



Crystal Lake Lions Club-Serving In Its **88th** Year

Pride

January, 2020

First International Vice President Passes

It is with great sadness that I am writing you today. We have experienced an incredible loss to our Lion family. On December 17, International First Vice President Judge Haynes H. Townsend passed away. We are heartbroken by this tragic loss to our Lion family, to the Townsend family and his loving wife, Donna.

Judge Townsend was a capable man, a humble man, a man who believed in the power of kindness to help and to heal. He was a judge who presided over his courtroom with integrity and heart, knowing that lives and destinies hung in the balance. He was a leader who believed that big ideas should drive us but that compassion should guide us. And above all, he was a Lion.

For 40 years, Judge Townsend served. He was an active member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club in his home of Dalton, Georgia. He believed that acts of kindness, both big and small, could change lives. And that's just what he did as a Lion.

It is difficult to lose an international leader of such importance. But it is even harder to lose a man of such character. We will always cherish the time we had with Judge Townsend, and we will continue to move forward, working to bring his vision for Lions, and a world of kindness, to life.

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Steak Fry February 1

Following is from Lion Randy Funk regarding the upcoming Winter Steak Fry on February 1, 2020. Flyer for Steak Fry is page 5 of this issue of the Pride.

Lions-Steak Fry is just around the corner-Feb. 1st. Need you to let me know if you need tickets for the event ASAP as it always sells out and has a waiting list. Need Lions to sell ad spots for the event.

No reason you can't get at least one (sponsor yourself or business).

I firmly believe that all Lions should sell 50/50 tickets, of which I have already received.

Let me know how you will help.

Lion Randy

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Lion Mario Gumino, PDG

Lion Mario Gumino, PDG, Executive Director of the Lions of Illinois Foundation passed away December 2, 2019. He was 59 years old. He is survived by his wife Karen and his son Brian.

Ideas, determination and commitment. These three words explain everything about PDG Mario Gumino,

He joined Lions of Illinois Foundation during the years of the late PID Norm Dahl in October 1979 and worked diligently for 39 year and 3 months rising from a simple employee. to Executive

Director. He had only one goal in his life – Lions of Illinois Foundation In recent years he had instituted new ideas to grow LIF Every Lion in Illinois knew him—he attended all District Conventions and Candy Day Jamborees. Though he was Executive Director of LIF, he often worked as a simple Lion – carrying candy boxes, collecting used eyeglasses bags, etc.,

Every one in the LIF office and every Lion in Illinois, loved him for his simplicity and humbleness. The Lions of Illinois will miss Mario.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

Monday, January 13 Board Meeting Cottage 6:30

Monday, January 27 Program Meeting Village Squire 6:30

Saturday, Feb 1 WINTER STEAK FRY

Monday, Feb 10 Board Meeting Cottage 6:30

Monday, February 24 Program Meeting Village Squire 6:30



President's Letter

Dear Crystal Lake Lions Club Members,

Lion President Nick Parashis plans on resigning as President of Crystal Lake Lions at the Board Meeting on January 13. The Club's Constitution and ByLaws mandates that the 1st Vice President, Lion Bill Davies, shall serve the unexpired term of the resigned President. Here's a short letter from Lion Bill.



Hello Lions,

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends.

With my term as president of the Crystal Lake Lions Club just about to start, I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to lead the club. I know that this will be challenging at times for me but I know with your help and guidance the club will continue to thrive and we will have another successful year. Hopefully everyone got some rest over the holiday season because our annual Steak Fry is coming up in February.

The Steak Fry will take place on February 1st, 2020 and it will be held at its usual location which is D'Andrea's Banquet Hall in Crystal Lake off of route 14. We all know how much time and effort goes into this so it would be much appreciated if everyone can help even in just a small way. We will need volunteers to work the event, people to help get sponsors and people to help sell 50/50 tickets and the Superbowl Squares. Please let Randy Funk know if you can help in anyway, just remember that this event helps us tremendously throughout the year to give back to our community.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy New Year!

Lion Soon To Be President

Bill Davies

Meeting Schedule

Monday, Jan 13 Board Meeting The Cottage 6:30pm

Monday, Jan 27 Program Meeting Squire 630pm

Saturday, Feb 1 WINTER STEAK FRY

The Crystal Lake Lions Club meets the second and fourth Monday. There are no club meetings in July and August. However, the Board meets in July/August to plan

2019-2020 Club Officers

President Nick Parashis

1st Vice President Bill Davies

2nd Vice President Anita Wingfield

3rd Vice President Peter Collins

Secretary John Landon

Asst Secretary Norm Vinton

Treasurer John Dewey

Asst Treas Bill Limbach

Tail Twister Brennan Markee

Asst Tail Twister Rob Parrish

Lion Tamer Meghan Davies

Asst Lion Tamer Dave Moore

Asst Lion Tamer Ashley Funk

Director Doug Lomen

Director Rob Wood

Director Rick Miller

Director Jeff Thorsen

Director Randy Funk



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Photos From the Crystal Lake Lions Club Christmas/Holiday Party, December 9, 2019 at Hickory Hall

Photos Courtesy of Lion Bob Moravec



Lion George Gould, PDG

George Earl Gould, 88, of Batavia, IL, passed away on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 in Batavia, Illinois.

In 1969, George joined the Lions club. Serving the visually and hearing impaired around the world through Lionism has been Gorge's passion for 50 years. Among his many Lions awards, are his Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF) Fellow Laureate, numerous Melvin Jones Fellows, International President's Award, LIF Lifetime Service Award, and the North Aurora Lions

Clubs Lifetime Service Award. He loved to help on Candy Days, Tootsie Pop Days, and visiting visually and hearing impaired children and adults throughout Illinois.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations in George's name may be made to Lions of Illinois Foundation, www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

George served as District Governor of District 1-J in 2003-2004.



Lions serving at Shop With A Cop. All shown are Fox River Grove Lions. Where are the Crystal Lake Lions? Only five attended Shop With a Cop, three at WalMart, two at D'Andrea's. CL started Shop With A Cop, your editor suggests there should be more Crystal Lake Lions attending and helping.

Want to Learn More About Lionism?

Check Out These Websites:

Lions Clubs International
Multiple District 1(Illinois)
Lions District 1-J
Lions of Illinois Foundation
Crystal Lake Lions Club

www.lionsclubs.org
www.illinoislionsmd1.org
www.district1jlions.org
www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org
www.crystallakelions.org

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Through
Diversity



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Did You Know.....

As of 11/30/19.....

Multiple District -1(Illinois) 10 Districts	13,743
District 1-J(Largest in Illinois) 58 Clubs	2,144
Crystal Lake Lions are	50 Strong



Just imagine if every Lion,
1.4 million, asked one
person to join their club...

**WINTER STEAK FRY
SATURDAY, FEB 1
D'ANDREA'S**



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Crystal Lake Lions Club

Presents



21st ANNUAL WINTER STEAK FRY

Saturday, February 1st, 2020
at D'ANDREA'S BANQUETS
Corner of Northwest Hwy. (Rt. 14) & Rt. 31

\$50 Per Person ~ Draft Beer Included ~
We Supply the 16oz Steak ~ You Grill It!
(Dinner Includes: Salad, Baked Potato, Bread & Butter)
Let us know if you prefer Salmon and/or Chicken - We will provide

Dinner 6-9 p.m. | D.J. 9 p.m. to Midnight
Dancing | Raffles All Night!
City of Crystal Lake Lic #20-1

ONE LUCKY TICKET PURCHASER WILL WIN A \$500 CASH PRIZE

Proceeds from the event go to the Crystal Lake Lions Club and helps fund our eye Glass Program. Over the last 5 years 375 children and adults have been provided with eye exams and glasses. Approximately \$50,000 has been spent on this program in the past 5 years.

Contact Randy Funk at 815.455.8385 or rffunkyone@aol.com for Tickets & Info
CrystalLakeLions.org