

Crystal Lake Lions Club

APRIL 2024

Lions PRIDE



MEAT RAFFLE APRIL 7

Where's the beef? Right here. The club is hosting the annual Meat Raffle on Sunday, April 7. The event will again be held at the All Inn Pub & Grub in Holiday Hills. Time will be 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lion Chairman Doug Loman promises a great time. He will be needing ticket sellers & buyers.

If you haven't been to All Inn, simply take Route 176 east of town to the Fox River. Cross the Fox and look for Woods Avenue on the left. Turn here to Jones Avenue.

We'll see you there! ALL INN!



**OUR
94th YEAR !!
Since 1931**

MEETING DATES

April 8

Lou Malnati's 6:30 p.m.

April 22

Cucina Bella 6:30 p.m.

May 13

Lou Malnati's 6:30 p.m.

May 27

Cucina Bella 6:30 p.m.

Lion President



My fellow Lions,

As this term-year for our club nears its conclusion, I am proud of all that we have accomplished and the multiple people and organizations we could afford to help.

I am also proud of the increase in fundraising we have attained across the board. Every member had a role in our fundraising efforts and helped us reach an all-time high. With that, I would expect this to be our greatest year of giving back. I drafted a very preliminary budget for the donations committee to establish benchmarks in our vetting. The intent of establishing this recommended budget is not to “trim wings”, but with more dollars available to the club, it actually projects to add more feathers.

As the month of June is right around the corner, we need to look to fill the executive board, committee chairmanships and committee members for the next year. If you have interest to organize a fundraiser, chair a committee, or serve in a support roll, please reach out to Lion Jim Zambon, or myself. My thoughts on change: “Historic ways have predictable results. New ways of looking at solutions can have unpredictable yet welcomed results.”

We have added four great new members in recent months (Greg Pourchot, Tony Lamping, Griff MacDonald, and Sharon Rice). I would hope they will look to engage in the committee of their choice. We need to continue to find great people like these new lions in our lives that have the desire to help others but haven't found an outlet for their passions, and ask them to come see what the club is all about.

We have two successful fundraisers coming up that would be great events to bring a guest. To build membership, all you really need to do is “ASK THEM”. Our Meat Raffle is on 4/7/24 from 1-4pm at ALL INN and the Golf Outing is on 6/10/24 at BOONE CREEK. Both are great events raising donation monies for the people we serve.

Lastly, We all have recently become aware of the funding shortcomings projected for the “Shop With a Cop program”. With the help of Lion Matt Eby and my Woodstock woodworking/ berry farmer, we have created some great donation drop boxes for local businesses and to be displayed for use at our fundraising events. With what we have budgeted to match last years contribution of \$1,000 at a

More Lion President.....



minimum. We hope to raise another \$4,000 in the boxes. Adding, Lion Gass is working with local businessmen and the city to have a downtown Crystal Lake Car Show. A certain food truck will feed the

crowd, with a Lions membership drive to raise another \$3,000 specifically for McHenry County Police Charities "Shop with a Cop." We have pledged to Lion Cortina (and SWAC board member) a club contribution GOAL of \$10,000.

Sorry to Run Long Again.....

Thanks Lion Bob Moravec for your work on the newsletter!!!!

I am grateful for all we can accomplish together.

Lion President Rob Parrish

FIRST FAMILY



Lion Dan Johnson's Boutique— New Spring Fashions For You

Time to refresh our Lion's wardrobe with some new look tops presented by Lion Dan Johnson. This year's spring lineup include some very sharp custom hoodies and quarter zip pullovers. Lion Dan introduced these at the Steak Fry with rave reviews. Be ready for the upcoming Golf Outing while stepping out in style.

The hoodies feature the updated club logo and come in Blue and PINK for the ladies. The pink hoodies have been reordered by Lion Dan as they have been exceedingly popular. Contact Lion Dan for availability.



The quarter zip pullover is another new entry this spring. This sharp blue long sleeve pullover is 90% polyester and 10% spandex. A good feel. It features an embroidered Lions logo which looks damn sharp. Check with Lion Dan for your size and pricing.

2023– 2024 Club Officers

President	Rob Parrish
1st Vice President	Dave Moore
2nd Vice President	Ashley Funk
3rd Vice Pres.	Derek Benton
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Judge Chmiel March Program Speaker

The Hon. Michael J. Chmiel was our very special guest at the March 25 program meeting held at Cucina Bella. He spoke on The Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today Act (the “Safe-T Act), the pretrial Fairness Act, and “Cashless Bail”. The presentation was simply, outstanding. He is the Chief Judge of his Circuit. This is the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit / State of Illinois. An informative handout was distributed. This provided up to the date Safe-T Act statistics for McHenry County. Club members were able to ask questions.



GOLF OUTING YES, June 10- Boone Creek

Here we go, the annual Golf Outing is slated for Monday, June 10 at Boone Creek Golf Club. Lion Chairman Dave Moore has noted that another committee meeting is coming up soon. It's not too late to be a part of the excitement and serve as a committee person. Contact Lion Dave and say that you will help. Otherwise it is not too soon to start collecting raffle prizes for the post golf banquet.

Watch next month's *PRIDE* for the official entry forms.



Lion Bill Limbach showing great form

Used Eyeglasses Tops 40,000

Another milestone as the club has now collected 40,501 pairs of used eyeglasses to be recycled. Used Eyeglasses Chairman Lion Bob Moravec reports that he made another delivery to the Lions of Illinois Foundation in Dekalb in March. This included 1,336 eyeglasses, 36 hearing aids, 11 cellphones, and 37 ink cartridges. The club has collection boxes in most eye doctors offices in town along with the library, city hall and drive-up box at the Algonquin Township offices. A complete list is on the website. Lion Bob urges all Lions to be vigilant in having folks empty their junk drawers of old glasses, hearing aids and cellphones. These are dispersed in needy countries and are very, very well received.



Club Donates to Independence Therapy & Health

At a recent program meeting, the club heard from John Buckley from Independence Health & Therapy. This organization is based in Woodstock & provides programs and services for Adult Day Health & Memory Care, Behavioral Health & Psychiatry, and Physical, Occupational, & Speech Therapy. Buckley outlined programs and challenges. More information is available at independencehealth.org. The club was proud to present the "big check" for \$1,000.00 to John Buckley and ITH.



SHOP WITH A COP COLLECTION BOXES

At the March 27 meeting, Shop with a Cop collection boxes were introduced. These boxes will be displayed and will collect funds for McHenry County Police Charities. These wood boxes were beautifully adorned by Lion Matt Eby.



Editorially Speaking....

Well, well, look who has been reincarnated as the Lions newsletter editor? Me! Before the brilliant job that Lion John Landon just did, I was the editor for many years. A lot has changed since then. I used to be a wiz at scissors “cut and paste”. It’s not that way anymore. Give me hopefully a short learning curve to develop my “skeels” with digital content. You should see improvements each month going forward.

This is your newsletter. Got something that you would like to share? Stories and pictures will always be welcome. We just have to be cautious of going overboard. The newsletters are compiled on the club’s website. That means that the regular public can follow our adventures in Lionism. Nothing but excellence from the finest club in the world. Looking forward to serving you with minimum typos. Lion Bob Moravec

Editor, “Lions Pride”

Lion Sharon, Our Newest Member

Newly inducted Lion Sharon Rice has joined and has hit the ground running. She will be assisting at the upcoming April 7 Meat Raffle. She is no stranger to Lions projects. She is shown with her sponsor, Lion President Rob Parrish and Fox River Zone Chairman Lion Pam Palmer who swore her in at the March 11 board meeting. Her husband Mike is also a big supporter . He was the Steak Fry crane operator for our giant flag.



IN THE HOPPER....Small print, big news

Horizons for the Blind Annual Picnic. Planned for Saturday, June 15 at Veterans Acres Park Pavilion. CL Lions man the grills and provide assistance. Will need manpower. This group from Horizons can really party !!!

Nominations Committee consists of Lions Jim Zambon, Mike Cortina, Rob Parrish and Kevin Byrnes. Don’t be surprised if you get a “tap on the shoulder” to serve on the next board of directors. Always a great experience.

New Fundraiser? Lion Mike Gasparaitis is researching the feasibility of a car show fundraiser. The club anxiously awaits the forthcoming details. Lion Prez sneaked some hints in his monthly letter.

4th of July Parade Rerouted. With the extensive road construction on Dole Avenue, the parade will have a new route. Our club will again be a major participant in the operation. We’ll provide details next month.