Crystal Lake Lions Club-Serving In Its 94th Year





January, 2024



President's Message Changing the World with International President Dr. Patti Hill

Dear Lion,

Every day, we're changing lives for the better. With every life we change, we are Changing the World. The best part of our mission is that we're doing it together, as a global community of caring and dedicated Lions and Leos.

The greatest gift we can give is our care and our kindness, and our kindness means even more to people and families in need during the holiday season. You can make the holiday season brighter by planning a project to fight hunger in your community or make a gift to our global foundation, LCIF. Your contributions will make a profound difference in someone's life.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill International President

Meeting Schedule

Mon, Jan 8 Board Meeting Malnati's 6:30pm Mon. Jan 22 Program Mtg Cucina Bella 6:30pm Sat, Feb 3 WINTER STEAK FRY Holiday Inn 6pm Mon, Feb 12 Board Meeting Malnati's 6:30pm Mon, Feb 26 Program Mtg Cucina Bella 6:30pm

No regular meetings are held in the summer however the Board will meet two times to plan for the upcoming 2024-2025 Lions Year. All members are invited to attend Summer Board meetings but no meals will be provided.

New Year Starting

2024 will be a big year for the Crystal Lake Lions Club and a very busy year at that.

The Annual Winter Steak Fry, for which a flyer may be seen on page 3 of this issue will the the first big event for the Club.

Two parades, Memorial Day and the 4th of July. The Annual Golf Outing, working the \$th of July set up and Installation Night are a rew of the events we will all participate in during the first half of the year. Busy times ahead for our Lions.

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.

President's Letter

Fellow Lions

I hope you all had a great holiday season with your family and friends.

I look forward to the new year ahead with optimism for our club. And all Rob Cruise's birthdays this year. With our largest event of the year approaching, I hope we can all find a way to contribute and make it our most successful fundraiser ever. The more we raise at the Steak Fry, the more people and agencies we can serve.

I am also looking forward to adding to our club's membership in the next few months. We have 4 -5 prospective members looking to join. Randy Taradash, Tony Lamping, Griff MacDonald, and Paul Noble have expressed interest. New blood and new ideas are essential in a healthy organization. We need to create more opportunities to not only raise funds, but continue the search for the people in our community we can help.

I want to thank Lion John Landon for editing not only my letters, but producing this newsletter. It is a thankless job that he hasn't been able to place on another member. So, "THANK YOU Lion John".

We will see all of you at our next meeting January 8th at Lou Malnati's.

Lion President Rob Parrish

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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

President Rob Parrish 1st Vice President Dave Moore 2nd Vice President Ashley Funk 3rd Vice President Derek Benton Secretary Kevin Byrnes Asst Secretary John Landon Treasurer John Dewey Tail Twister Chris Morgan Asst Tail Twister Dan Johnson Asst Tail Twister Jim Zambon Lion Tamer Rob Cruise Asst Lion Tamer Tony Colatorti Doug Lomen Director Rob Wood Director Director Bob Moravec Brennan Markee Director Director Randy Funk



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Presents

24th ANNUAL WINTER STEAK FRY

Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 at Crystal Lake Holiday Inn Three Oaks Road and Route 31

\$85 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!

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.

For Tickets & Info Visit CrystalLakeLions.org, or Randy Funk at 815.455.8385 or rffunkyone@aol.com, or Rob Parrish at 815-378-4459 or robparrish@sbcglobal.net

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Check Out These Websites:

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Did You Know..... As of 11/30/2023.....

Multiple District One-10 Districts12,358District 1-J(Largest in Illinois) 56 Clubs2,082Crystal Lake Lions are57 Strong



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