

Crystal Lake Lions Club

OCTOBER
2025

Lions PRIDE



FALL RAFFLE NOV. 21 CLUB LOOKING TO SELL 200 TICKETS

Calling all Crystal Lake Lions. The Fall Raffle is set for Friday, November 21 at the Dole. Should be an exciting evening. Lion chairman Dan Johnson is expecting another sellout and you should get a hold of him to reserve your ticket(s). First prize will be \$4,000. There will be two! There will also be 10 \$200 winners.

Lion Dan notes that there will also be some entertainment this year as a three piece band will be performing. Amazing Hors d'oeuvres !!

**The Dole
Friday, November 21, 2025
401 Country Club Road
Crystal Lake
Cash Bar & Hors d' oeuvres 6:00 p.m.
Raffle starts at 7:00 p.m.**

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

MEETING DATES



**Monday, Oct.13
6:00 p.m. Lionism
6:30 Meeting
Lou Malnati's**

**Monday, Oct. 27
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



Crystal Lake Lions,

As we move into the fall season, our Club is hard at work planning some exciting events and community initiatives! Preparations are well underway for our upcoming Fall Raffle and Annual Steak Fry, two favorite traditions that bring together great food, fellowship, and fundraising for a great cause. These events not only help us connect with our neighbors but also support the many service projects we're proud to carry out throughout the year.

I'd also like to recognize Lion Rob Parrish for his outstanding effort in securing a new eye care provider for our club's eyeglass program. Thanks to his initiative, we'll now be able to offer vision services at a more affordable rate – helping us stretch our funds further and serve even more individuals in need. The teamwork and dedication of our members continue to make a real difference in our community, and I couldn't be prouder to serve as your president!

Lion Kevin Byrnes
Lion President
Crystal Lake Lions Club



CRYSTAL LAKE LIONS CLUB

\$5000.00 Cash Give Away

ONLY 100 TICKETS SOLD

1st Prize - \$4,000 Cash Winner
Plus 5 - \$200 Winner

*Need Not Be
Present To Win*



Friday, November 21st, 2025

Cash Bar & Hors d'oeuvres 6:00 pm • Raffle 7:00 pm

\$100.00 each Donation

Make Checks Payable to Crystal Lake Lions Club

99 Tickets to be sold...Last Ticket to be raffled off on November 21st, 2025
Held at The Dole - 401 Country Club Road, Crystal Lake, IL

License# 25-32

SPLIT: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Be sure to reserve your tickets today. Lion Dan Johnson can be reached at 312-566-6944. Did we say, "Amazing Hors d'oeuvres"?

Steak Fry Date Set January 31, 2026

It's time to start work on the **Annual Winter Steak Fry**. This year the chairman will be Lion Tim Carone. Lion Tim is excited about assembling a great committee and getting the planning process rolling. Jump on the train. There is room for you. Contact Lion Tim at 847-812-2247.

The event will again be held at the Holiday Inn in Crystal Lake. This will be the 26th edition of this very popular fundraiser.

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	Bob Moravec



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CAR SHOW

Lion Mike Gasparaitis reports that the August 31 Car Show was a big success. Lion Gas noted that there were 127 entries. It looks like the project will come in at around \$7,300.00. All proceeds will benefit the McHenry County Police Charities Shop with a Cop program. Big plans for next year as the goal will be set for 200 entries!

We got this!



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]

MEAT RAFFLE

Meat Raffle chairman Lion Doug Lomen noted that preparations are being finalized for the date and location of this Fall fundraiser. The committee may be interested in holding this at a larger venue. Stay tuned.....

LIONS STORAGE

The Crystal Lake Lions search for a storage place may be over. Lion Rob Cruise has graciously offered space at his business for safekeeping of club records, pictures, artifacts and stuff that we can't bear to dispose of. but probably should.

Thanks Lion Rob.

CL LIONS DONATION TO NAMI

At the September 22 meeting of the Crystal Lake Lions Club, a \$500 donation was made to NAMI in collaboration with the McHenry County Suicide Prevention Task Force. Their mission is to inspire hope and cultivate connection to prevent suicides and support those impacted. They had a walk fundraiser on September 27 at the Dole. Edith Sanchez from NAMI spoke to the Lions. NAMI is National Alliance on Mental Illness.



TOYS FOR TOTS BLACK FRIDAY

The Crystal Lake Lions Club will again be collecting toys for the US Marines Toys For Tots Drive to be held in Downtown Crystal Lake. The date will be Black Friday, November 28. Lion Matt Eby will be heading up this event. Ormsby Motors will be the hosting spot and the Lights parade will have a Lions Club entry with our load of toys present. More information in next month's newsletter. Our big flag too? Oh yeah!





WGN Radio Chicagoland's Best
Burger Tournament Finalist.

SMASH'D

**"Being a finalist this year
was an honor"
-proprietor Kevin**

Photo shown above. Smash'D truck at
Toys for Tots Day distributing burgers to
toy donors in downtown Crystal Lake.





Fractured Feline EXPOSED !!!