

District 1-J Journal

Home of Lionism

From the Governors Desk . . .



Greetings!

The year as your Governor is closely coming to a close and we have had a great time visiting your clubs and functions. Your clubs have done so much to be that Beacon of Hope for the needs in your communities which keeps us the Number One organization in the world and we congratulate you for your efforts.

Lionism is surely the greatest commitment that anyone can be part of, with the love and caring that you show for the less fortunate in your communities who call upon you. We ask that you continue your caring and love for your communities and keep District 1-J the premier district of MD-1.

We have had so many disasters with tornados, floods, and strong storms through out our country that LCIF has committed several grants to these communities to help with all those in need.

The Lions Clubs in these communities are the first to help in these disasters with shelters and aiding the other organizations and services. There have been some communities completely wiped out and they are in need of more donations to help the ones that have lost everything. If you feel compelled to help, you can contact Lion Clubs International

Foundation with a donation or find out what your club could do to send some products to the destroyed areas.

The District Convention was great fun and it was a joy to see so many of you there. PID Lion Doc Myers gave a great performance and speech that has committed me to be a much better Lion and commit myself to the greatness of Lionism.

Being Governor has been an honor and will never be forgotten, but my being a Lion is of greater joy, for you can see the fruits of your labor and commitment to those in need.

My Dad and Mom did a great service by helping me to care for others and to help them if able to. They both are truly missed for they were great parents and I will always keep what they have taught me deep in my heart .



Continue to keep our troops and their families in your prayers for they are the greatest as was shown this weekend when they committed themselves to rid the world of the top terrorist who committed so many deaths throughout the world and our country.

The professionalism of our Navy Seals and all of the other men and women in uniform show the greatness of their ability to protect our great country. May God continue to protect them and bring them back home safely in the near future.

District 1-J Governor Lion Bob Jackson

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Lions of Illinois Foundation Walk For Sight Forms

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on the District 1-J web site
at www.districtjliions.org

And Now We Say Good Bye To . . .

*Lion Robert Kastner, Sr.
Johnsburg Lions Club*

F. Y. I.

*PDG Lion Wayne Gilbert, (1995-96),
formerly a DeKalb Eve. Lion and now a
resident of Sylvan Grove, Kansas, for
many years, recently had surgery to
deal with several blockages.
Wife Peg indicated that the bypass
surgery will undoubtedly take care
of the problems he's had the last
couple of years.*

*Send Get Well Wishes to them at:
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Sylvan Grove Kansas 67481
Phone: 913-658-2283*

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Asking for Help With Tornado & Flood Relief

From 1-J Governor Lion Bob Jackson: " We as lions are a kind and warm-hearted organization and it would be of great help to these southern communities for all of our help and aid. Thank you for all that you do here in District 1-J. Now we are being called upon by other districts here in our great country. Please do your part to help these other districts with the caring that is known in 1-J. "



Dear LCIF Coordinators in US East and Canada,

On Wednesday, April 27th, a deadly tornado outbreak in the U.S. killed at least 280 people, left thousands homeless and caused millions of dollars in damage. As always, our members and Foundation are bringing aid to the people affected by this disaster. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded 11 emergency grants to districts in Alabama, North Carolina, Virginia, Mississippi and Missouri. Local Lions will use these grants to provide immediate relief supplies, including food, water, clothing and medication.

LCIF has also established a designated fund for donations, the U.S. Southern States Tornado Disaster Fund. LCIF can accept donations by check, wire or credit card. Please visit our Donations page at <<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/supporting-our-work/make-a-donation/index.php>> for more information. You can also send the following link to the LCIF website to Lions in your District: <http://blog.lionsclubs.org/2011/04/29/story-of-the-week-lions-lcif-providing-disaster-relief-for-tornado-victims-in-u-s/>

International Director Yamandu Acosta from Eufaula, Alabama, has stated, "We are lamenting 209 deaths in Alabama and the tremendous physical destruction is appalling...The Pleasant Grove community was so heavily struck that the only thing left are the paved roads...The pictures do not [do] justice to the level of the destruction, but are the only physical and visual testimony of a tragedy of unparalleled dimension...The Lions are present in the area with food, water and medicine vouchers, and we will make every effort to relieve as much as we can the pain and despair they are living at this moment. The lack of civil infrastructure in Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, and communities in Lawrence County make life very difficult. These communities are without lights, shelter, water and they need a lot of manpower to help rebuild the area.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the designated fund for donations.

*Jayne Westerlund
LCIF Development Coordinator
Lions Clubs International Foundation
(630) 468-6818*

Get Extra Money for Our Foundation

I want to remind all Club Presidents to run their Foundation Fellows through "Birdies for Charities" by issuing the check to "John Deere Classics Foundation" and mailing the check along with a "Birdies for Charities" form to me at:

Lion Jim Graves

12955 Big Horn Drive, Huntley IL 69142

Give me your guess on the number of Birdies to be shot at the 2011 Golf Tournament. If you don't have a form, I will fill one out for your club and process it through the Lions of IL Foundation Office.

Doing it in this manner will give our Foundation an extra 5-10 percent. Last year we had an 8% bonus.

Lion Jim Graves

1-J Birdies Coordinator

Phone: 847-515-3036

It Only Took 43 Years!

Contributed by West Chicago Lion Charlie Wenk

Forty-three years ago, West Chicago Lions Club Pres. Joe Jedlovec (then Staff Sgt. Joe) was in combat in Vietnam. Under heavy fire he moved out on the battlefield to save a wounded comrade. Then the Lieutenant in command submitted a request for a commendation for Joe.



The Lieutenant in charge is now writing a book about the battle and called Lion Joe for some information. He asked Lion Joe if he had received the commendation for him and Lion Joe indicated he knew nothing about it.

Several weeks ago a commendation AND a Bronze Star Medal for Valor arrived for his action.

Yes, it only took 43 years, but it happened! Congratulations, Lion Joe, we're proud of you!

"I Believe in Lions Leadership"

The Early Bird Registration deadline for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is just around the corner.

Register now for the 35th Annual Forum to be held Sept. 22-24 in Anchorage, Alaska, as the Registration Fee goes up after June 15th.

Go to <https://usacanadaforum.org>
to register and find information about the Forum

PID Lion Bud Wahl, General Chair

2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Special Mention in 1-J

George Lazansky Award

Naperville Noon Lion Maria Wilson

Character Counts

Recognition in Bloomingdale

Bloomingdale Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson

Bloomingdale Lion Perry Knutson

Bloomingdale Lion Mary Ellen Johnson

25-year Chevron and Certificate

Roselle Lions Club Pres. Don Gross

Lions of IL Foundation Fellows

Sun City-Huntley Lion Gordy Siebert –

(presented posthumously)

Sandwich Lion Sue Carter

Sandwich Lion Ron Wigton

Be A Part of the Walk For Sight

LIF Trustees Lion John Landon and Bob Jilke hope that all clubs in District 1-J will participate in the Walk For Sight on June 5th at Peck Farm/Viking Junior High site in Geneva. (A map is included on the Information Sheet.)

Both the Information Sheet and the Donation Form for the Walk are included as an Insert in this issue.

Volunteers will be needed in the areas below on the day of the Walk. Please let either Lion John Landon or Bob Jilke know if you can help.

Set-Up	10:30 AM - Noon	Some muscle, carrying work
Registration	1 PM - 2:30 PM	Sit-down work
Food/Water	1 PM - 4:30 PM	Easy, pass out
Conduct Games Beep Baseball	1 PM - 2:30 PM	Show participants how to play
Act as Marshals and Crossing Guards	1 PM - 4:30 PM	Direct participants to games, food, and assist crossing the street
Take Down	2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Some muscle, carrying work

Resolutions To Be Voted Upon

Six resolutions are to be voted upon by the Lions of Illinois at the Lions State Convention on May 13-15 at Effingham IL. Here's a quick summary -- for all the details see pp. 6-7 in the Mar/Apr 2011 issue IL Lions State Magazine:

Resolution 1: Clarifies dates used to determine how many members a club will have for dues billing (International??)

Resolution 2: Will remove the time limit that a PDG has to run for Council Chairman

Resolution 3: Limits the Lions of IL State Magazine to printed form and one magazine per address -- with no reimbursement on dues for the Lion at the same address

Resolution 4: Limits the amount of reimbursement allowed for the out-going governor when attending an International Convention

Resolution 5: Creates the position of Council Chairperson Pro Tem to be elected by the Vice District Governors

Resolution 6: Changes how the Long Range Planning Chairperson is selected and the length of time that he/she serves.

Character Counts Recognition

At a recent Breakfast, several Bloomingdale Lions Club members received recognition from the local Character Counts organization.

Bloomingdale Lions Club nominated Lion Mary Ellen Johnson for service to her community. Bill Bahr, member of Character Counts, nominated Lion Perry Knutson for his involvement with the Leo Clubs for past several years, and Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson for her great PR of community events in Noteworthy Neighbors columns in local papers.

(See photo of winners on p. 10.)

Villa Park Lions Sponsor LCI Essay Contest Winner

Twelve year-old Amy Bosko of Albright Middle School in Villa Park was the Grand Prize winner of the Lions Clubs International Essay Contest for visually-impaired students, 11-13 years of age.

Amy's winning essay "The Power of Peace" was sponsored by the Villa Park Lions and she will receive a check for \$5,000 from LCI. Villa Park Pres. Bud Phillimore will present it to Amy at a future Village Board Meeting. She previously was presented with an award at the 1-J Convention for a winning essay entry at the District & State levels of Lionism.

Congratulations to Amy and to the Villa Park Lions for encouraging visually-impaired students to participate in this essay-writing contest.

*Provide a handicapped child or adult
with a memorable experience*

ADOPT A CAMPER

Camp Lions Adopt-A-Camper,
Lions of Illinois Foundation
2814 DeKalb Avenue, Sycamore, IL 60178

Make Sure No Camper is Left Behind

We are rallying all the clubs of District 1-J to come to the aid of Camp Lions. Camp Lions is welcoming more than 230 campers to the summer sessions starting June 26.

Last year, due to a funding shortfall, more than 50 campers were turned away from this enriching experience, fun and learning that Camp Lions provides to the youth and adults with hearing and/or vision impairments.

This year, with your generous and loyal support, let's make sure NO CAMPER IS LEFT BEHIND. As of April 5, 2011, 22 clubs have donated a total of \$28,887. This total is slightly higher than last year's tally, but we still have a long way to go to reach our goal of sponsoring all campers.

We urge the rest of the District 1-J clubs to start sending their donations to:

Camp Lions Adopt-A-Camper
Lions of Illinois Foundation
2814 DeKalb Ave.
Sycamore, IL 60178

Thank you for your generous and continued support for Camp Lions.

Lion Jess Galvez
District 1J Camp Lions Coordinator
jess.galvez@comcast.net

Fundraiser for "Someone Special"

This was the 23rd year for the Someone Special event that took place in mid-April at Drury Lane In Oak Brook.

Each year, the club has hosted a Pasta Dinner to provide funding for the Someone Special event.

This year's fundraiser will be held on May 14th at the Salvation Army Hall, 1 S 415 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace (just north of Butterfield Rd. and south of Roosevelt Rd.) (See more details in the 1-J Calendar.)

Pictures, Pictures, & More Pictures!

We have even more photos taken at the 1-J Convention and McHenry Lion Mary Winkel is the photographer for these.

Go to the 1-J website, www.district1jlions.org and click on "Photos" in the left-hand column of the opening page of the 1-J website. *Look for Lion Mary's contribution and enjoy!!!*

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

Central Region -- by Region Reporter Lion Jess Galvez

The **Bartlett Lions Club** donated \$10,500 to LIF to sponsor 20 campers to Camp Lions, \$250 to LCI for Japan Relief Fund, \$490 to sponsor 2 children to a special Diabetes Camp, \$250 to Chicago Lighthouse for the blind, \$1,000 to Spectrios Institute for the children's program for the visually impaired, and \$1,150 to sponsor two children to Camp KODA for children of deaf parents.

The **Batavia Lions Club** participated in the Batavia Park District Easter Egg Hunt on April 16. The club helped with the Batavia-Inter-Faith Food Pantry in the Spring Food Sharing Days. Twelve **Batavia Lions** helped with the distribution of food stuffs in the two food pantry stores.

The **South Elgin Lions Club** Green Team is selling rain barrels – each one holds 55 gallons of water that might run into a storm drain or down the street. They are \$65 each and profits will help fund environmental greening projects at Lions Park.

Eastern Region -- by Region Reporter Lion Jess Galvez

The **Bensenville Lions** sponsored a \$1,000 James DeOrio Scholarship and a \$250 Lions special scholarships for the Fenton students, A donation of \$250 was made to Leader Dog. The club donated 3 hearing aids, 400 pairs used eyeglasses and 40 pounds of keys to LIF for recycling.

The **Bloomington Lions** held a successful Easter Egg Hunt at the Westfield School gym on April 16 - 3,000 Easter eggs were prepared, more than a hundred kids participated in the Egg Hunt, and fifteen Lions volunteered under the direction of Chairperson Lion Cory Viger.

The **Elmhurst Lions Club** awarded two scholarships - a \$1,500 academic scholarship and a \$500 community scholarship named for Lion John Liberti. Lions Patty Worden and Barb Savage are starting a Lions Green Team to participate in recycling, park cleanup, selling rain barrels, planting a rain garden and an Adopt-a-Park program.

The **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions** welcomed Gov-Elect Lion Jim Addington during his annual club visit. He fired up the membership with his new administration mantra - "Have fun serving as Lions. Let's put a smile on every Lion's face." While there, Lion Jim also inducted five new members. (*See photo on front of this issue.*) The club provided a free eye exam and glasses to a Glenbard West high school student.

Wit & Wisdom

Contributed by Eastern Region Reporter Lion Jess Galvez

"Walter Breuning, the world's oldest man who died at 114, left his words of wisdom:

Embrace change, even when change slaps you in the face. ("Every change is good.")

Eat two meals a day. ("That's all you need.")

Work as long as you can ("That money's going to come in handy.")

Help others. ("The more you do for others, the better shape you're in.")

Then there's the hardest part: Accept death."

Using the Internet to learn about your Lions in Action . . .

Contributed by Fox River Region Reporter, PDG Lion Jack Anderson

...Want to know what's going on at Lions Clubs International and the LCIF, just search - www.lionsclubs.org/

...Want to know what's going on with the Lions in the State of Illinois, just search - www.illinoislionsmd1.org/

...Want to know what's going at the Lions of Illinois Foundation, just search - www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org/

...Want to know what's going on with Lions, Lioness & Leo Clubs in the area, just search - www.district1jlions.org/ and look under "Journal" at the top of the page.

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

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

The **Elgin Lions Club's** Rose Day showed sales of 570 dozen, eclipsing last year's total.

The **Island Lake Lions** provided assistance to a nine year old school child, by providing an exam and glasses, at a cost of \$200; donated \$100 to Lions of Illinois Foundation Camp Lions Adopt A Camper program; donated 140 pair of used eyeglasses, 2 pounds of keys, and 4 cell phones to Lions Of Illinois Foundation; and donated \$100 to the Island Lake Lioness Club for their Easter Egg Hunt. The Lions also donated their time to the event along with the Lioness Pancake Breakfast.

The **Dundee Township Lions** voted to give the Fish Food Pantry \$500 to help the needy in the communities. They also gave \$525 to the LIF Camp Lions. The club hosted its annual Ranch Style Breakfast, featuring pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, orange juice, milk and coffee. An estimated 400 people were served during the four hours of operation. Lion Cheryl Gleason provided face painting for children attending, and Chris Ides took family photographs for the attendees. The West Dundee Fire Department had two vehicles available for children to see and sit in and the Lions Foundation Hearing Van provided hearing screenings.

The **Sun City - Huntley Lions Club** held their annual Pasta Dinner with over 300 people attending and raised over \$2,000. The Lions continue to donate their time to the Lions of Illinois Foundation to separate eye glasses on a twice a month basis. The **Sun City - Huntley Lions Club** also donated \$500 to LIF for a Foundation Fellow and \$10,000 to LCIF for a Melvin Jones Fellow with the money ear-marked for Japan Relief.

Bits of Dis 'n Dat

The **Fox River Grove Lioness Club** held a new Membership Drive/Fundraiser this year called "Bowling For College."

From the proceeds of the **Bartlett Lions Club's** Candlelight Bowl for Diabetes, the Lions donated \$2,495 to the American Diabetes Association and \$1,690 to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Twelve individuals from Lisle with vision needs were signed up by **Lisle Lions** at the Trinity Lutheran Free Clinic. They were given OneSight vouchers purchased from LensCrafters. Two other Lisle residents were also provided with eyeglasses by the club in April.

Bartlett Lions Club Pres. Sara Cooper gave an environmental presentation to 30 students at the Liberty School on April 7 on the Earth's Water Cycle and Water Pollution Prevention.

The **Dundee Lions** hosted the girls All-Star players from their recent Girls Middle School Basketball Tournament at Kosta's Restaurant. Thirteen Lions greeted the All-Stars, their parents and coaches, and provided a banquet meal. The All-Stars were introduced by their coaches and lauded for their outstanding play. The highlight of the evening was an inspirational talk by former Lion and official scorekeeper, Jack Weightman.

Glendale Heights Barangay Lions Club scheduled a "fun activity" for the month -- Learn How to Dance the Tango! *If anyone can do that -- the GHB Lions can!!*

Elburn Lions Club puts on Elburn Days each August. Members noted that many in the community think the event is sponsored by the Village of Elburn. Lions want to change that this year. There will be a banner at the front of the parade denoting "Elburn Lions Days Parade" carried by Elburn Leos, followed by Lions Club members in Lions' shirts. "We need to toot our own horn, if we want to be heard!" *Good idea, Lions & Leos!!*

For in-coming 2011-2012 Lions Club officers -- you will be able to create your own username and password to file the **Monthly Membership Report (MMR)**. Continuing officers that use a password may keep their password and not have to register again. Heretofore, it has changed each year even though the same person was holding the office. Live training on the web will take place on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 PM (Central Time). Ten minutes prior to the training session, go to WMMR TRAINING to register and download the web training components.

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

Southeastern Region -- by Lion Sandy Williams

Darien Lions Club will be holding its annual Golf Outing Fundraiser in early June. At the end of the day, the Lions hold “A Big Raffle” that is one of the club’s major sources of revenue. There will be 13 prizes drawn with a top prize of \$10,000! This fundraiser (*see details on the 1-J Calendar*) provides money for the 4th of July Parade and the club’s Halloween Party -- both of which are very much enjoyed by the community.

Naperville Noon Lions spent another great year covering the registration table at the local St. Baldrick’s event. Even with a change in venue, the event did very well. The club had a visit to the new location of the local Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. The facility is double in size of the previous one, allowing it to double its capacity of service to the community. **Naperville Noon Lions Club** is proud to be able to support this great organization.

April was a very busy month for **Lisle Lions**! Donations approved were: \$200 to the New Zealand Earthquake Fund, \$200 to the Japan Earthquake Fund, and \$150 to put an ad in the Chicago Comets Beep Baseball Program. Four Lions and two spouses attended Someone Special; a \$600 donation was sent earlier. The annual Easter Egg Hunt attracted quite a few more children as we partnered with a local church group this year -- thank heavens -- the weather was nice enough to be outdoors! On the last day of the month, several Lions assisted at the Sustainable Saturday recycling event in Lisle collecting eyeglasses, hearing aids & old keys.

Southwestern Region -- Lion Sandy Williams subbing for Lion Craig Rice who is under the weather now.

Malta Lions Club had a very successful Pancake Day. “ Good signage around town really helped!,” the Lions report.

The **DeKalb Evening Lions Club** provided two pairs of eyeglasses for local residents. The Rose Day fundraiser was completed on the last two days of April.

Spring activities for the **Sandwich Lions Club** included: a Road Clean-up, a Pancake Breakfast, the annual Lou Brady Draw Down for scholarships, and collecting for Tootsie Pop Days.

Elburn Lions hosted two events last month and five Friday nights of Bingo – only three more Bingo nights before a summer recess. Plans are being made for the annual Bags & Bones Tournament in late July and Elburn Days Aug. 19-21. Many Lions came out to help with Park maintenance this spring. Many mature ash trees were stricken with the ash-borer disease and were replaced with young maple trees. Ten new members have been added to the Club Roster on the April 2011 MMR – *we’ll catch up with them in next month’s issue – I have names, but no sponsors yet.*

Last month, **Sycamore Lions** cleaned the Bike Path at the Great Western Trailhead on the East end of town, made a Meals on Wheels delivery on Easter Sunday, and conducted its annual Flower Day fundraiser.

Gotten Your Rain Barrel Yet?

Contributed by South Elgin Linda Scham

With spring just around the corner, the South Elgin Lions Club Green Team is selling rain barrels to the public.

Each barrel is capable of holding 55 gallons of water that might have run into a storm drain or down the street. Barrels are being sold for only \$65.00 each and all profits from sales of the barrels will help fund Environmental Greening projects at Lions Park, such as rain gardens, level spreaders, and erosion control through the South Elgin Parks and Recreation FUNDation.

In the summer, average water consumption for each house increases by 40% due to watering of lawns, gardens and flower beds. Using a rain barrel can help reduce some of that extra water consumption.

If interested, please mail checks to South Elgin Lions Club, 500 Fulton St., South Elgin IL 60177 and indicate this is for our Rain Barrel project and include your contact information. If you have questions about the barrels or want to arrange for a pick-up, please call 847-888-9575 or send an e-mail to rainbarrels@southelginlions.com.



Lioness Clubs in 1-J

Lioness Clubs -- by Lion Sandy Williams

The **Island Lake Lioness** Annual Al Schmidt/Lioness Egg Hunt was April 16 and due to poor weather was moved indoors and became an Egg Scramble in the Village of Island Lake Gym. . . "It was a blast!" the Lionesses say. . The Breakfast that followed the Egg Scramble, hosted for the first time this year, raised over \$400. The club participated in its Annual Tootsie Pop Day early this month. Scholarship applications will be picked up soon and a winner determined.

The **Fox River Grove Lioness Club** held a new Membership Drive/Fundraiser this year called "Bowling For College." Two scholarships will be awarded by the club to graduating high school students. A donation of \$2,500 provided school supply kits for local elementary school children in need. A total of 644 pairs of eyeglasses were collected and donated for recycling.



Leo Clubs in 1-J

Most of our material this month has been provided by PDG Lion Ron Fangusaro, Leo Clubs and Youth Opportunities State Chair:

Twelve **SASED Leos** participated in the Relay for Life April 9th and 10th in Willowbrook. The club gained two new members.

Leos earned \$45.00 making Leprechaun Shakes for St. Patrick's Day.

The **Bloomington Westfield Middle School Leos** have added two new members. Seven Leos participated in the Illinois Prairie Path Clean Up. Eight Leos participated in Bloomington's Walk A Dog Thon early this month.

The **Geneva High School Leo Club** has added one new member. Eleven Leos participated with **Geneva Lions** in the "60 Men Who Can Cook" in early May at the Kane County Fair Grounds. Leos will be taking part in Diabetes Awareness with **Geneva Lions** this month. On the week of May 16th, the club will promote the Walk For Sight and collect eyeglasses.

This month, **Geneva Middle School Leos** will do a Bridge Walk, hold a Shoe Drive, and volunteer at Marklund Home in Geneva.

Collected from other sources --

April was Leo Awareness Month and the **Elmhurst Leos** wore their new shirts to school.

Elburn Leos recently approved eight new Leo members and nine new Junior Leos. The club hosted its first Wii Tournament to raise funds for Elburn Leo Charities. The Leos took part in the Global Action Campaign, Protecting the Environment, by starting a recycling center for aluminum cans. A total of 150 bags (10 lbs each) of Vidalia onions were sold to benefit Elburn Leo Charities. The annual Mothers Day Breakfast was hosted by the Leo Club.

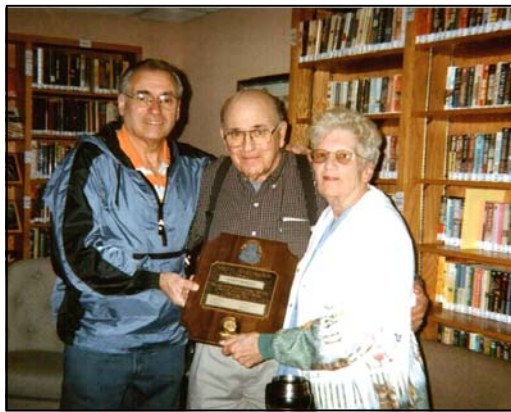


New Roselle Lion Mike Harris gets his "special" pin from sponsor Lion Bill Dombrowski -- we think this is a pin he can get rid of only by sponsoring a new member himself.

'Round the District PIX



Character Counts in Bloomingdale recently made awards to nine local residents. Three Bloomingdale Lions were honored:: Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson for great PR for the community in her Noteworthy Neighbors columns, Lion Perry Knutson for his work with Leo Clubs during the past several years, and Lion Mary Ellen Johnson for her service to the community.



PDG Lion Ron Fangusaro presented Richmond Lions Club Charter Member Lion Harry Krieger (c) with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award last month. On the right if Lion Kay Smith.



West Chicago Lions are starting to get firewood ready for the club's Fall 2011 selling season. The 2010 sale made enough to give \$5,000 to three food pantries in West Chicago.



Exe. Dir. Lion Van Stone of the Lions of IL Foundation presents a Foundation Fellow Award in the name of the late Sun City -Huntley Lion Gordy Siebert to his wife, Lion Mary Seibert.



Bartlett Lion Joe Schiferl collects for Diabetes Awareness at the Bartlett Post Office.



Our 1-J Lion Family

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

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Lion Chad B. Miller	Johnsburg Lions	Lion Craig Wallace
Lion Karl H. Nitz	Johnsburg Lions	Lion Ed Hetterman
Lion Linda Hallman	Sun City-Huntley Lions	Lion Jack Anderson, PDG
Lion Jerry S. Korabik	Geneva Lions	Reinstated
Lion Danilo Dacanay	Glendale Heights Barangay	Lion Dee Javier
Lion Marivic Reyes	Glendale Heights Barangay	Lion Dee Javier
Lion Neil Nicolas	Glendale Heights Barangay	Lion Mar Carlos
Lion Zeny Acierto	Glendale Heights Barangay	Lion Mar Carlos
Lion Engracia Aguilar	Glendale Heights Barangay	Lion Tony Pineda
Lion Mike Harris	Roselle Lions	Lion Bill Dombrowski
Lion Julie Kosanovich	Villa Park Lions	Lion Helen Dreckman
Lioness Laurie Rabattini	Island Lake Lioness	Lioness Sally Fleissner
Lion Lance Armstrong	Sandwich Lions	Lion Tom Martin

Sun City-Huntley Lions Club President Jack Anderson welcomes new Lion member, Linda Hallman, into the club. Linda lives in Sun City and has been an active member in the V.I.S.A. (Visually Impaired Support & Assistance Group) that is co-sponsored by the Sun City - Huntley Lions Club. Lion Jack is Lion Linda's sponsor.



A welcome addition to the McHenry Lions Club -- Lions David Hendee (far right) and Michelle Hendee. Lion David was sponsored by Club Pres. Lion Curtis Bremer and Lion Michelle's sponsor is Lion Judy Bierman (2nd from left).



Two new Malta Lions were inducted by SW ZC Lion Chris Halsey (l). Sponsor Lion Gary Kuhn for new Lion Roger Kyler and new Lion Kelly Lauritzen and sponsor Lion Larry Fullington.



McHenry Lions Club also welcomed two transfer members from the Hebron Lions Club. (l to r) Lion Pat Jackson and Lion Darlene Jackson with McHenry Lions Pres. Lion Curtis Bremer.



WHAT'S GOIN' ON – IN 1-J

- 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. *Also, there will be golfing and bus tours during the week end. See Schedule on 1-J's website under Conventions/State of Illinois.*
- May 14 23rd Annual Pasta Dinner, hosted by Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club, at Salvation Army Hall, 1 S 415 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace. Serving from 4:30 - 7 PM. Adults: \$6.00; Children ages 5-12 - \$4.00; Children under 5 - Free. Prize Give-Aways every half hour (do not need to be present to win)
- May 17 **Bensenville Lions** Fenton High School's 71st Annual Athletics Awards Dinner at Monty's in Bensenville at 6:30 pm.
- May 21 The **Glendale Heights Barangay Lions** 27th Charter Anniversary Party at the Medinah Shriners Center, 550 Shriners Drive, Addison. Tickets are \$45/person. Ads are being solicited for the souvenir program - \$100/page, \$60 half-page. Inside front or back cover \$250, outside back cover \$300.
- May 26 There's a Senior Fair, hosted by the **Bloomington Lions Club**, today.
- Jun 02 **Darien Lions Club** Golf Outing at Carriage Greens CC, Darien IL. \$100 per Golfer includes: 18 holes of Challenging Golf with Cart -- New 2-Person Scramble Format. Adult beverages included during play, lunch provided at Half-Way House, Games of Chance during the day. Delicious Dinner served at 5 PM. New information or changes can be found at www.darienlions.org (look for Golf Outing). Big Raffle to be held at conclusion of Golf Outing. Proceeds are used for putting on the 4th of July Parade and the Halloween Party. Tickets are \$100 each -- 13 prize winners will be drawn with the top one of \$10,000.
- Jun. 02 **Bartlett Lions'** Annual Golf Outing at the Bartlett Hills Country Club.
- Jun. 02-05 **Roselle Lions** Festival -- three new bands on stage, Bingo and Bags Tournament, Carnival rides, Beer, Margaritas & Lemonade will be available as well as several food vendors. The State Police and State Farm Insurance will stage a simulated auto crash demo, a new feature attraction this year.
- Jun. 05 **Lions of IL Foundation WALK FOR SIGHT** at Peck Farm Park, Geneva IL – *See the forms for the Walk in this issue.*
- Jun. 06 **Crystal Lake Lions Club's** Annual Golf Outing at Boone Creek Golf Club today. Registration starts at 9:30 AM with Shotgun Start at 10:30 AM. \$100 per person includes golf, cart, prizes, lunch & dinner. \$450 Special = One Four-some Hole Sponsorship. Registration deadline - May 25th. Call Nick at 815-404-3223 or Pat at 815-546-0393.
- Jun. 06 **South Elgin Lions Club** free vision and hearing screening at Heritage Woods, 700 McLean Blvd. South Elgin from 9 AM to 3 PM. Contact Lion Linda Scham at 847-809-9102 for more information.
- Jun. 08 **McHenry Lions Club** is hosting the LIF Hearing Van at the Senior Center from 9 AM to 12 Noon.
- Jun. 9-11 Peterson Park in McHenry is the place for the **McHenry Lions Club** Carnival! Look for coupons in the local paper for \$2 off on wristbands, which allows unlimited rides on Thurs. & Fri. from 5:30–9 PM.
- Jun. 10 The **Wood Dale Lions Club** and the City of Wood Dale are hosting a Blood Drive and the LIF Hearing Bus combined from 12 - 5:30 pm at the Wood Dale City Hall, 404 N. Wood Dale Road. For more information, call the Clerk's Office at 630-787-3709.
- Jun. 10-11** Special Olympics/Opening Eyes at IL State University, Bloomington/Normal
- Jun. 11 Today is the day of the **Batavia Lions Club** Annual Golf Outing, the Guide Dog Golf Classic, at Fox Valley Golf Course, Rte. 25, Batavia. Check-in at 9:00 AM. \$85 per golfer for 18 holes of golf with cart -- format will be a 4-person scramble. Delicious chicken & pork chop dinner at the Moose Lodge with prizes & raffles.
- Jun. 11 Only a few more days to get the Early Bird Registration Fee for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum that will be held Sept. 22-24 in Anchorage Alaska. The Registration Fee goes up after June 15th. You may print out the Registration Form or register on-line at <https://usacanadalionsforum.org>.
- Jun. 16 The **Bloomington Lions'** American Cancer Society Relay for Life is at Lake Park West Campus.
- Jun. 17 Deadline for entering your club's Environment Project in the **District 1-J Lions Green Team Contest** is June 30. Entry forms were sent to all Club Presidents. The winning club will be announced at the 1st round of Region Meetings in 2011-2012. Questions – contact Sue.Crosson.Knutson@gmail.com or 630-894-7394.



Long-time Lion of the Malta Lions Club, Chet Palmer, will be moving away to South Carolina. The club threw him a going-away party. He will be missed by the whole Malta community.

Around the District



Canines for Independence were definitely one of the "main acts" at the Bloomingdale Lions' annual Walk=A-Dog-A-Thon. Proceeds earned from the Walk were donated to Canines for Independence.



As much as we like to think the Easter Bunny makes everyone happy, here's proof that it doesn't always! He/She was part of the Aurora Noon Lions Breakfast with the Bunny.



Bloomingdale Lions scattered 3,000 eggs over the gym floor

for the club's annual Easter Egg Hunt. We really like the "logo" in the center, don't you?

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Governor-Elect Lion Jim Addington () inducted five new members when he visited the club recently. Those with Lions' vests: Lions Dee Javier, Mar Carlos & Tony Pineda were the sponsors of new Lions Danilo Dacanay, Marivic Reyes, Neil Nicolas, Zeny Acierto, and Engracia Aguilar.

There will definitely will be MORE hands to help more!!

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Lions of Illinois Annual “Walk for Sight” for District 1-J on Sunday – June 5, 2011 Information Sheet

Raise Money for Your Organization

Helping our worthy cause...

Can help your worthy cause!

A portion of the donation money you collect can be returned to your organization, if you qualify. Get details from your local Lions Club, Lioness Club, Leo Club or the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

How You Can Participate...

Individual Walkers - Collect your donations and join other walkers who are supporting the same cause: “We Walk ... To Light The Way!”

Team Walking- Why not join forces, whether it’s at work or home or your club or organization and form your own team for the “Walk for Sight”. What a great way to show your combined support as well as share in the fun of the day.

Lioness, Leo & Lion Club Teams - A group of walkers (Club members, family, friends) representing your Lions Club.

Organization Teams - A group of walkers representing the same organization - for example: a high school, junior high, church group, scout troop, a school band, youth group or local booster club. What a great way to earn “Community Service” points and at the same time, raise money for your organization.

Note: You can only belong to one team.

Registration & Donation Form

Walkers, groups, and organizations need to register through their local Lions Club, Lioness Club, Leo Club, or direct with the Lions of Illinois Foundation. All registration forms, with donation money collected, should be turned in prior to the “Walk for Sight” event. Each walker is encouraged to collect at least \$100 in donations.

All checks must be made payable to: **Lions of Illinois Foundation. Donations are Tax Deductable.**

Entry Fees

Adults: \$20 per individual walker. Entry fee is **free** with \$100 or more in donations collected.

High School Students and Younger:

Entry fee is free, but each walker is encouraged to collect at least \$50 in donations.

Leave Your Footprints

You can memorialize your participation by making and signing your own “Footprint” on our “Walk for Sight” banner. Our goal is that the “Walk for Sight” becomes a personal tradition and source of fulfillment for each walker who participates.

Location

**1413 Viking Drive (parking)
Geneva IL 60134
(630) 262-8244**

★ Located west of Randall Rd. on the corner of Fabyan Parkway and Viking Drive. Park in the Geneva Middle Schools’ (North & South) Parking lots at 1413 Viking Drive. You will be able to see our staging area from the Parking lot.

Schedule of Events

- **1:00 p.m.** - Registration & path assignment
- **1:00 - 2:15 p.m.** Visit LIF Program exhibits, Beep Baseball demo, “Blind” Obstacle Course, Picnic, Hearing Van Walk-thru, Sponsor activities
- **2:15 p.m.** - Opening Ceremony
- **2:30 p.m.** - Walk begins
- **2:30 - 4:00 p.m.** - Walkers complete “Walk for Sight”, Picnic continues, LIF Program exhibits open, Hearing Van Walk-thru, Sponsor activities
- **4:00 p.m.** - “Walk for Sight” ends

Fun Activities

Prior to or immediately following the “Walk for Sight”, you are invited to:

- Play Beep Baseball
- Walk the “Blind” Obstacle Course
- Leave your “Footprint”
- See the new Hearing Vans
- Picnic with us
- Quench your thirst
- Or just enjoy the music



Join us as we enjoy the beauty of our Walk site, help serve those less fortunate and raise money for your organization!

