



Crystal Lake Lions Club-Serving In Its **93rd** Year

# Pride

October, 2023

## Club Hosts Region Meeting

The Crystal Lake Lions Club will host the Fox River Region Meeting of District 1J on Monday, October 23 at Cucina Bella.

In addition to our Club, the ten other Fox River Region Clubs will also be invited to attend and most will send at least two or three of their members to the Region Meeting. Clubs from Algonquin, Hampshire, Johnsburg, McHenry, Union, Dundee Township, Elgin, Fox River Grove, Huntley and Island Lake are all clubs in the Fox River Region.

Zone Chairs John Neinhuis and Pam Palmer plus District Governor Jim Worden and several officers of the District 1J Cabinet will attend as well.

Several will address the assembled Lions on a number of topics.

Lion President Rob Parrish asks all Crystal Lake members to bring items for raffling off at the Region Meeting. Proceeds from the raffle and the 50/50 raffle will go towards offsetting the cost of the evening. Suggested raffle items: Bottles of wine or liquor, gift certificates from local businesses, other significant items that would be of interest to area Lions.

Lion Tamers Rob Cruise and Tony Colatorti will need some help in selling raffle tickets to those who attend. When you arrive see if you can help us host the Fox River Region Lions.

## Fall Raffle

The Fall Raffle will be held on Friday evening, November 17 beginning at 6pm with the raffle itself starting at 7pm. Festivities will be held at the Dole Mansion.

Lion Jim Zambon tells the Pride that hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Cucina Bella and will be available beginning at 6pm.

Raffle tickets are available from Lion Zambon at Club meetings. Tickets are \$100 and members are urged to return ticket stubs, filled out with name and phone number and cash before the actual raffle date.

### Meeting Schedule

**Monday, Oct 9 Board Meeting Malnati's 6:30pm**

**Monday, Oct 23 Fox River Reg Mtg Cucina Bella 6:30pm**

**Monday, Nov 12 Board Meeting Malnati's 6:30pm**

**Friday, Nov 17 Fall Raffle**

***No regular meetings are held in the summer however the Board will meet two times to plan for the upcoming 2023-2024 Lions Year. All members are invited to attend Summer Board meetings but no meals will be provided.***

**EDITOR NEEDED**

The Editor of the Crystal Lake Lions Pride for the past God knows how many years, Lion John Landon, is running low on new ideas. It's time for another Crystal Lake Lion to step up and put some new energy into the Pride. Let Lion John know if you are interested and we will work out a schedule of learning and transition with the aim of a new Editor taking over some time in the next year or so..

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**Monday, Oct 23 FR Region Mtg Cucina Bella 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)**

## 2023-2024 Club Officers

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## ***A Message From The Fractured Feline***

Dear Lion-hearted Friends

I am the Fractured Feline, a whimsical cookie jar shaped like a Lion, and I have been on quite an adventure over the past few months. Although my tale is a bit unconventional, it is a story of growth and the unexpected joys of life.

It all began on that fateful evening when Brennan, in a moment of forgetfulness, left me behind at the Village Squire Bar. The moments following his departure were filled with solitude and an overwhelming sense of abandonment. I, the Fractured Feline, sat on the bar counter, feeling as though I had been cast aside, my worth to the Crystal Lake Lions Club momentarily forgotten.

In those lonely moments, I couldn't help but contemplate the significance of my role in the Lions Club. Was I not a cherished emblem of our unity and the jovial spirit that defined our meetings? My existence transcended that of a mere cookie jar. I symbolized the shared memories, laughter and camaraderie that bound our members together.

As Brennan's absence continued unnoticed, I endured a series of humorous mishaps at the bar. Glasses clinked and laughter echoed around me, while the bartender gave me a puzzled look. In my solitude, I even struck up a conversation with a quirky napkin dispenser who regaled me with tales of the bar's bustling nights.

Yet, despite the peculiar company and the amusing incidents, I couldn't shake the feeling of abandonment. In that solitude, my plastic heart yearned for the familiar faces and hearty laughter of the Lions Club members. Little did I know that my brief abandonment at the bar would set in motion an extraordinary adventure that would remind us all of the value of unity, friendship and the bonds we shared.

As the days turned into weeks, I found myself rolling to Crystal Lake Park, where the Lions Club members were hard at work organizing a charity event. Their unwavering dedication to helping others ignited a spark within me. I decided to become the unofficial mascot of the Club, silently encouraging them in their noble endeavors.

During a lively music festival in the town square, I found myself irresistibly tapping my lid to the rhythm of the music. The sound echoed through the square, drawing a crowd of curious onlookers. Together, we created an impromptu concert and I felt like a true maestro, conducting the joy of the moment.

One day, I hitched a ride with a kind-hearted stranger who took me on a mini-road trip to neighboring towns. Along the way, I marveled at the beauty of the world beyond Crystal Lake. I learned that life had so much more to offer than simply sitting on a shelf. I witnessed acts of kindness, explored picturesque landscapes, and experienced the warmth of diverse communities.

As I continued my journey, I felt compelled to follow in the footsteps of Crystal Lake Lions Club members by helping those in need. I found myself assisting at a local food pantry, lending a helping paw to elderly neighbors, and even acting as a symbol of hope for children in a hospital's pediatric ward.

After my whirlwind adventures, I began to feel a deep longing to return to the Crystal Lake Lions Club. It wasn't a decision made lightly, but a sense of duty and belonging welled up within me. I knew I had to find my way back to where I truly belonged.

It was during one of my journeys through the town that I overheard a group of townfolk discussing the upcoming Lions Club meeting of September 11. Excitement filled the air as they spoke of sharing stories, laughter and the spirit of camaraderie. My ears perked up and my heart swelled with anticipation.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, casting a warm glow over Crystal Lake, I made my way back to the familiar meeting place. I rolled through the doors just as the meeting started unseen by anyone.

Tonight I would reveal myself not as a forgotten cookie jar, but as a symbol of the adventures that had unfolded since our last meeting.

My dear friends, I hope my unexpected return will bring a smile to your faces and remind you that even in the most surprising of circumstances, there can be magic, wonder and the enduring bonds of our Lion-hearted spirit.

With Lionhearted spirit, and a silent roar of joy.

***The Fractured Feline***

# 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](http://www.lionsclubs.org)  
[www.illinoislionsmd1.org](http://www.illinoislionsmd1.org)  
[www.district1jlions.org](http://www.district1jlions.org)  
[www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org](http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org)  
[www.crystallakellions.org](http://www.crystallakellions.org)



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## Did You Know..... As of 8/31/2023.....

Multiple District One-10 Districts	12,291
District 1-J(Largest in Illinois) 56 Clubs	2,071
Crystal Lake Lions are	55 Strong



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