



Crystal Lake Lions Club-Serving In Its 80th Year

Pride

September, 2011

First Fall Meeting September 12

The Crystal Lake Lions Club will begin the 2011-2012 Lions year with its first fall meeting on Monday, September 12 at The Cottage.

This year will be the 80th year Lions have served the Crystal Lake community. Let's make this year a big one and let's recommit ourselves to living our motto, We Serve!

Much will happen in 2011-2012, some of it will be the same things that the Crystal Lake Lions have done in the past. There will also be some new and different activities and events.

Key to all we do is the active support of our club membership. As you all know, we have lost several members in recent years to death, moving and other reasons beyond our control. Our club needs to be larger in order for us to increase the services we provide to the Crystal Lake community.

It behooves all members of the Crystal Lake Lions Club to actively

look for new members to join us in our service to the sight and hearing impaired and others in need in the Crystal Lake area.

Please take a few minutes to think about your friends, neighbors, members of other organizations, fellow workers, or church friends.

Consider asking a friend to join you as a Crystal Lake Lion. Invite him or her to a club meeting; the first fall meeting would be a good time. Let them know what Lions mean to the Crystal Lake community and how they can help. (Male or female, old or young, all are welcome.)

Your guest at a Crystal Lake Lions meeting does not pay for his/her meal, the club picks up two visits. After that you should ask them to join. Membership applications are available from the Club Secretary, Lion Rob Wood or from PDG Lion John Landon. Both will have applications available at the first fall meeting on the 12th. See you there!

Pride to Change Distribution Policy

The Crystal Lake Lions Club newsletter, the Pride, you are reading the September issue, will change its distribution policy as of the October issue.

This will be the last issue to be sent via US Mail to all club members. The Board of Directors determined in August that the Club can no longer afford the costs of mailing the Pride to every member.

Henceforth, as of the October issue, if we have a valid email for you, you will receive the Pride via email. The Pride will also be available for download on the Crystal Lake Lions website. www.crystallakelions.org

Several of our club members do not have email and several others prefer to receive a paper copy of the Pride. **We will continue to mail a copy to those Lions who ask for a paper copy.**

There are advantages to receiving the Pride via the Internet, over and above financial benefit to the Club.

Pictures will come out in living color rather than black, gray and white. We will be able to send the Pride out more quickly and therefore include more timely articles.

If you wish to continue to receive a paper copy, please let your editor know as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

Monday, September 12, 2011 **First 2011-2012 Meeting** The Cottage

Monday, September 26, 2011 Program Meeting Hartley's

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

Lion Richard Kraft at rkraft28@hotmail.com

President's Letter

Well our summer break will soon be over and we will resume our regular meetings. I hope all members had a great break and are ready to join me and the other board members in starting what I hope is one profitable and fun year for our club and the people we help. We will be starting out the year with our first board meeting Monday September 12th at the Cottage. We have had several people that have shown an interest in joining the club and I expect there will be at least two or three prospective members at the first meeting. I hope this meeting will be well attended with current members. While understanding some of our current member's schedules do not allow them to make every meeting, it sure would be nice to see some of the members that have not been able to make meetings come out and join us this year. We need to get a strong start to the year.

I want to thank the Club members that participated in registering people at the Immanuel Lutheran Health fair for the LIF Diabetic Retinopathy /Macular Degeneration eye screening. I was unable to assist that day but was told we were kept busy registering people for the screening. Good job to all those club members that assisted.

In early August myself, Lions Swett and Moravec went to Dixon and visited Camp Lions open house. The visit really wakes you up to why we keep pushing ourselves throughout the year in all our fundraisers. It really is a special feeling you get seeing and talking with the campers and knowing if not for the efforts of Lions throughout the state including our club, some of these kids would not have this opportunity to participate in the camp. I would really like our club to do some additional things this year to support the camp. In addition I would encourage all members to set aside the camp open house date for next year and go out and show your personal support to the campers. It really is a good feeling.

Last week myself, Lions Kraft and Landon attended the candy day jamboree. Yes it is that time of the year. Lion Kraft has done a great job in preparing for the 2011 Candy Day Campaign. He has lined up stores for us to man and he will soon be sending out underwriting letters to all club members. I would hope that all members set aside a couple of hours on October 7th and 8th to assist with Candy Days. I would like to Challenge each Club Member to obtain one underwriting for Candy Days. If each of us gets just one underwriting, we can start off Candy Days with \$4350.00 before we get out there raise additional funds. While several members get more than one underwriting, I really believe one underwriting per member is an obtainable goal.

Myself and Lions Miller, Wood, Collins and Landon attended the Regional meeting last week in Huntley. District Governor Addington talked at the meeting and let all clubs know that what he really wants all clubs to remember this year is that while we all are out to raise funds for the same causes he wants all clubs to also have FUN during the year. I agree with this statement and we all know we have a busy schedule throughout the year but we can raise money and have some fun doing it. I also expect the same for all our meetings, even though over the years we have always had some fun at the meetings.

So in closing let's get ready to rock and roll for this year. The ride begins now and I hope all members will join me for the ride and let's have some fun and raise records amounts of money at each and every fundraising event.

Always remember "We Serve"
Yours in Lionism,

Lion Nick

Meeting Schedule

Monday, September 12, 2011	First Fall Meeting	The Cottage
Monday, September 26, 2011	Program Meeting	Hartley's

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

Crystal Lake Lions Club

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Smiles and actions show the joy of those attending Camp Lions.

Camp Lions of Illinois for Blind/Low Vision and Deaf/Hearing Impaired youth began in 1957. Illinois Lions wanted to give children with vision and/or hearing impairments a summer camp with their peers. Today, Camp Lions hosts three sites in Illinois where youth with vision and hearing impairments have met, made new friends, and participated in fun, challenging activities. Camp Lions allows these children to interact with their own, play games, and participate in normal camp activities. It allows sight and hearing impaired children to feel normal.

Lions, Lionesses and Leos, imagine if you had a handicap that caused others to ostracize you. You could not play Red Rover because you could not clearly hear the words or see who to send over. You could not play ball because you could not clearly see the ball. Because of this, you would always be the last one chosen to be on the team. And that choice would always be met with a whiney voice of, "Ah, coach, do we have to?" You desire to be treated as normal. That is all you want, acceptance by others.

You and your club's support on Candy Day will help children like these be able to have a summer camp where they can be treated as normal. Where they can play ball, swim, hike, horseback ride, and interact in games such as Ga-Ga (a very mild form of dodge ball) with children who share their handicap.

Sight impaired children play a game called beep ball. This is a ball game with a ball that beeps. The child swings at the sound as it nears. If the child hits the ball, a device sounds and the child runs toward that sound, first base. This same principle applies to archery. Yes, the blind and the hearing impaired actually shoot a bow and arrow. Just like normal children.

The blind get to take a horseback ride. Can you imagine taking your first horseback ride? You cannot see the horse, but you can feel and smell the hair and the saddle. These are a touch and a smell you never experienced before.

What about the child that catches his or her first fish? It's just a small perch. As a fisherman, you would merely throw it on the bank. But to the child that just caught it. . . She or he just landed a whale. The child excitedly signs to the counselor about his or her great catch.

All this comes to be because you helped on Candy Day. A child gains confidence at Camp Lions because you gave an hour or two of your time on Candy Day. A child feels normal because you volunteered on Candy Day. A child has dignity because you helped collect on Candy Day.

Candy Day! It's just not standing on a corner;
it is about giving hope to those We Serve.

Can a deaf or blind or a vision or hearing impaired child count on you?

(This letter, edited to suit District 1-J, was stolen almost verbatim from the letter written to Lions in District 1-CS by Foundation Trustee Lion Larry McGuire, PDGx2.)

**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 7/31/11)

Illinois Lions number **16,936** in **565** clubs in twelve districts

District 1-J has **2,601** Lions in **68** clubs (1-J is the largest district in Illinois)

Crystal Lake Lions are **58** strong

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Where Will You Be On Candy Days?

Lion Richard Kraft wants to know! If you have not already signed up for at least a two hour shift, please do so immediately. The sites Richard has arranged for us to be working at are as follows:

Metra Station, Friday, 6-8am

Country Donuts– Fri & Sat 6-10am

7 Eleven Berkshire-Fri 6-10am

7 Eleven Dartmoor-Fri 5-9am

WalMart, Friday 10-6, Sat 9-3

Walgrs-14 & 176 Fri 3-7, Sat 9-3

Cardinal & Teddy's –Fri 3-7

Cardinal & Teddy's– Sat 1-5

Cottage-Fri 3-7, Sat 3-5

Pick a spot, solicit funds, meet people and help sight and hearing impaired children and adults.

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First Fall Meeting**



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