



Crystal Lake Lions Club-Serving In Its 79th Year

Pride

May, 2011

Website Count Hits 2,000

Webmeister Lion Bob Moravec notes that the club's webpage has recently posted it's 2,000th visitor. The website located at www.crystallakelions.org is available 24/7.

Information includes meeting dates, club info, project info, history, pictures, and a members page. You can also find the club's newsletter, "The Pride" for the past year. Use

this great club resource for looking up info or to direct a prospective member to check us out.

Can't remember the web address? Simply Google Crystal Lake Lions Club and a link will appear.

The Crystal Lake Lions are also featured on a Facebook page. Info on upcoming projects and how to find our webpage are located here.

Beatles Blast

June 19

Lion Randy Funk informs the Pride that the Crystal Lake Lions will once again participate in the Beatles Blast Fundraiser at The Cottage on Sunday, June 19, 2011.

The event will run from 2pm until 11pm. A large crowd is expected primarily because the very popular American English band will be the featured band and they will perform beginning at 3:30 pm for about two hours.

Other local bands will also perform and there will be many Beatle memorabilia features.

The club will be running the beer tent set up outside in the parking lot. This, of course, is right up our alley as most Crystal Lake Lions have some experience in pouring, serving and collecting for beer. We are hoping for a large tip day.

The club will also be running some raffles during this event.

Volunteers are needed, put this on your calendar now and plan on spending a couple of hours or so helping the Crystal Lake Lions Club raise some money.

Let Lion Randy Funk know if you will be able to help; he is the contact person for all questions .

See you all at the Beatles Blast on Sunday, June 19.

Horizons Picnic

Horizons for the Blind will hold its Annual Picnic on Sunday, June 26, 2011. The Picnic will start at 12:30pm.

Please keep this date open. Horizons needs the assistance of our Crystal Lake Lions for the picnic with serving, cleanup, etc. We have provided that kind of assistance to Horizons for several years.

Last year the turnout for Crystal Lake Lions helping Horizons was the best it ever has been.

More details will be available as the Picnic date becomes closer. Contact Lion Bob Gustafson if you have any questions or if you are willing to volunteer to spend a couple of hours helping Horizons for the Blind.

Lion Dan Thanks Club

Lion Dan Igrisan would like to thank all Crystal Lake Lions Club members for their participation in this year's Sight and Sound Sweepstakes. Of the 293 books given out to Crystal Lake Lions Club members, ALL books were sold and funds turned in. Total dollar amount collected was \$2,938.00 with ALL monies going to the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Both total books sold and dollar amount raised this year are more than the Crystal Lake Lions Club has done in the past.

Lion Dan says, " My hat is off to ALL"

A formal report will be given at the May Board meeting.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

CL Lions Golf Outing	Monday, June 6. 2011	Boone Creek
Installation Dinner	Monday, June 13, 2011	Crystal Lake Public House

President's Letter

Dear Crystal Lake Lions Club Members,

Spring is definitely in the air and with spring comes GOLF! We have one of our biggest fund raisers of the year with the golf outing on Monday, June 6th, at Boone Creek Golf Course. Hopefully, all the members of the club will support the event just as they always have done in the past. We always need hole sponsors and donated prizes of any kind. I highly encourage anybody who hasn't played in the outing to give it a try. Everybody has a blast and it fosters great camaraderie with others in the club. Make sure you mark June 6th down on your calendar!

The new board has been elected for the 2011-2012 year. Our new president Lion Nick Parashis will need everyone's support. I'm sure that Nick will continue to devote his time selflessly to the CL Lions Club in his new capacity. We also have some different members in new positions and the next year's programs and activities look promising.

Regrettably, my term as president is coming to an end, and I thank everyone for making my tenure so enjoyable. It has been a great experience for me, and something I will never forget. Everyone in the club has been so supportive and helpful. Being president you really get to see all that we do for the community, and we do a lot! With the economy taking a down turn, we are asked to do more now than ever before. We assist many people in many different ways. I am very proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization and everything we do. I think that in the years to come we are going to be asked to take on even more responsibility. Knowing our club, we will just say, "Bring it on!" Our motto is "We serve" – something we take very seriously.

Yours in Lionism,

Pat Gummerson

Meeting Schedule

Monday, May 9, 2011	Board Meeting	The Cottage
Monday, May 23, 2011	Program Meeting	Hartley's (Old John Evans/Rocks)
Monday, June 6, 2011	CL Lion Golf Outing	Boone Creek
Monday June 13, 2011	Installation Dinner	Public House (Details to Follow)

(Regular Board & Program Meetings begin at 6:30pm. Lionization at 6:00pm)

NOTE: Some meeting locations may be change, check Pride or the club website frequently.

Crystal Lake Lions Club

2010-2011 Officers

President Pat Gummerson

1st Vice President Nick Parashis

2nd Vice President Roger Weis

3rd Vice President Jeff Thorsen

Secretary Bob Jarvis

Treasurer Pat Piorkowski

Tail Twister Jim Zambon

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Asst Tail Twister Tom Swett

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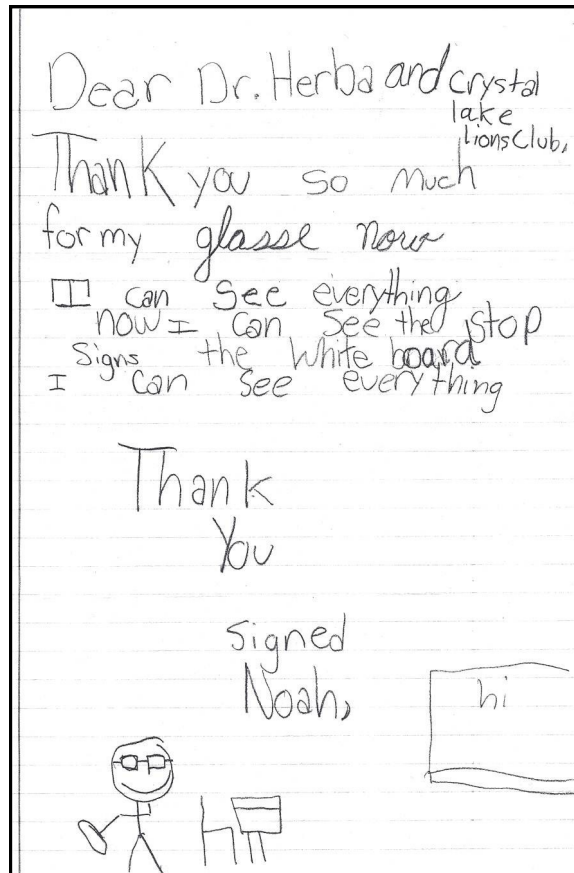
What Do Lions Do?

In the first quarter of this year the Lions of Crystal Lake Foundation spent in excess of \$6,000.00 to help needy individuals in our community.

- Provided textbooks for a sight impaired young man attending McHenry County College.
- Replaced an artificial eye for a young man.
- Purchased computers for two students
- Provided help to a blind girl in High School to be trained for independent living so that she will be able to attend college after graduation
- Provided eye examinations and glasses for 25 needy people

Before January 1 the Crystal Lake Lions Club and the Crystal Lake Lions Foundation have provided computers, Braille writers, electronic visual aids, hearing aids to those in need in our community. And we contribute to other organizations in our community that help people as well, PADS, Pioneer Center, Big Brothers & Sisters and many more. We can justifiably be proud that we live up to our motto:

We Serve!



A Thank You note from one of the students helped by the Crystal Lake Lions Club. This is just one example of what we do in our community to provide eye exams and glasses to needy children in our schools.

How do we pay for all we do? Not through our dues; they go to administrative costs; State and International dues, mailing, postage, meals, etc.

We stand on the street and collect money on Candy Day, sell Sight and Sound Sweepstakes tickets, put on the Fall Raffle, run the Winter Steak Fry, and run the Crystal Lake Lions Club Golf Outing. This year we will also help with Beatles Blast in June.

And to show our community that we are active and involved we proudly carry our large flag in the Memorial Day and Fourth of July Parades.

Through our Lions of Illinois Foundation Lions all over Illinois help more than 18,000 needy children and adults with sight and hearing impairment.

- The Hearing Bus visited clubs in District 1-J. Crystal Lake hosted the bus last June at Wal-Mart. And we hosted the bus at a Senior Fair on April 29.
- The Diabetic Retinopathy and Glaucoma unit will be available to our club in the 2011-2012 Lions year.
- Camp Lions, located in three separate camps in Illinois, provide camping experiences for more than 600 sight and hearing impaired children and adults.
- The Foundation's Recycled Hearing Aid program provides hearing aids at drastically reduced prices for needy hearing impaired children and adults.
- Low Vision Clinics provided to the thousands of children with vision problems that can only be corrected mechanically. Children are given hundreds of dollars worth of magnifiers, etc. to help them see.

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

Want to Learn More About Lionism?

Check Out These Websites:

Lions Clubs International	www.lionsclubs.org
Multiple District 1(Illinois)	www.illinoislionsmd1.org
Lions District 1-J	www.district1jlions.org
Lions of Illinois Foundation	www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org
Crystal Lake Lions Club	www.crystallakelions.org

Did You Know? (as of 3/31/11)

Illinois Lions number **17,246** in **570** clubs in twelve districts

District 1-J has **2,602** Lions in **69** clubs (1-J is the largest district in Illinois)

Crystal Lake Lions are **58** strong



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May 23 Meeting Location

The May Program Meeting (May 23) will be held at the regular time at Hartley's, which is located on the site of the old John Evans Inn/Rocks restaurant on Route 14 in Crystal Lake. Usual times.

Golf Outing

The Crystal Lake Lions Club Golf Outing will be Monday, June 6 at Boone Creek Golf Course.

A Golf Outing Flyer is enclosed in this issue of the Pride. Be sure to sign up yourself and get your friends to sign up too.

Installation Dinner

The Crystal Lake Lions Club Installation Dinner will be held on Monday, June 13 at the Crystal Lake Public House in Downtown Crystal Lake. More details will be forthcoming. Spouses/others will be invited.

Crystal Lake
Lions Golf Outing
Monday, June 6, 2011
Boone Creek



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