



Crystal Lake Lions Club-Serving In Its **87th** Year

# Pride

March, 2019



Big Brothers, Big Sisters presented the program to the Club in February. Michele Gilroy, second from left and Lesley Anderson, second from right were the presenters. Two Crystal Lake Lions members shown are Big Brothers in this program; Lion Peter Collins, left and Lion Dave Moore, center. Lion Norm Vinton, who was not present is also a Big Brother. Lion President Randy Funk is on the right. Lion Randy promised contributions to Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Big Brothers, Big Sisters is a program the Crystal Lake Lions Club has supported for many years. Interested in becoming a Big Brother or a Big Sister? Talk to Lions Collins, Moore or Vinton or contact Big Brothers, Big Sisters at (815)385-3855 or [info@bbbsmchenry.org](mailto:info@bbbsmchenry.org).



The Crystal Lake Lions Club is now in the midst of the Sight and Sound Sweepstakes campaign for 2019. Lion Meghan Davies is chairing this event and can answer

all your questions. Books are available from Lion Meghan. Each member should easily sell five or more books. Sell them to your friends, neighbors, family. This campaign will end and books and money must be turned in no later than the April Program Meeting. That's April 22 this year.

## Our World Our Cause

*(From Lions International)*

The growing diabetes epidemic is nothing short of staggering. According to the International Diabetes Federation, the number of adults living with the disease is expected to reach 629 million by the year 2045. In the face of such a powerful challenge to global health and well-being, what difference can one person possibly make?

Every journey begins with a single step. Serving in diverse communities all over the world, more than 1.4 million Lions and Leos now have a unique chance to change the fight against diabetes, one act of kindness at a time.

Diabetes is a global epidemic, affecting an increasing number of men, women, and children all over the world. As Lions and Leos, we see and feel the effects of diabetes in our communities and are doing something about it together.

Diabetes can lead to serious diseases affecting the heart and blood vessels, eyes, kidneys, nerves and teeth. In most high-income countries, diabetes is a leading cause of cardiovascular disease, blindness, kidney failure, and lower limb amputation. It is expected to affect 629 million adults by 2045.

### **Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars**

**Monday, Mar 11 Board Meeting Cottage 6:30pm**

**Monday, Mar 25 Program Meeting Squire 6:30pm**

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fellow Lions,

The 20th Annual Crystal Lake Lions Steak Fry was a tremendous success. Our Club will net about \$32,000! This is by far the best fundraising event we have ever had. Thanks goes out to the members of the Club who participated in the event. Special thanks to those members who sponsored the event or reached out to get sponsors.

The only way this event can succeed is if we keep up our efforts to reach out to the community and ask for them to sponsor our club.

The money we raised is already going to good use back into our community. I will approve 10 requests for eye exams and glasses today. Lion Rob Parrish asked for our club to do a 'Make A Wish' request for a young girl to go to Disney World. She is rapidly losing her eyesight and wishes to go see Mickey before she can no longer see, \$500 was donated.

Last meeting we had some excellent guest speakers from Big Brother/Big Sister. It is a wonderful organization that we have been helping for a number of years. Lions Norm, David, and Peter are active Big Brothers. We will sponsor David and Peter in their upcoming bowling fundraiser. I am sure Lion Norm will make sure we sponsor their golf outing this summer.

Reminder, this is your club. If you know or hear of anyone in our community that needs the help of our Club, bring it to the attention of the donations committee. We will be glad to help out.

Reminder-Sight and Sound tickets are available for sale. Lion Meghan Davies is in charge of this event. Please contact her to get your tickets.

Our next big fundraiser is the golf outing that takes place the first of June. Please put on your calendar. I think the committee has already met about 10 times!

Some of you need reminder-our Club meets on the second (The Cottage) and fourth (Squire) Mondays of the month.

Take Care

***Lion Randy Funk***

## Meeting Schedule

<b>Monday, Mar 11</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Cottage 6:30pm</b>
<b>Monday, Mar 25</b>	<b>Program Meeting</b>	<b>Squire 6:30pm</b>

The Crystal Lake Lions Club meets the second and fourth Monday. There are no club meetings in July and August. However, the Board meets in July/August to plan for the upcoming Lions year.

**(Regular Board & Program Meetings begin at 6:30pm. Lionization at 6:00pm)**

## Crystal Lake Lions Club

### 2018-2019 Officers

*President* Randy Funk

*1st Vice President* Peter Collins

*2nd Vice President* Nick Parashis

*3rd Vice President* Anita Wingfield

*Secretary* John Landon

*Asst Secretary* Norm Vinton

*Treasurer* John Dewey

*Asst Treasurer* Bill Limbach

*Tail Twister* Brennan Markee

*Asst Tail Twister* Mike Cortina

*Asst Tail Twister* Rob Parrish

*Lion Tamer* Meghan Davies

*Asst Lion Tamer* Bill Davies

*Asst Lion Tamer* Rick Miller

*Director* Doug Lomen

*Director* Rob Wood

*Director* Glen Bereiter

*Director* Jeff Thorsen

*Director* Pat Gummerson



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# THANK YOU

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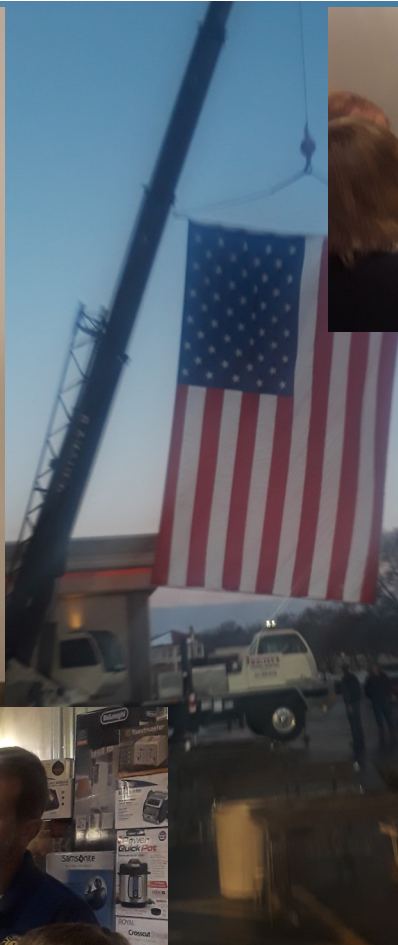
Winter Steak Fry (February) • Sight & Sound Sweepstakes (April) • Annual Golf Outing (June) • Candy Days (October) • Fall Raffle (November)

The club helps stage the 4th of July Parade and proudly carries the Large American flag in the Memorial Day Parade and the 4th of July Parade. We also collect Used Eye Glasses throughout the city for worldwide distribution to those in need.

Those events enable the club to make the following donations:

- Local Eye Exams & Glasses for the needy.
- Sight & Hearing Screening
- Devices for students with Special Sight and Hearing needs
- Hearing Aids For The Needy
- College Scholarships for Local High School Students
- Scholarships for Creative Arts students.
- Camp Lions for visually impaired
- Special Olympics
- Shop With A Cop
- Save A Smile Dental Care ( Central America )
- Horizons For The Blind
- Turning Point
- Mc Henry County Deaf Club.
- Operation Christmas Cheer- Veterans
- Good Samaritan Ministries
- Crystal Lake Food Pantry
- PADS
- Salvation Army
- "Random Acts Of Kindness" for needy families.

New members welcome!  
www.crystallake...



## Want to Learn More About Lionism?

### Check Out These Websites:

Lions Clubs International  
Multiple District 1(Illinois)  
Lions District 1-J  
Lions of Illinois Foundation  
Crystal Lake Lions Club

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)  
[www.illinoislionsmd1.org](http://www.illinoislionsmd1.org)  
[www.district1jlions.org](http://www.district1jlions.org)  
[www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org](http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org)  
[www.crystallakellions.org](http://www.crystallakellions.org)

### Did You Know.....

As of 1/31/19.....

Multiple District -1(Illinois) 10 Districts	13,931
District 1-J(Largest in Illinois) 58 Clubs	2,133
Crystal Lake Lions are	50 Strong



**The Horizon  
Is Yours**

*Go And Get It*

You Are A Lion

**Gudrun Yngvadottir**

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Just imagine if every Lion,  
**1.4 million**, asked one  
person to join their club...



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