



# Pride

December, 2011

## Shop With A Cop-Help Needed

To Crystal Lake Lions the McHenry County Police Charities event will always be known as Shop With A Cop. This year the event will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2011 and Lions are needed to help both at the WalMart and at D'Andrea's.

Those interested in helping pack up purchases at WalMart should be at the Crystal Lake WalMart on Route 31 just south of Rakow Road at 6:15am. Those who elect to help with the breakfast should be at D'Andrea's around 6:45am.

Most of you remember that the

Crystal Lake Lions Club was the initial sponsor of this event. Lion Ranch Boyd and his wife Kit, now both deceased, put this event together.

The Club eventually passed on the sponsorship of this event to the McHenry County Police Charities and some of our members serve on the Board of that organization.

Start the Holiday/Christmas Season by watching the heart warming interaction between needy children and police officers as they shop and eat breakfast.

## Toys For Tots

### December 11

By Lion Dan Igrisan

The Cottage has once again graciously opened their restaurant to host another Marine Corps Toys For Tots Fund Raiser on December 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 until 6:00 PM. The Crystal Lake Lions Club and the McHenry County Detachment of the Marine Corps League are co-sponsoring this event. All toys from this fund raiser will stay in McHenry County and will be distributed by the McHenry County Detachment.

Over the past four years Crystal Lake Lions Club members through the Crystal Lake Foundation have donated a total of almost \$5,000 besides bringing toys to The Cottage. With these funds Donation Chairperson Randy Funk has purchased toys and bicycles which were brought over to The Cottage. Each year the Marine Corps has Honored The Cottage and the Crystal Lake Lions Club for their work.

Bring in a toy or toys and get a free beer, refreshments will be served during half time of the football game. Stay until 6pm and help load the truck with the toys accumulated during the afternoon.

Thanks for all you do, Crystal Lake Lions!

## Winter Steak Fry

It's not too soon to start thinking about the Winter Steak Fry. In 2012 the Steak Fry will be held at D'Andrea's on Saturday, February 4, 2012.

Prices will remain the same as in 2011, \$30 per person. Tickets will be available soon from Chairperson Lion Randy Funk.

Not only will you enjoy cooking fine steak, outside on charcoal grills, there will also be baked potatoes, rolls and butter and a large salad

buffet. It's pretty hard to beat what you get for the price on a cold winter's night in February.

Raffles will, of course, be a great part of the entertainment. Lions are asked to contribute items to be raffled off. Contact Lion Randy Funk with your donations.

And, we sell ads on the placemats. A \$50 business card ad is available to everyone. Send your copy and a check for \$50 to Chair Lion Randy Funk.

### Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

Monday, December 12	<b>Holiday/Christmas Party &amp; 80th Anniversary</b>	London Club
Monday, January 9, 2012	Business Meeting	The Cottage
Monday, January 23	Program Meeting	London Club

# President's Letter

Dear Crystal Lake Lions Club Members,

Well it seems that time is flying and the Holidays are upon us. I hope that all club members and their families have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Once again Lion Jim Lantz has done an outstanding job with the fall raffle. We had a great time last Friday night at the Living Room with the raffle which was well attended. I want to also thank Lion Jim Zambon and Lion Tom Swett for all their help in setting up and assistance during the event. One issue people were complaining about was that we were all sold out of sideboards. Well that is a great problem to have. Thanks all club members who sold tickets, attended and some who actually won some money. I assure you it was not me, I got drawn out 4<sup>th</sup>.

I am looking forward to our next program meeting at the London Club on Monday November 28<sup>th</sup>. I hope all goes well and I can assure you the owner Paul has promised the Club his continued support.

We have a few things coming up before the Christmas Holidays. On Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> we will be assisting the McHenry County Police Charities at Wal Mart and D'Andrea's for the annual shop with a Police Officer program. If you are free please join us at one of these locations to assist. This is a fun event and there are many great stories that come out of it each year.

Lion Dan along with the Marine Corps and The Cottage will be having the annual Toys for Tots drive at the Cottage. Please feel free to stop by at the event and bring a toy. You can also donate money and Lions Randy and Lion Mike and their families will be going out to get toys that day with the money given to them by club members.

We will be having our annual Holiday/Christmas Party Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> at the London Club. In an effort to save on our budget we will also be incorporating the Clubs 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration that evening. Lion Norm and Lion Bob have agreed to put things together and will be contacting all soon. I hope to see a good turnout for this it is always nice to see all the wives show up for this dinner.

I will keep this short but want to wish all a very Happy and safe Holiday Season. I hope all in their New Year's resolution will in

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## Meeting Schedule

Monday, December 12, 2011     **Christmas/Holiday Dinner and  
80th Anniversary**     London Club  
**(Regular Board & Program Meetings begin at 6:30pm. Lionization at 6:00pm)**

## Crystal Lake Lions Club

### 2011-2012 Officers

*President* Nick Parashis

*1st Vice President* Roger Weis

*2nd Vice President* Jeff Thorsen

*3rd Vice President* Bob Jarvis

*Secretary* Rob Wood

*Treasurer* Peter Collins

*Tail Twister* Steve Haugh

*Asst Tail Twister* Dan Igrisan

*Asst Tail Twister* Tom Swett

Lion Tamer Glenn Bereiter

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clude continued support for the Club and what we stand for and what we do. "We serve". There are many less fortunate individuals out there and we need to raise funds to assist these individuals.

Always remember "We Serve!"  
Yours in Lionism,

**Lion Nick**

Lion President Nick

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## **Fall Raffle A Success**

For the umpteenth year in a row, Chairman Lion Jim Lantz conducted a very successful Fall Raffle on Friday, November 18, 2011 at The Living Room in Crystal Lake.

Final figures are not yet in but it looks as if the Crystal Lake Lions Club will net more than \$6,000 for one evening's work.

The photos on the right show views of the crowd and two of the many Lions who helped make this night a success. Lion Jim Zambon, aka "The Mouth" holds the microphone as Lion Dan Igrisan looks on. Lions Jim Lantz, Tom Swett and John Landon also helped with the evening's festivities.

A good time was had by all with many winners, on the large board and on side boards. Hors'd'oeuvres and cash bar service was supplied by the Living Room.

**Have You  
Remembered Your  
Lions of Illinois  
Foundation in Your  
Will?**

# Fall Raffle Photos



## Want to Learn More About Lionism?

### Check Out These Websites:

Lions Clubs International	<a href="http://www.lionsclubs.org">www.lionsclubs.org</a>
Multiple District 1(Illinois)	<a href="http://www.illinoislionsmd1.org">www.illinoislionsmd1.org</a>
Lions District 1-J	<a href="http://www.district1jlions.org">www.district1jlions.org</a>
Lions of Illinois Foundation	<a href="http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org">www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org</a>
Crystal Lake Lions Club	<a href="http://www.crystallakelions.org">www.crystallakelions.org</a>



### Did You Know? (as of 10/31/11)

Illinois Lions number **16,882** in **564** clubs in twelve districts  
District 1-J has **2,584** Lions in **68** clubs (1-J is the largest district in Illinois)  
Crystal Lake Lions are **56** strong

### Editor

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# Merry Christmas

And

# A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year

The London Club  
at  
Monday, December 12  
& 80th Anniversary  
Christmas/Holiday Dinner



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