



Crystal Lake Lions Club-Serving In Its 80th Year

# Pride

October, 2011



Just as it did on September 11, 2001, the Crystal Lake Lions Club Flag flew on the Raue Center on the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. Thanks to Lion Dave Bird who reminded the club, and thanks to those Crystal Lake Lions who arranged for and did the physical work to mount the flag on the highest point in town. Photo courtesy of Lion Jack McArdle.

## Candy Day

Friday, October 7  
& Saturday,  
October 8.

If You Have Not  
Signed Up For a  
Two Hour Shift,  
Contact Lion

Richard Kraft at  
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or (815)459-9275

## Horizons For The Blind Grand Opening and Chamber Mixer

Lion Nate Magit asked us to mention the Horizons for the Blind open house in this issue of the "Pride."

The open house/grand opening/ Chamber Mixer will be on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, from 5pm to 7pm at Horizons' new home at 125 Erick Street, Crystal Lake. All Crystal Lake Lions are invited and encouraged to attend.. "We at Horizons look forward to your attending.," said Lion Nate.

Lion President Nick suggests we all show up and wear something Lionistic to "show our colors." Lion Nick, always mindful of a good deal, points out that free beer is available at the Mixer.

## A Thank You For What We Do

*A sincere "Thank You" to the Lions Club for your generosity in providing my two children necessary eye exams. Your program is nothing less than a blessing to us in this time of need.*

*Sincerely, Lisa Mottola Hudon*



### Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

Friday, October 7, Saturday, October 8 **CANDY DAY-Sign Up With**

Lion Richard Kraft at [rkraft28@hotmail.com](mailto:rkraft28@hotmail.com)

Monday, October 10 Business Meeting The Cottage

Monday, October 24 Program Meeting Living Room

# President's Letter

Well our summer break is over and we are up and running for an active 2011/2012 year.

We have already had two meetings now and I am pleased to say we had over thirty people at each meeting. I can only hope this type of attendance stays the same throughout the year. It was great to see some old faces back in the mix with Lion Norm Vinton and Lion Mike Foley joining us for our program meeting last night. It was good seeing both again.

We also had two guests for the first meeting and one who returned for his second meeting. Doug Lomen advised me last night that he is ready to fill out the application to join the club. This is great. One month in and one new prospective member. I have heard from other Lion members they have some other prospective members and I hope they make it to a future meeting to see what we are about. It would be fantastic if we can recruit one new member each month.

We had our first program meeting and Jim the guest speaker gave us a great talk. Jim due to an accident was blinded at a later age and his story along with his recovery from his injuries was truly amazing. Jim went on to explain how programs funded by Lions Clubs assisted him in learning how to cope with his blindness and supported him with a tutor to learn how to read Braille and use his new computer to communicate. Jim continued to explain to us about his tutor who was a young woman from Pakistan and then let us know that while she taught him all about his computer this young lady has been blind since birth. Jim advised that it was through the generosity of the Lions Clubs in her home country that she was able to get her education and then go beyond that to help other sight impaired individuals. This only goes to show that Lions Clubs are not simply local but International and how much of what we do helps others worldwide and in our own back yard. I want to thank Lion Gus and Lion Jack for getting Jim to speak with us last night.

Our first fundraiser is just around the corner and we are already rolling with it. Candy Days is Friday and Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Along with Lions Richard Kraft, Randy Funk and Bob Moravec I attended the City of Crystal Lake Council meeting and we were presented with the official city proclamation for Candy Days from Mayor Shepley. The Mayor went beyond the proclamation and made a speech about all the Club does for the community. It was a real touching speech and great to hear how much the community appreciates what we do.

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## Meeting Schedule

Monday, October 10, 2011	Business Meeting	The Cottage
Monday, October 24, 2011	Program Meeting	Living Room

**(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

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*Asst Tail Twister* Dan Igrisan

*Asst Tail Twister* Tom Swett

Lion Tamer Glenn Bereiter

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*Asst Lion Tamer* Nate Magit

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*Director* Rick Miller

*Director* Pat Gummerson



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I will once again make a challenge for all members that I made at the first meeting this year. I would like to see each and every member get at least one underwriting for this year's Candy Days. We also need you and or friends relatives or even enemies to man the posts for collections on Candy Days, so please sign up for a spot.

Lion Jim Lantz and I have secured the Living Room, the old Porters, for the Fall Raffle on Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>. Lion Jim advised me he estimated as of last night that we have already had a commitment for seventy tickets. So if you need tickets for yourself or to sell please contact Lion Jim soon.

While encountering some obstacles in our meeting places for the year it appears things will be all worked out soon. Our next board meeting will be Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Cottage and our next program meeting on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> will be at the Living Room, the old Porters.

In closing I would like to ask all members to clear up some time on Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>. Horizons for the Blind will be having a Chamber Mixer and Grand Opening at their new office that evening from 5-7 PM. Let's show our support and stop by the mixer even if it just for a bit. Rumor has it the mixer has free beer, so aside from supporting Horizons what an incentive to show up.

Always remember "We Serve"!  
Yours in Lionism,

**Lion Nick**

Lion President Nick

*Editor's Note: Lion President Nick got a little wordy this month necessitating the jump to Page 3.*

# All Hands On Deck!

*By Lion Richard Kraft, Candy Day Co-Chairman*

Crystal Lake Lions Candy Days are almost here! Thanks to all of you who have volunteered a site and a time for this most important Lions event. This year we have recruited an outstanding list of sites. We understand that the lagging economy is a negative force at this time, but the need to support our sight and hearing impaired children and adults in Illinois is more pressing than ever.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed your time and your underwriting contribution already, and encouragement to those who have waited to add your Lion time and money contribution to our Crystal Lake Lions event.

We need the participation of every Crystal Lake Lions Club member to realize our motto "We Serve". Contact Lion President Nick Parashis or Lion Richard Kraft to confirm your contribution to our Candy Days event.

So, batten down the hatches, and lift the main sail. Success is in our reach!

Lion President Nick Parashis/  
Lion Richard Kraft  
Candy Day Co-Chairmen 2011

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**We Serve**

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## Meeting Location Changes

Lion President Nick Parashis announced at the September 26 meeting that some changes in the meeting location schedule had become necessary due to the unexpected temporary closing of Hartley's.

In October and November the Business Meetings (first meeting of the month) will continue to be held at the Cottage.

The second meeting in October will be at The Living Room, formerly known as Porters.

The Fall Raffle will also be held at The Living Room on Friday evening, November 18 beginning at 6 pm.

Further changes of location may be necessary and will hopefully be announced in October.

## Want to Learn More About Lionism?

### Check Out These Websites:

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



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### Did You Know? (as of 8/31/11)

Illinois Lions number **16,902** in **565** clubs in twelve districts

District 1-J has **2,592** Lions in **68** clubs (1-J is the largest district in Illinois)

Crystal Lake Lions are **58** strong

## Where Will You Be On Candy Days?

As of Wednesday, September 28 the following (15) shifts are open. Five on Friday, 10 on Saturday. We need your help to fill them.

Call Richard Kraft (815) 459-9275 or Lion President Nick (815) 404-3223 to volunteer.

Friday-Shifts Not Covered (5)

**Walgreens-Rt 14** 3-5 & 5-7pm

**Walgreens-Rt 176** 3-5 & 5-7pm

**Cottage-** 5-7 pm

Saturday-Shifts Not Covered (10)

**Country Donuts** 8-10am

**WalMart-Rt 31** 9-11, 11-1 & 1-3

**Walgreens-both** 9-11

**Cardinal & Teddys** 1-3 & 3-5



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