

Crystal Lake Lions Club

JUNE 2025

Lions PRIDE



A MEMORIAL PARADE



The view heading down Williams Street in Downtown Crystal Lake is simply awesome as we marched our giant flag in the May 26 Memorial Day parade. From Crystal Lake Central High School to Union Cemetery on Woodstock Street where a solemn ceremony took place. Thanks to all the walkers who helped out. The Lions Club entry is certainly a Crystal Lake tradition.

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

MEETING DATES



**June 9
Installation Dinner
6:00 p.m.
Cucina Bella
Old Towne
Algonquin**

No regular meetings are held in the summer however the Board will meet two times to plan the 2024-25 Lions year. All members are invited to attend Summer Board meetings but no meals will be served.

Lion President



June Lion's President Letter.

Man, 2 years fly by when you're busy as hell!

When I became president 2 years ago, I was sure I didn't have the time to steer this ship.

Brennan threw me the keys and wished me luck. He also said it takes a year to figure it out.

He was right. The first year, you are trying to catch up to the momentum and personalities of the club. When you do figure out the correct pace as it pertains to YOUR life, it then becomes more of a "herding" of the club's interests in your second year.

I am grateful for the opportunity to lead for the last two years. With great morale, beer, friendship, beer, and a willingness to work together, I believe we achieved outstanding results.

We have raised over \$250K and gave almost every bit back to those families and non-profits we serve within our community.

I want to thank all of you, especially the committee chairmen that pushed us, and pulled us, to our club's successes. We are one of the biggest hearted social (beer) organizations in the area.

Most organizations in the area know what a difference we make in our community, and look for our contributions to meet their funding needs.

New members with new ideas are integral to healthy growth in any organization. Fundraising has become more challenging as there are quite a few more asks out there. I know our ability to raise funds is a direct result of creating an environment (with beer) in which guests know they will have a great time with the entire club, and are comfortable that their donations will be used in the best possible way. Some people don't have time to vet specific donations but know how hard we will work to find responsible fiscal assistance

As I pass the keys to Lion Byrnes, please remember with open communication and collaboration, new ideas will develop into winning results. Winning results that the entire club can celebrate together.

I am sincerely grateful for our Crystal Lake Lions Club, the friendships we've created and all we have accomplished together.

Signing off for the last time with a "Final-final".

Lion President Rob Parrish



CL LIONS ELECT A “SMASHING” PRESIDENT

Lion Kevin Byrnes will serve as our Lion President for the 2025-26 Lions year. A Crystal Lake Lion since 2020, Lion Kevin looks to steer our club to continued success. He did an outstanding job serving as club secretary this past year.

The new president will be working this summer to plan the programs and budget for the Lion year with the new Board of Directors. Many projects are already in place such as Fourth of July Parade, Car Show II and Fall Raffle. Lion Kevin has big expectations and the members will jump on board and support him and our club to great things.

BEST WISHES LION PRESIDENT



Installation Dinner will be on Monday, June 9, 2025. 6:00 p.m. at Cucina Bella in Algonquin RSVP to Lion Sharon Rice by June 2. 608-774-8106 or sharon .rice@nm.org \$40.00 per additional spouse/guest

4th of July Parade will be held on July 6. We will be assisting in parade entries set up and marching our flag. Units will assemble at City Hall. The parade route is back to normal after road construction caused problems last year. The parade will roll down Dole Avenue to the Main Beach and Lakeside Festival grounds. We will need bodies to assist in parade set up and marchers in the parade Lions will be tossing candy again to the children along the parade route.

The parade will start at 1:00 p.m. Marchers there noon to 12:30. Wear the blue Lions Club shirt with flag/eagle on back. Lion Randy Funk is the contact person for the marching flag.

Crystal Lake's Annual Independence Day Parade is official name.

The Lions Club will not be pouring beer this year at the Lakeside Festival.

TOYS FOR TOTS. Crystal Lake Lions will assisting in collecting toys from collection boxes in McHenry County this summer. Lion Derek Benton, Tim Carone , Randy Funk, Chris Morgan and Jim Zambon among others will be helping out. Thank you.

Car Show II set for Sunday, August 31 downtown Crystal Lake. Lion Mike Gasparaitis is chairman for this Labor Day Weekend event.

Fall Raffle will be held on November 21 at the Dole Mansion. Lion Dan Johnson is the Lion chairman.

2025– 2026 Club Officers

President	Kevin Byrnes
1st V. P.	Tony Colatorti
2nd V.P.	Chris Morgan
3rd Vice Pres.	Darren Boyk
Secretary	Dan Johnson
Treasurer	Rich Yelle
Tail Twister	Jim Zambon
Asst. T T	Griff MacDonald
Lion Tamer	Matt Eby
Asst T. John Matlachowski	
Director	Rob Parrish
Director	Brennan Markee
Director	Doug Lomen
Director	Rob Wood
Director	Randy Funk



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GOLF OUTING 2025

June 2—Boone Creek



Golf carts lined up and ready to go with “goody bags” for each participant. The 2025 Lions Golf Outing at Boone Creek was treated to warm weather and enthusiastic golfers. Hats off to the golf committee for a well organized event.

Thanks to all volunteers and golf course staff.

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Full Chairman’s Report on pages 11 & 12 !!

Pride (prid), *n.*, *v.*,

- 1 a high opinion of one’s own worth or possessions.
- 7 **group of Lions** 8 any large or impressive group—v.t. pride
- 8 Oneself, be proud of. [Old English pryde, proud]

CLUB AWARDS FIVE \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS



The Crystal Lake Lions Club presented five scholarships of \$2,000.00 each to Crystal Lake high school seniors. The selection committee found all the entries to be outstanding. The awards were presented at the Crystal Lake Central High School Honors and Awards Night on May 13.

This years honorees:

Sophia Aguilar Mendez, Hadley Ferrero, Francesca Liparoto, Gorety Saucedo Santacruz and Leah Spychaia.

Also shown in picture is Lion Randy Funk and Lion Doug Lomen who conducted interviews with the applicants.

Memorial Day Festivities



Lions fold up flag in front of Civil War monument in Union Cemetery on May 26



MORE GOLF PICS



Lion Tony Lamping addresses the golfers before the start.
Sales on Mulligans were up this year!



We see a T, a Z and a G



Golf Outing Report

June 3, 2025

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the club as a whole. When everyone pulls together like you did, it's amazing how things get done.

Yesterday the Golf Gods were on our side. The weather was perfect and everyone, from what I heard, had a great time. The pace of play was fantastic! I pushed for some changes and it was a huge success as I was told the check in process was extremely smooth. I have to thank Lion Dewey for handling all of the cash and payments as we only had to collect for Mulligans, 50/50 Raffle, and out Basket/Prizes Raffle.

The Golf Committee...bravo. While I was yelling "fore" you guys were yelling "It's in the hole". A special thanks to Lion Markee for all of his experience and guidance. Lion Darren and spouse Vicki really did a great job getting a lot of gifts and putting the gifts together along with Lion Markee and spouse Cindy on Saturday. Several others, Lion Gas, Lion Lomen, Lion Cortina and others really came through with additional gifts. A special thank you to Lion Cruise for donating two sets of Cubs tickets that was a huge auction success. Another huge thank you goes out to Lion Colatorti for donating the dinner. Mama Mia was that good! And let's not forget our -continued

Volunteers, as they were so critical in getting things setup, greeting golfers and manning the par 3 events.

Now for the preliminary summary:

We had 96 golfers (about 50 or so less than last year. A lot had to do with the Crystal Lake Chamber hosting their outing on the same day.)

We had 14 paid flag sponsors and three flags that we gave in exchange for services. We had 29 tee box/ beer cart sponsors, 4 that are still unpaid but that won't happen next year.

Our Gross is estimated to be \$23,100

Our Expenses are estimated to be \$10, 534.99

Our Net Profit is estimated to be \$12,565.01

Have a great week !

Lion Anthony A. Lamping
2025 Golf Outing Chairman