

Crystal Lake Lions Club

JANUARY  
2026

# Lions PRIDE



## OUR 26th WINTER STEAK FRY !!

OUR  
95th YEAR !!  
Since 1931

CRYSTAL LAKE LIONS CLUB  
PRESENTS  
**26TH ANNUAL**  
**WINTER STEAK FRY**  
SATURDAY JANUARY 31ST, 2026  
CRYSTAL LAKE HOLIDAY INN  
THREE OAKS ROAD AND ROUTE 31



**WE SUPPLY THE 16OZ STEAK  
YOU GRILL IT!**

DINNER INCLUDES: SALAD, BAKED POTATO, BREAD & BUTTER  
(LET US KNOW IF YOU PREFER SALMON OR CHICKEN - WE WILL PROVIDE)

**ONE LUCKY TICKET PURCHASER  
WILL WIN A \$750 CASH PRIZE!**

**DINNER: 6-9PM**  
**DISCO CIRCUS: 9-11:30**

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO THE CRYSTAL LAKE LIONS CLUB AND  
HELPS FUND OUR EYE GLASS PROGRAM. OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS, 375  
CHILDREN AND ADULTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED EYE EXAMS AND GLASSES.  
APPROXIMATELY \$50,000 HAS BEEN SPENT ON THIS PROGRAM IN THE PAST 5 YEARS.

## MEETING DATES



Monday  
January 12, 2026  
Board Meeting  
[Lou Malnati's](#)  
6:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 26  
6:30 pm

### BREAKERS

Program 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



Happy New Year to all of our Lions! As we begin a new year, I want to thank you for your continued dedication and generosity. Your support allows our club to make a meaningful impact in our community, and I'm looking forward to another year of service, fellowship, and successful fundraising.

One of our biggest events of the year is right around the corner—our annual Winter Steak Fry on January 31. This cornerstone fundraiser directly supports the charitable work we do throughout the year. I encourage everyone to help by securing sponsorships, donating or creating gift baskets, and purchasing tickets as soon as possible. Early involvement helps ensure a strong turnout and maximizes our ability to support local causes that truly matter.

Everyone is encouraged to purchase tickets and sponsorships via the website. This allows guests to purchase all of their raffle tickets and games in advance, and will be handed to them at check-in upon arrival. This will also allow us to maintain a database of supporters so we can easily contact them about future Lion's events and will expedite the processes. It's 2026, and we need to transform to this method of doing business to stay relevant and ensure positive fundraising for the future of our club.

I look forward to seeing you there and making this year's Steak Fry another great success!

Lion Kevin Byrnes  
President  
Crystal Lake Lions Club



# Melvin Jones Fellow Awarded to Lion John Dewey

The Crystal Lake Lions Club presented the coveted Melvin Jones Fellow Award to Lion John Dewey. This was presented at the December 8 Holiday Dinner at Cucina Bella Restaurant. Lion John was recognized for his club contributions most notably serving as an excellent club treasurer for many years.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship honors Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Club International. It is the highest form of recognition conferred by the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

**Congratulations Lion John!!**



## 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. J T	Matlachowski
Director	Rob Parrish
Director	Brennan Markee
Director	Doug Lomen
Director	Rob Wood
Director	Bob Moravec



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## STEAK FRY INFORMATION

The website for our winter Steak Fry is live and ready for you to sell tickets on. You will need the names and email addresses of your guests to have their tickets issued to them. Guests can save a credit card on file to use for the silent auction items and receive live updates on items which they have bid on. You can purchase add-on items for the Heads and Tails, 50/50, etc. All items will be handed to guests at check-in.

Using this online system will bring us into the 21st century to use guest's saved information to easily inform them about future events, and expedite their donation process in the future.

**COMMITTEE....**Please plan on helping out!

**Oversight and Big Picture:** Lion Carone and Griff

**Silent Auction:** Lion Boyk and Lion Parrish

**Corporate Sponsorships:** Lions Imhoff, Eby and Lion Griff.

**50/50, Heads/Tails, Mystery Boxes, Bourbon Ring Toss:** Lions Sharon, Parrish and Eby.

**Virtual Check-in and Registration:** Lion Griff

**Grill Supervision and Food Operations:** Lions Cruise and Dewey

**Cost of Steak Fry ticket is \$100.00**

### **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]





Crystal Lake Food Pantry  
815.455.0961  
"No one should go hungry"

# Donation Receipt

Date

11/12/2025

Crystal Lake Lions Club  
PO Box 48  
Crystal Lake, IL 60039-0048

Check No.	Payment Method
6968	Check

## Regarding:

On behalf of the Crystal Lake Food Pantry, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation. Your kindness and support have made a tremendous impact on our ability to serve families in need throughout our community.

Amount
5,000.00

The Crystal Lake Food Pantry Board Members and Volunteers thank you for your donation. Your commitment to helping the hungry in our community is sincerely appreciated.

The work we are able to conduct on a daily basis would not be possible if not for the help of our donors. It is because of people like you that we are able to continue our agency's mission which is to collect and distribute food supplies to individuals and families in the Crystal Lake area who are in need. We strive diligently to purchase quality and nutritious food for the 600-800 families that we serve monthly.

Your donation has helped us to put into action our belief that "No One Should Go Hungry". Thank you so much for supporting such a critical cause.

Sincerely,

Jason Weisenberger  
Executive Director

*Thank you for putting  
20,000 worth of  
food into our  
Pantry.*

The Crystal Lake Food Pantry is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Federal Tax ID#36-3242915 No goods or services were received in consideration of this gift.

**Total** \$5,000.00

42 East Street

Crystal Lake, IL 60014



**December 8**  
**HOLIDAY**  
**PARTY**  
***Cucina Bella's***









Trophy from Festival of Lights Parade  
**“BEST OF THEME”**



Lion Zambon lays down a Simon Says with three  
unsuspecting ladies