

Crystal Lake Lions Club

SEPTEMBER
2025

Lions PRIDE



FALL MEETINGS RESUME STARTING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**OUR
95th YEAR !!
Since 1931**

Calling all Crystal Lake Lions. The new Lions year with the first membership meeting will be held on Monday, September 8. The meeting will be held at Lou Malnati's Pizzeria on Ackman Road. Premeeting Lionism will be at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:30. **Plan on attending.**

The newly elected Board of Directors have completed their summer planning. There will also be a presentation of the annual budget. Legendary Lou's deep dish will be served at meetings end. This looks to be an exciting year as the club has hopes to keep the momentum going from our last year's excitement. **Be a part of it !!**

MEETING DATES

**Monday, Sept. 8
6:00 p.m. Lionism
6:30 Meeting
Lou Malnati's**

**Monday, Sept. 22
Moontime Smokin' Q
88 Railroad Street
6:00 p.m. Lionism
6:30 p.m. Meeting**

No regular meetings are held in the summer however the Board will meet two times to plan the 2025-26 Lions year. All members are invited to attend Summer Board meetings but no meals will be served.

Lion President



We stayed active over the summer with two board meetings to prepare for another great year of service and Lionism. A big thank you goes out to Lion Gas and his dedicated team who organized and ran a fantastic car show over Labor Day weekend! I'm especially thankful to all the Lions who volunteered their time and to the community members who attended in support of the event- it was a wonderful success thanks to you!

Lion Parrish and I attended the recent region meeting where our club was honored by the Lions of Illinois Foundation. We received an award for the 2023 Sight and Sound Sweepstakes: 5th Place 100% State Award and the 1st 100% 2023 Chevron! Thank you to Lion Boyk and to all our club members for buying and selling sweepstakes tickets, you helped make this achievement possible.

Looking ahead, our next business meeting will be on Monday, September 8th at Lou Malnati's where our budget will be presented, and our September program meeting will be on Monday, September 22nd at Moontime Smokin' Que. Lion Johnson is continuing to line up different Crystal Lake restaurants to host our monthly program meetings, giving us all a chance to enjoy new settings. Fall Raffle tickets are now available from Lion Johnson so please start selling early so we're not rushing in November.

We Serve,

Lion Kevin



The August 11 summer board meeting was held at downtown Rookies. Lots of ideas and planning took place. Lion president Kevin Byrnes led the troops.

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
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CAR SHOW II ROARS

The August 31 Car Show was a huge success. Great weather, great turnout and a great showing from autos old to new. Proceeds will benefit the Shop with a Cop and McHenry County Police Charities.

Lion Chairman Mike Gasparaitis reported over 100 entries. Lion Gas will present a complete detailed report to the club at the Monday meeting.



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]



Lion Chairman Gas works the command center at the August 31 Car Show downtown.









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