

District 1-J Journal

Home of Lionism

From the Governors Desk . . .



Greetings,

The Christmas season has come to an end and with hopes that you received all your wishes and are in good health.

The first half of our Lions Year is in the past and I am quite pleased with the growth of your clubs. You all should be congratulated for your efforts, even though we are at 0 with growth and losses as of November 30th this shows that it can be done with a little effort from everyone.

International President Lion Sid Scruggs does have a great program for us to follow and it shows with the services to your communities that you have reported. The next part of his program is feeding the hungry, which you have already opened your hearts over the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons to help feed so many and I ask that God blesses you for your generosity and service to your communities.

We have several programs in the coming months such as the Region Meetings, Bowling Tournament, Ski for Sight, Conventions, to name a few.

First Lady Lion Darlene, and Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson are looking for talented Lions for the annual Talent Show during the District 1-J Convention and they would like to get more talent for the evening so please contact them so you can be put on the list. Lion Darlene also asks that the bakers in the

district to have their recipes ready for your Governor and a few others to judge the winners and place your desserts in the District hospitality room for everyone to enjoy after the Saturday Night banquet. Our International guest for the convention will be Past International Director Lion Jeremiah "Doc" Myers from Alaska and he is one dynamic performer with his music and speaking. This should be one exciting Convention for all to attend and have a lot of fun in the process.

I thank all of you for your service to help the less fortunate in your communities and to live up to our motto "We Serve." The United States of America is the most precious and greatest country in the world and it is for our service men and women protecting her that give us the freedom so we can serve as Lions. When you see a soldier, thank them for their service to protect us from those that want to cause us harm. May God bless and protect them and their families.



It is with great sadness that we have lost another spouse of one of our Lions' family members. Please keep 2nd Vice Governor Lion Leo Snyder and his family in your thoughts and prayers. May God give them peace and love during these troubled times. God bless the Snyder family.

I ask for God to Bless America, our Troops, their families and members of the greatest organization in the world, Lions Clubs International, for us to serve our communities in the spirit of Lionism.

District Governor Lion Bob Jackson

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Club of the Year Contest
More Ways to Win with SWEEPS!

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 Gordy Siebert
Charter Member of
Sun City-Huntley Lions Club

Lion Earl Zahner
Elburn Lions Club

F. Y. I.

New Year's Resolution

*Send in your club news
to your Region Reporter!*

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One or Two State Magazines Per Household?

District Governor Lion Bob Jackson relayed the following message to the Journal recently:

“I am receiving e-mails from our Council Chairman that some are not happy with only one issue of the State Magazine being sent per household. With the cost of postage constantly rising, the Council of Governors is trying to get the cost of these mailings lower for the Lions of Illinois and I really did not think that this would be an issue when trying to save some money.”

“I would like to know your feelings about this matter before anyone contacts the State Secretary/Treasurer, PDG Lion Judy Fenton, and ties up the phone lines on this issue. “

Let me (*Gov. Bob Jackson*) know if there is a problem with this procedure and I will be happy to take your concerns back to the Council of Governors when we meet again on the first weekend in February.”

Elburn Leos “Relieving the Hunger”

Contributed by Southwest Region Reporter

Waterman Lion Craig Rice



The Elburn Leo Club participated in its first Global Action Campaign “Relieving the Hunger” by sponsoring a Food Drive.

To promote the food drive, Leos passed out flyers one weekend to customers as they entered the local Jewel. The flyer requested customers to consider purchasing food items to donate and deposit them in the collection bin after checking out.

The bin had to be emptied four times over the two-week period of the Food Drive!

The Leo Club also received monetary donations with the request that the Leo Club make purchases of food. This was a great learning experience for the Leos – *and fun, too, they report.*

Best estimate of the food donated – approximately 750 items. It filled three vehicles to transport it all to the Elburn Food Pantry. Volunteer Rita Burnham explained how the pantry works and answered several questions.

The hard work of the Leos stocking the shelves of the food pantry will definitely make a difference in someone's life. *Mission Accomplished, Leos, we would say!*

Got Your Bowling Teams Ready?

January 16, 2011 is the date for the annual District 1-J Bowling Tournament at Stardust Bowl in Addison. There are two time slots in which to compete – 9 AM and 12 Noon.

Enjoy fellowship with Lions from around the District and compete for cash prizes and lane raffles.

Lion Tim Janis needs your 5-member teams (Lions/ Lionesses/Leos/friends/family) and a \$75.00 check for each team by January 12th. Entry forms are available on the 1-J website under “Info & Docs”.

Lion Landon Announces Candidacy

Fellow Lions: At the District Convention in April, I will once again be a candidate for District 1-J Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee for 2011-2013. I am asking for your support and your vote.

In the past few years I have been honored to serve the Lions of District 1-J and Illinois in leadership roles. I have served the District as a Cabinet Chairman, as Zone Chairman in the Fox River Region and as Vice Governor and District Governor. In 2007-2008, I was elected Chairman of the Council of Governors for the State of Illinois. During my 29 years as a Lion I have served our Lions of Illinois Foundation on the Club, District, and State level. I have been your District 1-J Foundation Trustee for the past two years and currently serve as Vice-President of the Foundation Board of Directors.

As a Foundation Trustee I promise to continue to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of that office to the best of my ability. I will represent District 1-J on the Foundation Board and I will work with my fellow Trustee Lion Bob Gilke to appoint, supervise and educate the District’s Foundation Coordinators. Together with Lion Bob, I will communicate LIF programs and services to all clubs in District 1-J and will be available to you all on Foundation matters. In my presentations I will be well prepared, brief, and to the point.

I believe my past record demonstrates that I am seeking the office of Trustee not for the title but for the opportunity to again serve the Lions of District 1-J and those individuals less fortunate that we help through our Foundation.

I hope I can once again count on your support, and your vote, at the District Convention in April, 2011.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion John Landon, PDG, PCC

1-J Governor 2004-2005

MD-1 Council Chairman 2007-2008

District 1-J Foundation Trustee 2009-2011

Bloomington Lions Go Shopping!

Eighteen Bloomington Lions and one non-Lion met for breakfast at 7:30 AM on Saturday, December 11th.

The group then re-assembled at the local Meijer store to shop for the club’s Christmas Baskets Project. Meijer welcomed the Lions with specially- marked shopping carts – “Meijer supports the Lions Club of Bloomington.”



The Lions purchased \$764 in food and another \$900 in Meijer Gift Cards. Meijer also donated an additional \$500 in gift cards. Those cards, along with a \$500 Lions Club check was sent to the DuPage Family Shelter Services for the battered women’s shelter.

Afterwards, the group delivered food and gift cards to six local families to make a happier holiday for them. Lion Marv Roehlke was in charge of this rewarding annual club project.

Plan Now for Someone Special

Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club has headed up the Someone Special program for many years. As it grew beyond the means of that one club to make it happen, clubs from all of District 1-J were asked to contribute and it has been a District 1-J project for several years..

This year’s event will take place on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at Drury Lane In Oak Brook.

Volunteers are needed at 9 AM to assist guests, etc.

Contact Lion Cindy Glenn at 630-404-9861 or lion-cindyobt@comcast.net or Lion Shelly Lear at ftshell@earthlink.net to let them know how your club can help. Cash donations are also appreciated.

1-J Directory Changes

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PDG Lion Tom Golec & Lion Virginia Golec’s Florida Address: 10501 S. Drew Bryant Circle, Floral City, FL 34436. They are keeping their IL Cell numbers: 630-362-0516 (Tom) and 630-362-0517 (Virginia)

Special Mention in 1-J

Melvin Jones Fellow

Batavia Lion Lew Girmscheid

25th Anniversary Pin

Roselle Lions Club Pres. Don Gross

Special mention in The Lion Magazine - P. 50

50 yrs. anniversary - West Chicago Lions

75 yrs. anniversary - Westmont Lions

Christmas Luminaria Tradition in Itasca

Itasca Lion Mark Schumacher related this story of Christmas Luminaria in the Village of Itasca to us.

A tradition since 1960, the massive effort of assembling bags and candles and delivering them was completed in a record five hours with the help of approximately 75 volunteers.

Almost all of the able-bodied members of the club gathered in the Itasca Park District Garage and put together 5,000 individual plastic door hanger bags, each filled with six candles and 6 bags, as well as a brochure on the luminary tradition. This bag is tremendous advertising for the club with its Lions logo and is truly a service to the community.

Itasca Lions, with the assistance of Itasca Public Works, take care of lighting the luminaria along the main streets of town and residents light luminaria in front of their homes beginning at 5 PM on Christmas Eve.

The luminary tradition is one of the things that makes the Village unique – and the Lions Club has contributed greatly with this beautiful project.

Anniversary Celebrations in 1-J

Two Lions Clubs in 1-J are celebrating major anniversaries this year – Westmont Lions Club turned 75 years old on January 8, 2011. The club is planning a 75th Anniversary Gala on February 19, 2011. Please watch for a formal invitation soon.

West Chicago Lions Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a Cocktail Reception at Prairie Landing Golf Club, 2325 Longest Drive, West Chicago, on January 28, 2011. RSVP to Lion Lori Chassee at 630-231-8709 or ljchassee@ameritech.net. Donation of your choosing will be taken at the door.

Lions Do Have Fun!

Contributed by Southwest Region Reporter
Waterman Lion Craig Rice



Waterman Lion Mark Fenske (r), went deer hunting instead of helping with the Lions Club's Gobbler Gallop 5K Run/Walk organized in November by his wife Karen (l). He came home empty-handed from the hunting trip.

At the club's Christmas Party, Tail Twisters Shawn Blobaum and Steve Bock (center left & right) decided Lion Mark needed some target practice . . . so they presented him a pair of glasses and a squirt gun while his wife held up a picture of a deer at which Lion Mark was to take aim!

Will Lion Mark miss the Gobbler Gallop next year??? We'll see!!!

Lions in the News

Your Editor has been seeing some Lions Club publicity in the Daily Herald newspaper lately. An article entitled "Elburn Lions Club one of largest in country" featured not only the Elburn Lions Club, but mentioned the Naperville Noon Lions Club and the Lake Zurich Lions Club (District 1-F). Photos from the Lions Clubs of Crystal Lake, Naperville, and Mount Prospect were included along with Elburn Lions Club photos.

"Lions on the Loose in Bloomingdale's Meijer's Store" was an article penned by Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson for Examiner.com, an on-line publication. Lion Sue writes about a number of things, but every once in a while her columns do highlight Lion activities.

"Elgin Lions Club to hear about Africa Project" was posted on the web by the Elgin Lions Club as a PR notice for a club program presented on January 4th. The article told of Lion Tom Linder's trip to Sierra Leone, Africa, with Dr. Brian Evans, to train local people in optometry and dental procedures. The two men delivered eyeglasses and dental equipment to those in need in this sub-Saharan country. Lion Tom Linder spoke at a recent Elgin Lions Meeting.

Very good publicity for those mentioned! Will I soon see more from other clubs?

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

Central Region -- by Region Reporter Lion Jess Galvez

The **Bartlett Lions Club** had a successful Christmas wreath sale. The Lions had a busy time picking up tons of food items from Aldi's, hauling them to a warehouse where the food baskets were assembled, and finally, hundreds of the food baskets were distributed to the needy last Dec. 11th.

The **Batavia Lions Club** held their annual Luminaria Sale in two neighborhood areas, held their annual Christmas brunch with Zone Chair Lion Paul Groth as guest, and had fun with the 'White Elephant' gift exchange.

The **Hampshire Lions Club** sponsored the local food pantry for the Christmas holiday.

The **South Elgin Lions Club** is selling Raffle Calendars throughout the year. Buy them early and you get more chances of winning prizes. The kids received Beanie Babies toys with their presents at the Kids' Christmas Party. Both Leos and Lions helped at the party.

Eastern Region -- by Region Reporter Lion Jess Galvez

The **Bloomington Lions** had a merry time shopping at the Meijer Store on Gary Ave. for the club's Christmas Baskets - 18 Lions, 12 shopping carts decorated with signs "Meijer supports the Lions of Bloomington", \$764 in food, \$900 in Meijer Gift Cards to bring the joy of the holiday season to six deserving families. The Lions also played Santa to the DuPage Family Shelter Services for battered women by donating a check for \$500 and \$500 in gift cards donated by the Meijer Store. (*See photo & story on p. 3*).

In conjunction with United Community Concerns, **Elmhurst Lions** delivered food, household necessities, and holiday gifts to 287 Elmhurst families last Dec. 11. The club raised their 2010 Candy Day grand total to \$8,400.78, better than last year's \$7,500.

The **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions** went a-caroling from Dec. 4 - 19 to four holiday parties, two senior citizens groups and four homes of family and friends. They came home with \$3,000 in generous donations. The Lions held a holiday party at the Glendale Lakes GC - lots of dancing, mini black Friday Silent Auction, and a raffle with cash prizes.

The **Roselle Lions Club** held its Environmental Photo Contest with six amazing photos vying for the club's official photo entry to the Lions Clubs International 2011 Environmental Contest. The entry photo will be voted on by the members. The club also held a Kids' Christmas Party in December with lots of toys, candies and goodie bags

This is What Lions Do

From the South Elgin Lions "*Roaring Rumors*" newsletter- -

The club received this card from a family who received a food basket last year . . .

My husband, Jeff and I were the recipients of one of your very gracious food baskets last year. We were overwhelmed when we saw the amount of food!

Jeff died this past March due to cancer. He was a fighter and held on to the end. Please accept this \$25 check with our gratitude. I wish it could be more, but at this time it is not possible.

Thank you again for making our last Christmas & New Year together a very fruitful one.

— *Mary*

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

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

The **McHenry Lions Club** will sponsor two skiers at the Ski For Sight event.

The **Elgin Lions Club** continues the collection of non-perishable food items throughout the school year. The need does not end with the holidays. To date, they have collected approximately 1500 units and appear well on their way to eclipsing last year's 3000 units total.

The **Sun City - Huntley Lions Club** participated in The Shop with a Cop Project of McHenry County in early December. Over 200 children, each accompanied by a local police officer, shopped for Christmas gifts for themselves and their family at Wal-Mart in Crystal Lake. Charitable donations collected for the project by groups in the area allowed each child to spend \$150.00. In addition, Wal-Mart donated a winter jacket, gloves and a scarf for each child. The group went for breakfast at D'Andrea's in Crystal Lake while their gifts were wrapped in Christmas fashion. Several Lions Clubs and organizations were involved with this project.

The **Dundee Township Lions Club's** Christmas tree sale concluded when all trees were sold. Net profit was approximately \$5000. During the sale they also collect eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones and items for the local food pantry. *Great idea, Lions!*

Bits of Dis 'n Dat

The local newspaper carried an article about a Christmas light display at the East Dundee home of Lion Dan O'Leary of the **Dundee Township Lions Club**. He coordinated outdoor Christmas lighting with music being played by a local radio station. Lion Dan is a computer engineer and developed this display of flashing lights on his house and yard to bring the joy of the season to his neighbors and residents of the community.

The **Elburn Leo Club** supplied Sloppy Joes at its January 6th meeting. All who attended were to bring an appetite and a dish to pass to share with everyone. *Great way to have food at the meeting without it costing an arm and a leg!*

The **Sun City-Huntley Lions Club** sold over 200 Luminary Kits during this year's sale. Bad weather the last few years meant that many people still had un-used kits from prior years. The 200 was just shy of the club's target sales amount.

Richmond Lions Club held a pre-Thanksgiving Food Drive that was a huge success!! The Lions collected over 800lbs of food, enough to fill over 30 food baskets! The club also purchased 10 turkeys for the Spring Grove Pantry.

Itasca Lions Bring Christmas Cheer

For the 4th consecutive year, the Itasca Lions put on a Christmas Party for the children at the Marklund Home in Bloomington, a home for severely handicapped children.

Approximately 26 Lions, wives and other family members sang Christmas carols, delivered gifts to the children and served a meal for the nursing staff.

Lion Tom Kryger dressed as Santa Claus and distributed gifts to each of the children.



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

Southeastern Region -- by Lion Sandy Williams

The Naperville Noon Lions Club had a fantastic turnout for the 2010 Turkey Trot with 7,000 registrants. It is anticipated that this event will net over \$125,000 for the humanitarian causes of the club. At the club's annual Christmas Luncheon, many gifts were collected for The Humanitarian Service Project. Lion Paul Rewerts packed up all of the toys and delivered them to Humanitarian Service Project facilities in Carol Stream.

Christmas Tree sales are complete now for Lisle Lions. Final figures aren't quite in yet. Profits will be used for funding scholarships. A total of \$2,000 was expended by the club for gift certificates from Jewel and K-Mart for 20 individuals in six local families so they could have a happier holiday.

Southwestern Region -- by Lion Craig Rice

Besides contributing financially to the cause, six members of the DeKalb Evening Lions Club also assisted the Salvation Army in the organization's annual food and gift drive by sorting, arranging, and assisting families in selecting gifts for their loved ones.

The Elburn Lions hosted two events in December: the 23rd Annual Seniors Gathering and the club's annual Potluck Dinner for members. "Bullying" will be the topic of the club's next dinner meeting.

Waterman Lions Club hosted a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in December.

Malta Lions Club served 47 meals at its annual Christmas Dinner – although one-half the usual number due to snow that day. Ten food boxes were delivered to those in need and shut-ins in the community in mid-December.

Club Briefs

To help promote the club and its membership efforts, the Naperville Noon Lions Club has officially declared March 2011 as "Membership March". Each current member is asked to bring a friend to the club's noon luncheon meeting and introduce them to their fantastic group of Lions.

The Sun City - Huntley Lions Club escorted several sight-impaired seniors to a local Target store so that they could shop for Christmas gifts. The Target store employees acted as guides and accompanied the seniors from counter to counter to help them choose just the right gifts.

As part of the local "Dickens in Dundee" festivities, the Dundee Township Lions Club sponsored a "Festival of Trees" event where local youth groups and grade schools decorate a Christmas tree provided by the Lions Club in Grafelmen Park. The public was invited to vote for the best decorations by contributing money in the buckets placed in front of each tree. The trees were also judged by a local artist and awarded \$25 prizes in six different categories. All moneys collected, as well as prize money, went to the children's organization or school.

The Crystal Lake Lions Club has recently contributed nearly \$10,000 to Lions and local organizations. The club sent \$5,675 to the Lions of IL Foundation as its share of the successful Candy Day. A total of \$4,000 has been sent to District 1-J Ski for Sight, Shop With A Cop, McHenry PADS, Horizons for the Blind, the Salvation Army and the Good Samaritan Ministry.

Johnsburg Lions Club's February Monthly Meat Raffle will feature meats for your next BBQ and will benefit a Johnsburg family in need.

Villa Park Lions Club latest Newsletter has this to say: "The older members are leaving us, and the younger people find it difficult to join a service club. Down the road it may take joining up with neighboring towns to help each of us to fulfill our promises to help those in need in our towns." *Interesting thought . . .*

Cub Reporter (and Editor) Lion Mary Winkel of the McHenry Lions Club Newsletter commented in the December 2010 issue: "In looking back on this year, we had many experiences that helped to mold us into better human beings. As a club, we remain strong in our endeavors to provide sight and sound and to help those less fortunate in our community. We take a moment to thank every one of you for all your efforts that have helped to keep the McHenry Lions Club a strong club."



Lioness Clubs in 1-J

Lioness Clubs -- by Lion Sandy Williams

Fox River Grove Lionesses worked with the **FRG Lions** to cover Salvation Army Bell Ringing at various location throughout the Village. The Lioness Club made a toy collection/donation to the area Head Start Program for Christmas. Food and cash was also collected and donated to the local food pantry. The club worked with other Village groups (including the **FRG Lions Club**) to sponsor the Village Tree Lighting Festival and Santa's Visit.



Leo Clubs in 1-J

The **Elmhurst Leos** caroled at the Elmhurst Extended Care bringing holiday greetings to those in the facility.

South Elgin Leos helped at the Lions' Kids Christmas Party.

Elburn Leos participated in its first Global Action Campaign "Relieving the Hunger" with a Food Drive for the Elburn Food Pantry. (See story on p. 2) A successful Breakfast With Santa was held in December. Lions Chris & Cindy Halsey impersonated Santa & Mrs. Claus for the day. Several Leos will be assisting Lions on January 30 with Ski For Sight at Elburn Lions Park.

Itasca Leos had a Pizza Party in Dec. and then finished their Clothing Drive on December 16th.

Bloomington Westfield Leos made holiday cards for veterans, decorated Snowman Trees for the Village, and assisted the Bloomington Lions Club with its Spaghetti Dinner.

The Elburn Leo Club now has its own newsletter!!!
Four pages of copy and lots of pictures about the club's activities!
(See article on p. 2 about one of the club's projects.)

'Round the District PIX



Breakfast With Santa was quite a success for the Elburn Leos, Junior Leos, and their families. The Leos cooked sausage & bacon, scrambled eggs, flipped pancakes, brewed coffee and mixed orange juice and they served 179 guests! Elburn Lions Chris & Cindy Halsey were Santa & Mrs. Claus for the day finding out who was naughty & nice!



All of the Roselle Lion helpers at the club's Kids' Christmas Party and Lunch with Santa. *It's a colorful group, isn't it?*

Clarendon Hills Lions Club Pres. Tim Hannon (l) presents a contribution to Kelly Hill, Director of Development, Peoples Resource Center, to support their work in the community.



The Glendale Heights Barangay Lion Carolers sing for fun and to raise funds. The group performed at holiday parties, two senior citizens groups, and four homes of family and friends. They gathered \$3,000 in generous donations for the club treasury.



Lisle Lions had lots of help on tree delivery day from a large number of Lisle Teens With Character. Lions were able to get all the trees drilled and priced, and all tree stands filled that day, thanks to the teens' help!



Waterman Lion Bob Bend hands a glass of water to a runner, John Ecker, of Geneva midway through the Waterman Lions Club Gobbler Gallop 5K Run/Walk. This 4th annual event saw 351 participants running the race.



(l to r) Richmond Lions Evelyn Williams, Donna McKeever, Gary Smith & Howie Premale tell everyone about the wonderful baked goods the Richmond Lions Club has for sale at the club's Pancake Breakfast.



Our 1-J Lion Family

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

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Lion Joseph M. Joyce	Hampshire Lions	Lion Randy Stevenson
Lion John E. Hollander	Dundee Twp. Lions	Lion Pat Griffin
Lion Cheryl G. Gleason	Dundee Twp. Lions	Lion Phyllis Connelly
Lion Jerry A. Gleason	Dundee Twp. Lions	Lion Jim Connelly
Lion Stephanie Pinkston	Naperville Noon Lions	Lion Donna Kearney
Lion Joyce Hultin	Bloomington Lions	Lion Dan L. Davis
Lion Julie Mezzano	Bloomington Lions	Lion Dan L. Davis



PDG Lion Ron Fangusaro (r) inducts two new Bloomington Lions, Joyce Hultin and Julie Mezzano. The new Lions' sponsor is Lion Dan L. Davis.



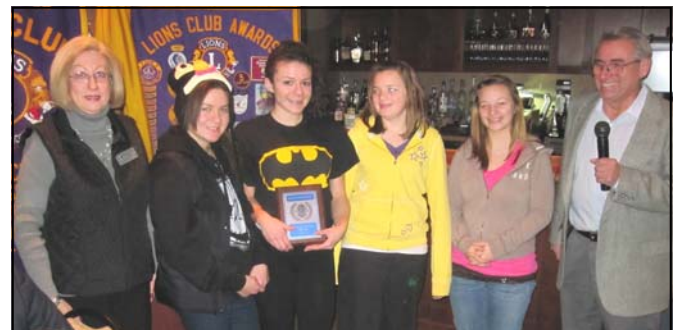
Roselle Lions Club Pres. Don Gross receives his 25th Anniversary pin.



(l to r) Richmond Lion Pres. Sandy Ditzig, DG Lion Bob Jackson, New member Lion Dave "Teddy" Walsh, and his sponsor, Lion Sheila Walsh. Lion Dave has been active at the club's fundraisers for several years – coming along with wife Sheila. *Sometimes it just takes a bit of gentle prodding – but letting them decide when the timing is right!*



New member of the Crystal Lake Lions Club, Lion Steve Maginity (2nd from right) is inducted into the club by PCC Lion John Landon. His induction is witnessed by sponsor Lion Bob Gustafson (l) and Treasurer Lion Pat Piorkowski. Lion Steve's wife Dawn Maginity will be inducted at a later meeting.



PDG Lion Ron Fangusaro, State Leo Chair, (r) and Bloomington Lions Club Pres. Sharyn Murphy (l), present the Bloomington Westfield Leos with a Leo Club of the Year Award for Lion Year 2009-2010.

WHAT'S GOIN' ON — IN 1-J

- Jan. 16 **1-J BOWLING TOURNAMENT** -- Stardust Bowl, Addison IL -- *Funds raised help reduce Dist. 1-J expenses.*
- Jan. 28 **West Chicago Lions Club** is hosting a 50th Anniversary Celebration -- 6:30 PM Cocktail Reception at Prairie Land Golf Club, 2325 Longest Drive, West Chicago. RSVP to Lion Lori Chassee at ljchassee@ameritech.net or call 630-231-8709. *Donation of your choosing taken at the door.*
- 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 or help in any way, 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. \$30 per person Draft Beer included (must be 21). Dinner includes Salad, 16 oz. Steak (you grill it), baked potato, bread & butter. Dinner 6-9 PM / DJ for dancing 9 PM to Midnight / Raffles all night!! Contact Lion Randy Funk at 815-455-8385 or rffunkyone@aol.com for tickets and info.
- Feb. 11 **The Bloomingdale Lions'** Spaghetti Dinner is at Bloomingdale 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.
- Feb. 26 **The Villa Park Lions'** 25th Annual Pancake Breakfast.
- Mar. 05 3rd **ANNUAL ILLINOIS LEO CONFERENCE** from 10 AM to 2 PM at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road, Bloomingdale 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. 16 **The Bloomingdale Lions Club's** Easter Egg Hunt at Circle Park.
- Apr. 23 **SOMEONE SPECIAL** at Drury Lane in Oak Brook -- Volunteers should plan to be there by 9 AM. Contact Lion Cindy Glenn at 630-404-9861 or cindyobt@comcast.net or Lion Shelly Lear at ftlshell@earthlink.net to let them know how your club can help.
- Apr. 30 Club Secretaries -- on-line **PU-101 (next Lion Year Officers)** is due at Lions Clubs International!
- May 01 **Bloomingdale Lions Club's** Walk-A-Thon today-- *details later!*
- May 13-15 **91st LIONS OF ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION**, Effingham IL. Only one hotel is attached to the Convention Center - The Hilton Garden Inn - 217-540-7777. Two other hotels are within 1/2 - 1 block away: The Country Inn & Suites - 217-540-5555 and Holiday Inn Express - 217-540-1111. *Call for special Lions' Rates at hotels. Also, there will be golfing and bus tours during the weekend.*



Roselle Lions Scott, MaryAnn, Johnnie Mae, Bob and Ray form an assembly line to pack goodie bags for the children coming to the club's annual Kids' Christmas Party.

Around the District



Richmond Lions Kay Smith & Sandy Ditzig at "Yesteryear in Richmond" in early Dec. — another chance to be seen in the community.



Waterman Warren Sommerfield inspects a box of grapefruit. The club sells citrus fruit to be picked-up at the club's December Pancake Breakfast.



District Commander Bill Meyer, representing the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, accepts a Sandwich Lions Club Banner from Pres. Lion Sharon Adkins. The club contributed to Toys for Tots at Christmastime.

Lombard Lions provide an annual Christmas Party for the Deicke Home/Senior Men's Club. Gifts and food are provided as well as Santa handing out stockings to Deicke Home residents.



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Crystal Lake Lions Club was just one of the clubs that contributed to Toys for Tots in their area.

Crystal Lake Lions, The Cottage and the Marine Corps League provided hundreds of toys for needy children in the McHenry County area this past holiday season.

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

If your Lions Club is like mine, it is probably inundated with requests from various community organizations for financial assistance. If your Lions Club is like mine, it does not have the necessary resources available to meet all these requests.

You can offer these organizations a way to raise funds for themselves and also help YOUR Lions of Illinois Foundation serve the more than 18,500 persons we help each year in Illinois by getting the groups involved in the Walk for Sight in June.

Any organization that raises funds and walks in the Walk for Sight will be entitled to 40% of what they raise. Our expenses in operating the walk take about 20% and the remaining 40% goes to LIF to support on-going programs.

Here's why this is such a good idea for your club and for the organizations...

First, most organizations and clubs do not have the manpower or funds to develop a walk.

Second, the group raising the funds helps LIF and their own programs.

Third, all they have to do is get the pledge, show up and walk. No work. Free exercise. Refreshments. Activities.

And, finally, they get the good feeling that comes from helping those less fortunate in our area.

Any charitable group is eligible. Church groups, bands, choirs, scouts, even your club . . . all can take part. And, their check will be sent to YOUR club for YOU to present, giving you a bond with the community.

Lion John Landon and I are asking for Lion volunteers in each Region to spearhead the Walk in their Zones and Regions. If you are interested, e-mail me or PCC Landon or call us, Bljilke@aol.com 630 289 6021 or Landon@mc.net, 815 385 1110.

Lion John and I hope to hear from many of you soon.

*Lion Bob Jilke, PDG, District 1-J Trustee
and President of the Endowment Fund
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*From the Blotter of
Lion John Landon, District 1-J Trustee
Lions of Illinois Foundation*

2010 was a good, but not a great, year for our Lions of Illinois Foundation. The Foundation's Endowment Fund is approaching seven million dollars as 2010 ends. These funds, of course, are meant to stay in the Endowment Fund to provide a permanent base for our Foundation's future. Only the interest from these funds is used to help fund our Foundation's annual services.

Candy Day 2010 looks to be better than 2009 although not all reports are in yet. The Walks for Sight are beginning to catch on and with some luck and a lot of hard work can be a significant source of funds for our Foundation. Incidentally, if any of you are willing to devote a small amount of time to serving on the Walk Planning Committee, let either one of your Trustees know (Lion Bob Jilke bljilke@aol.com or Lion John Landon landon@mc.net.)

As a new calendar year begins it is the time to think about upcoming Foundation programs such as Sight and Sound Sweepstakes. Will you or your club take the extra step and sell one or more additional books this year to help send needy children to Camp Lions or to provide them with Low Vision Screening? Will your club enthusiastically participate in, and recruit additional groups in your community to join with them, in our Walk For Sight? Will your club award Foundation Fellows? Will your club participate in Diabetes Awareness Day? Will your club participate in Tootsie Pop Day?

The bottom line is that you, and your club, have some choices to make. It's easy to say, "not this year" or "we have too much other stuff going on". Not participating isn't going to hurt you, probably it won't hurt your club and it won't hurt our Foundation.

Not participating WILL hurt the needy children and adults who will not receive services from our Foundation because we are short of funds. Are you willing to make that choice? Or are you willing to make 2011 the year you and your club step up to provide vision and hearing services to needy children and adults?

*Lion John Landon, PDG, PCC
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CLUB OF THE YEAR CONTEST

From 1st Vice District Governor Lion Jim Addington

Well, we are half way home and several clubs are being very aggressive in reporting projects and community efforts as well as getting their reports in on time. At the same time several clubs are not sending in any reports or letting me know what they are doing.

Some new clubs have emerged at the half way point this year due to increased membership, or participating in the Int'l President's theme. Here is where we stand at mid-year:

SMALL CLUBS (under 26 Lions) 26 clubs in this category

1st Place - Wonder Lake

2nd Place - Cortland

3rd Place - Elgin

4th Place - Wood Dale

MID SIZE CLUBS (26 TO 50 Lions) -- 34 clubs in this category

1st Place - McHenry

2nd Place - Westmont

3rd Place - Naperville Noon

4th Place - Lombard

5th Place - Bensenville

6th Place - Dundee Township

LARGE CLUBS (over 50 Lions) -- 14 clubs in this category

1st Place - Elburn

2nd Place - Sun City Huntley

3rd Place - Bartlett

4th Place - No. Aurora

LIONESSE CLUBS (6 Clubs in this category)

1st Place - Fox River Grove

2nd Place - Union

LEO CLUBS (14 Clubs in this category)

1st Place - Bloomingdale

2nd Place - Addison

3rd Place - Elburn

Many of the clubs are separated by only a few points. There is still six months to go. Plenty of time to report projects and club efforts. Do not forget that Gov. Bob has decreed that all clubs that participate in any of the Int'l President's programs get 300 points for each quarter that they participate. The 3rd quarter is to feed the hungry and the fourth quarter is the environment. So plant a couple of trees and get 300 points. To see more on available points look at pages 80 & 81 in the District Directory.

Keep up the good work and keep sending me your newsletters and reports.

More Ways to Win with LIF Sweepstakes!

Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF) has announced the following changes to the Sight & Sound Sweepstakes program. To improve the interest in selling of Sight & Sound Sweepstakes tickets, the two club trips to Hawaii and Las Vegas have been eliminated. Instead, 25 individual prizes for Lions/Lionesses, will be awarded for high-ticket sales.

Eligibility for individual seller prizes:

1. Only individual Lions or Lioness are eligible; clubs are not eligible.
2. A minimum of 25 complete books of Sweepstakes tickets must be sold to qualify for an award.
3. All completed Sweepstakes ticket stubs, related money, and the completed Individual Seller form must be packaged as a group and returned to the Foundation Office no later than May 1st of the Campaign Year.

Prizes are one each of the following: \$500, \$350, \$250, and \$200; along with twenty-one (21) \$100 prizes.

The remaining rules for individual prizes are published in the Jan/Feb issue of the IL State Magazine and also in the LIF Lions Share . For answers to your questions about the LIF Sweepstakes, please check with Lion Ron Wigton at 815-786-2385.