

Crystal Lake Lions Club

MAY
2026

Lions PRIDE



MEMORIAL DAY OUR MEMORIAL FLAG



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

MEETING DATES

Monday
MAY 11, 2026
Board Meeting
Lou Malnati's
6:30 p.m.

Monday
MAY 25, 2026
No Meeting
Memorial Day
Parade 10:30

It's a Crystal Lake tradition. The Crystal Lake Lions Club marching the 20 x 40 foot flag through downtown to Woodstock Street and west to the Union Cemetery for a solemn ceremony. We need you to volunteer. Parade lineup before 10:30 a.m. Wear CL Lions gear if possible.

Lions contact: Lion Greg Imhoff at 815-814-3300 or Greg.imhoff@LPL.com

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



As we head into May, I want to remind everyone that our final business meeting of the season will be this Monday. I encourage all members to attend as we wrap up another successful year of service and prepare for a busy and exciting summer ahead. Thank you to everyone who continues to dedicate their time, energy and passion to making the Crystal Lake Lions Club such a strong organization.

We are still in need of parade walkers for the Memorial Day Parade. If you are available to participate, please reach out to Lion Imhoff as soon as possible so we can finalize our lineup. Looking ahead I'm excited for what should be an outstanding June with both our annual golf outing and Installation Dinner. The golf outing is shaping up to be another fantastic event, and the installation dinner will be a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our members and welcome in another year of service.

Thank you all for continuing to live out our motto: [We Serve.](#)

Kevin Byrnes
Lion President



GOLF OUTING JUNE 1. RED TAIL GOLF CLUB, LAKEWOOD

The Crystal Lake Lions Club annual Golf Fundraiser is set for June 1. Registration, driving range and continental breakfast is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. The start will be at 10:00 a.m. Lion Chairman Tony Lamping is looking to fill thirty-two foursomes.

**FIND THE GOLF OUTING ONLINE SITE WITH ALL THE
DETAILS AND TO REGISTER**

Crystallakelions.org

**On The First Page
Click on Golf Outing Link**

Sponsors, Registration info, times, itinerary, maps

Let's make this golf fundraiser the best ever!

[FOURSOMES STILL AVAILABLE !!](#)

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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ORDER YOUR CL LIONS APPAREL ONLY THRU SUNDAY MAY 10th!

LINK BELOW

Lion Brennan Markee has released the Crystal Lake Lion Club Apparel line for 2026. Though you have to move quickly as orders must be in by **May 10**.

Shirts, hoodies, sweaters and hats are available. Pink tops for the ladies also included.

As we understand it, orders will be brought to a future meeting for distribution. No shipping charges!

Choose from fifteen selections.

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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]

Cultivating Health Ministries Speaks At Program Meeting



Ladies from Cultivating Health Ministries made a presentation at our April 27 meeting at Moontime. CHM provides high quality health screening and meaningful education for the underserved residents of McHenry County to empower them to take control of their health. Dr. Elizabeth Ross, Carol Waggoner and Donna Jakoviak outlined the services provided.

A future donation from the club will be presented to this organization.

www.Cultivatinghealthministries.org

New Lion Mike Clesceri Our Newest Member!



A new Lion was inducted at our April 27 meeting at Moontime. Lion Mike Clesceri is our newest member. He is sponsored by Lion Roger Von Bergen.



**NIKE Dri-fit 1/2—zip Cover-Up
Embroidered**

Must order by May 10

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INVITATION

You are invited to the
Annual Crystal Lake Lions Club
Installation and Awards Dinner

Monday, June 8

6:00 p.m.

Cucina Bella

220 S. Main Street, Algonquin

No Cost for Lions member and one guest.

Be sure to RSVP to Lion Sharon Rice by June 3

Sharon.Rice@nm.org 608-774-8106



A Bit of Dis and Dat

Last month the club voted unanimously to vote in the slate of candidates as presented by the Nominations Committee. Lion Kevin Byrnes will serve his second term as Lion President. The complete list is listed in the April edition of the PRIDE newsletter.

Golf Outing. Generous food donations. Moontime will be serving up the lunches and Cucina Bella will handle the dinner selection. **THANK YOU!**

Lion Rob Parrish reports that the new system for handling new eyeglasses clients is working well. A new form to coordinate with the Lions of Illinois Foundation is making things run smooth.

Lion Bob Moravec notes that a new collection box for used eyeglasses is at the brand new America's Best Eyeglasses office across the street from Sam's Club.

Lion Rob Parrish noted that he has secured the band Hi Infidelity to play at next year's 80's theme winter steak fry.

Lions Apparel for sale online until May 10. Many name brand items such as Nike, Under Armour, Adidas, Cutter & Buck. Also a selection of pink tops for the ladies.

One for the road: Fire broke out at a local marijuana farm, and the smoke began to drift to the nearby cattle ranch. The steaks were high.
(I saw you smile all the way from here!)

CLUB ANNOUNCES HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Crystal Lake Lions Club have selected four winners of local High School students for Scholarships in 2026. The committee reviewed dozens of entries. Tough selections as many deserving students applied. Each winning recipient will receive \$2,000.00. Congratulations!

Crystal Lake Central—Katherine Leon

Crystal Lake South—Anastasia Hougas

Prairie Ridge—Ava Merklin

Cary– Grove - Leah Domagala

