone. Bo is the second largest city in the country and I believe that there is a core group of dedicated young men who are interested in serving their community and country.

When we arrived in Bo, one of the first things we did was unpack the eyeglasses. We were forced to spend a lot of time unpacking the eyeglasses and placing them into some order. And, later that afternoon we had the first patients visit the clinic. The people visiting the clinic were mostly older, and their eyesight had deteriorated from age and the constant assault from the sun. We were able to help a number of the patients, handing out 167 pairs of Lions eyeglasses at the clinic in a four-day period. On a Friday, we traveled to Yambama, a village south of Bo. In Yambama, we visited a school. At the school, we examined students and staff. That day, Lions' donations gave 13 students and four staff members the gift of better sight. People from that village also came to be examined and received six pairs of glasses. One of these pairs went to a woman that was serving the Yambama area as a nurse. Poor eyesight made reading more difficult for her.

We also trained one more Community Optical Technician while we were in Bo. These Community Optical Technicians work under difficult conditions, voluntarily. The eye test is constructed to be non-verbal. This is because the people of the region speak several different languages.

As I reflect on the trip, I must view it as a success. A lot of progress was made and it would not have been possible without Lions' donations. The donated eyeglasses cost us over \$900, but this was a fraction of the cost of new eyewear. There is still a lot to be done in Sierra Leone and other parts of Africa. There are few places to purchase glasses and the number of people in need is great.



Lion Tom Linder

