

Crystal Lake Lions Club

NOVEMBER
2025

Lions PRIDE



FALL RAFFLE FRIDAY NOV 21

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, Nov. 10
6:00 p.m. Lionism
6:30 Meeting
Lou Malnati's

No Program Meeting
This month.
Fall Raffle!

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



Dear Fellow Lions,

As we move into this season of gratitude and giving, I want to take a moment to celebrate our club's continued commitment to Lionism and service. Together, we embody the spirit of "We Serve" in everything we do—from supporting our community to making a difference in the lives of those who need it the most.

I'm especially excited for our **Fall Raffle on November 21st**, which promises to be a great evening, and this year, we'll have live music to make it even better! I hope to see everyone there as we enjoy some fun, fellowship, and fundraising for a great cause.

Looking ahead, our **Toys for Tots Drive-Thru event** will take place on **November 28th at Ormsby's**, followed by our participation in the **Festival of Lights Parade**. These events are wonderful opportunities to show our community what being a Lion is all about.

Wishing you and your families a **happy and safe Thanksgiving**. Thank you for your continued dedication and service— together, we make Crystal Lake a better place to live, work, and serve.

We Serve
Lion Kevin

Lion John Dewey Named Treasurer

The Club has named Lion John Dewey as Treasurer. Lion John will take over the term of Lion Rich Yelle. Lion John presented the financial reports at the October board of directors meeting. He has recently sent out the dues statements to the membership.

Lion Dewey as many of us know is very experienced with the club financials. He is a hard worker and is always available for any questions on the dollar and cents of our club. Continued success Lion John!

SPLIT: YES NO

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____



License# 25-32

CRYSTAL LAKE LIONS CLUB

\$5000.00 Cash Give Away

ONLY 100 TICKETS SOLD

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

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

***Need Not Be
Present To Win***

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	John Dewey
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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CLUB STUFF

STEAK FRY. Planning has started on the January 31 Steak Fry Fundraiser. A new wrinkle will be a new digital platform where one can order tickets online and participate on auctions all on your cell phone.

CLUB APPARREL Is expected to be able to be ordered online very shortly.

MEAT RAFFLE Lion Doug Lomen reports that the next Meat Raffle fundraiser will be probably be in the spring of 2026.

NEW EYE DOCTOR. Lion Rob Parrish notes that the new eye doctor for servicing club sponsored clients will be PEARL VISION. Thanks Lion Rob for securing this.

HEALTH FAIR was held in Harvard on October 10 Lion Rob Wood reported that 55-60 guests were screened in the Lions of Illinois Foundations new eye bus.

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]

VETERANS VISIT

OCTOBER 27 LIONS MEETING

Local veterans were at our meeting last month and outlined several upcoming events that they will be hosting. Crystal Lake William Chandler Peterson American Legion Post 171 Commander, Charlie Morgan, Vice Commander Bob Dorn, and Veteran Russ Schweizer spoke to the club. On December 13 the post will be hosting Wreaths across America.. 900 flags will be posted on graves. To learn more look up www.LegionCrystalLake171.org .There is talk of our club's giant flag being used at the opening ceremony. Saturday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m.



American Legion Vice Commander Robert Dorn addresses club on local activities

LION HASKELL PITLUCK CELEBRATES AS 50 YEAR CRYSTAL LAKE LION !



Back in September of 1975, Lion Murray McGuire sponsored a new Lion, Haskell Pitluck. Lion Haskell has been a tremendous Lion for five decades. Still a regular at all of the club meetings, the retired McHenry County Judge commands and receives respect from all club members. He and his lovely wife Kay live on Lake Avenue near the main beach.

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. Perhaps our big flag too? Oh yeah!





TAIL TWISTER NAILS FINALISTS WITH ROUND OF “SIMON SAYS”

In a creative twist, Club Tail twister Lion Jim Zambon decided that the Fractured Feline would be awarded to the winner of that classic, “SIMON SAYS”. The four finalists lined up at the October 27 meeting and tried to follow Lion Z’s lead. It was quite a spectacle as the winner turned out to be Lion Tony Colatorti (pictured far right)..

“FIVE IN, FIVE OUT”



FALL RAFFLE

**LAST YEAR'S LAST NUMBER ON
THE BOARD WAS GOOD OLD
NUMBER 84. WHAT WILL BE THIS
YEAR'S LUCKY NUMBER BE?**

Lion George Lazansky 1932—2025

Many long time Lions may remember Algonquin Lion George Lazansky. Lion George passed away on October 25. He was very active in the Lion movement. On the District 1-J level, they even have named a year end award after him.

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