



Pride

January, 2022

Steak Fry Postponed

Lion Randy Funk, Chairman of the Crystal Lake Lions Club's Annual Winter Steak Fry announced that the 2022 Steak Fry, scheduled for February 5, 2022 will be postponed.

"The current situation regarding the pandemic in the State of Illi-

nois has caused us to postpone the 2022 Winter Steak Fry," Funk stated. "With the Omicron variant and the Delta variant still affecting the public it makes no sense to try to run the Winter Steak Fry with its hundreds of people packed together in a single space.. We are currently thinking that we may try

to schedule a postponed version of the Winter Steak Fry, perhaps a Spring Steak Fry later in the year, maybe in April."

Funk does not promise that it will be possible to offer a Steak Fry in April, it may end up being cancelled for 2022.

Board Meeting Location Changed

The Crystal Lake Lions Club meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30pm.

The first meeting of each month is a Board Meeting to which all members are invited.

The Board has changed the Board Meeting location to Lou Malnati's in Lakewood at 6:30 pm.

The second meeting of each month is a Program Meeting and will remain at the Village Squire n Crystal Lake at 6:30pm

Lions Global Causes

Diabetes *We serve to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.*

Vision *We serve to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.*

Hunger *We serve to ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods*

Environment *We serve to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well being of all communities.*

Childhood Cancer *Lions and Leos provide support for the needs of children and families affected by childhood cancer through impactful service activities.*

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars		
Monday, Jan 10	Board Meeting	Lou Malnati's 6:30pm
Monday, Jan 24	Program Meeting	Village Squire 6:30pm
Monday, Feb 14	Board Meeting	Lou Malnati's 6:30pm
Monday, Feb 28	Program Meeting	Village Squire 6:30pm



President's Letter

Fellow Lions

The Lions of Crystal Lake had their annual Christmas Party at the Village Square on the 13th of December. It was a great time for the 38 folks that attended.

We also went over the final numbers for Candy days. The club received donations totaling just under \$1,700.

We are also in discussion of our Annual Steak Fry that takes place in February. I looks like the Steak Fry will be postponed to a later date or, if pandemic rules continue, perhaps cancelled until next year.

We have decided to move our regular meetings on the 2nd Monday to Lou Malnati's Pizzeria in Crystal Lake.

The first meeting in 2022 will be at Lou Malnati's on Monday, January 10 at 6:30pm

Lion Brennan Markee,
Crystal Lake Lions Club President



Sight and Sound Sweepstakes time is here. Lion Meghan Davies will have booklets at the January meetings.

Meeting Schedule

Monday, Jan 10 Board Meeting Lou Malnati's 6:30pm

Monday, Jan 24 Program Meeting Village Squire 6:30pm

Monday, Feb 14 Board Meeting Lou Malnati's 6:30pm

Monday, Feb 8 Program Meeting Village Squire 6:30pm

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 for the upcoming Lions year.

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

2021-2022 Club Officers

President Brennan Markee

1st Vice Pres Rob Parrish

2nd Vice President John Dewey

3rd Vice President Dave Moore

Secretary John Landon

Asst Secretary Norm Vinton

Treasurer John Dewey

Asst Treas Rick Miller

Tail Twister Steve Dalzell

Asst Tail Twister Mike Gasparaitis

Asst Tail Twister Jim Zambon

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New Technology Helps Blind To “See” Through Touch

Three years ago, Larry Skutchan’s daughter sent him a sonogram of her unborn son. The director of technology and product research at the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) in Louisville, Kentucky, is blind, but he had a new product in the works that could help him “see” his grandson. Skutchan took a screenshot of the sonogram from his daughter’s ultrasound, and with the use of Graphiti and his sense of touch, he was able to “see” his tiny grandson’s fingers. As he recalls, it was “most amazing.”

In August, students from the Kentucky School for the Blind, next door to APH, came across the lawn to see the highly anticipated solar eclipse. Skutchan had a prototype of the machine outside, this time connected to a camera that took a picture of the sun every few seconds. It enabled the students to “watch” the eclipse by touching the image created on the textile pad.

“It’s been the holy grail for forever,” says Skutchan of the new product expected to hit the market this year. “We have put a lot of time and money and energy into making this possible, to get this grid, this array of pins, and to reduce the mechanics to the right size.”

With the increased dependency on technology in schools, the lack of access to on-screen graphics can be an impediment to learning for students with visual impairments, he says. Graphiti is a breakthrough, allowing non-visual access to graphical information.

Developed by Orbit Research and Skutchan’s team at the APH, the electronic touch display contains 2,400 (60 by 40) equidistant pins that can be raised and lowered to differing heights. The variable-height pins may depict geometric forms, pie charts, bar graphs, floor plans, line drawings, typography, photos, and more. To change to the next graphic, the pins on the refreshable display move up and down.

The full unit is letter size with a pin display that’s roughly 10 by 6 inches, and it can be used in portrait or landscape orientation. It also features a touch interface, enabling the user to draw on the display. Tracing a shape with a fingertip raises the pins along the path. Users can scroll, zoom, and erase their graphics, and it can save an image drawn by touch to a personal computer.

“One of the things we’re trying to do this year is start producing electronic textbooks with braille and graphics,” says Skutchan. “I don’t think we’ve been able to imagine the potential this has. You can plug it into your computer and it can be the monitor. It’s awesome.”

Want to Learn More About Lionism?

Check Out These Websites:

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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.crystallakellions.org

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Did You Know..... As of 11/30/21.....

Multiple District-1(Illinois) 10 Districts	12,614
District 1-J(Largest in Illinois) 57 Clubs	2,059
Crystal Lake Lions are	51 Strong



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



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