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South Elgin Lions "Roaring Rumors"

September 2007

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General Meeting: September 5th, 2007

Board Meeting: 19th, 2007 –6:30pm.

Prez Sez



Deadline for newsletter missed—come to the September meeting to hear what Lion Kim has to say.

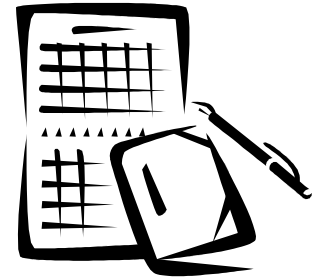


Upcoming Events

Central Region Meeting: September 13th.

1/2 Price Bingo—September 29

Candy Day—October 12-13



New Hearing Program

Emailed from Past International President—Lion Jimmy Ross

Dear Lion,

I am happy to announce a new program of Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF has affordable, high-quality hearing aids available to Lions clubs in the United States for low-income members of the their communities. The two types of digital hearing aids from Rex-ton, Inc. can be purchased for \$200 per aid from the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP).

Ninety-five percent of individuals with hearing loss can be successfully treated with hearing aids yet 30 percent are unable to afford hearing aids. Seven million people in the U.S. cannot afford to purchase hearing aids. In 2005, the average cost of a hearing aid was \$1,900, and most people need two hearing aids. Hearing is critical to communication, so when there is even a minimal loss, it affects all aspects of a person's life. For example, people with untreated hearing loss make an estimated 50% to 70% less in wages than their hearing peers.

The two types of aids offer Lions clubs the opportunity to help with almost any type of hearing loss. Reducing communication breakdown for one person creates a ripple effect that touches everyone in the community. And, based on feedback from the program so far, many clubs are revitalized and often recruit new members committed to the new service.

Please consider participating in this program. To learn more about Lions AHAP, please visit http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_gr_ahap.shtml or contact the office at 630-571-5466, ext. 615. The e-mail address is LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org.

Candy Day is Coming !!!

No, don't run and hide! Candy Day is the single most important fund-raising event for our Lions of Illinois Foundation. This project funds approximately 1/4 of their operating expenses for the year. Last year the overall donations for the state were down, and not by a little—they were down about 30,000 or more. As a result they had to make cutbacks in some of their programs.

What does that mean? It may mean that someone who would have had their vision restored through surgery cannot have it done. Some who would have received a food basket for Christmas will not get one this year. Someone may not get a pair of eye-glasses, or some disadvantaged kid will not be able to go to Camp Lions this year. Basically, what I am saying is it has an impact.

Last year was a very good year for our club, our fundraising was up and we had one of our better years, lets make it even better this year!

The challenge to our club this year is to raise \$5000.00. That would be an increase of \$1000.00 from last year. I think we can do it... all it takes is to have some club members stand on selected street corners and in front of local businesses selling candy for a couple days. The more help we get, the more money we raise.

Here's the best part—we get to keep 40% of the proceeds for our use. So if we are able to raise \$5000 total, we would get to keep \$2000 for any of the 13 programs that the Lions of Illinois run. We run many of these programs as well, so that means we won't have to dip into the money that Pulltabs is generating for these donations. The end result is we are able to donate to more things because of the money set aside from Candy Day.

We will have local businesses setup, so if you are unable to stand at a street corner, bring your chair and let us know where you would like to work. We are still working on store locations, so we won't have anything by the September meeting, but if you have any suggestions—please let us know. We will try to get permission from at least the following stores: Starbucks, Butera, CVS, Walgreens, McDonalds, Post Office. We will try for Jewel, but in the past they have not been very helpful.

This year the Candy Day Chairperson is Lion Ed McCarthy.

Central Region Meeting—September 13th.

The format for the Regional Zone meetings has changed—and it has changed for the better. In the past, when you went to a Zone meeting you listened to many of the cabinet members talk about their programs, many of these programs have not changed in years, so if you went to a couple zone meetings—you were probably good for many years if you listened to what was said.

This year— our District 1J Governor Lion Ron Fangusaro has changed to format to involve YOU. Each table is asked to discuss with other members at the table some of the problems your club might have, and see if you can come up with solutions to these problems. I was at one of these meetings in the Southwest Region, and after it was over—many of the attendees left with a good feeling about the meeting. It will be interesting as I go to other meetings in the district to see the effect this will have on the clubs.

Of course, dinner is still included and there are always raffles. The cost of the Central Region meeting is \$14.00 and the number attending needs to be in by September 3rd. (day before our meeting).

It is at the Gaslight Manor: 2485 Church Rd. Aurora. 7pm meeting, Lionism at 6pm.

If you want to go—please contact Lion Joe Groth: lionjoe@southelginlions.com
(847)742-3467

Newsletter E-Mail

Please send all news items to:

newsletter@southelginlions.com

Leo Club Prez Sez

Hello Everyone-

First off a Thank you to all the Leos who helped at Riverfest this year- Although the rain fell hard, we at least had a few days where we could help.

Please remember, now that summer is coming to a close our meetings will be held the first Sunday of each month at 6:00pm. **Due to the Labor Day holiday, the first meeting will be held on Sunday, September 9th at 5:00pm.**

Bingo kitchen help is the Leo's duty the 4th Saturday of each month. September 22, 2007 is our day to help. Please sign up as soon as possible. Leo Gabbie and Leo Nate have already helped for August.

Bingo Set up has gone well. We have tried to get together on Friday afternoons and have been very successful setting up if it does not interfere with club business. Either myself or a Leo advisor will call on Friday afternoons if we can set up early. Remember, we can earn \$ in our general account for each person who comes to help.(up to 5).

There are many issues and coming events for fall to discuss. We need to see All of you at our meetings. Don't forget to ask your friends at school if they would like to attend our meetings.

I hope to see you all on September 9th!

Respectfully,

Kellen Muise
(847)741-6571



Riverfest 2007



I am also calling this Rainfest 2007. We had 2 days of rain, so our sales overall were way down. It started out as our best Riverfest ever—and Friday night was an average to above average night as well. If it were not for the rain, we probably would have made more at Riverfest this year than any year in the past.

But it did rain—Saturday had both poor weather and poor sales, but we still probably sold more food than any other booth. Sunday the event was cancelled, good thing too because we had about 2 inches of standing water in our booth, it would not have been safe—let alone comfortable.

I would like to thank everyone who worked Riverfest this year. As usual it was a year where many of us put in some long hours, but since the help that signed up, showed up and worked their shifts, we were not forced to work 12 hour days!

I would also like to thank the Shriners—they helped us on our weakest day, which was Saturday, without their help we could have been in some real trouble on Saturday. If you know any of the Shriners—please let them know how much I appreciated their help.

The South Elgin Leo Club was very active in our food booth this year, as they are every year, we have them hand out pop and water and pass the food from the back to the front table for the customer to pick up. It was nice to see so many of our own Leo Club members helping out.

Of course, many of our own club members made sacrifices to help out at Riverfest, and while I am not going to list them all, I still appreciate it.

We are looking for replacement sheets of plywood for next year's fest—most of the boards we have been using for years did not survive the water and were thrown away. What we are looking for are 5/8 to 3/4 inch plywood—preferably painted. If you have any (even partial sheets) we could use them.

You might be wondering what happened to all the food after Riverfest was over. To put it simply I authorized the sale of the food—at the price we paid, and it all sold. While I understand that some club members are upset that they did not get a chance at the food, what is done is done and we need to move on. We made no deals on anything—the price that we sold them for is the same price that you can go into Gordon Foods in Palatine and buy the same item for, and just to dispel any rumors—yes, I sold some to my co-workers. I made a comment about it and to my surprise they jumped on it. If that offends anyone, then I am sorry, but like I said—what is done is done.

Lion Paul Groth
Riverfest Chairperson



South Elgin Leo's Gabrielle Mainard, Nick and Stephanie Pitts work the food booth at Night Out Against Crime in South Elgin.



Leo Miranda Shaw works the information booth during National Night Out in South Elgin.



South Elgin Leo Miranda Shaw hands a customer a Coke at Riverfest 2007. Also pictured (L-R) Lion Deb Mainard, Lion Allan Shelton and Leo Gabrielle Mainard.



Lion Deb Mainard and Lion Tim McCracken work the food booth at Riverfest.

We need some more pictures of events we work at, if I have multiple pictures to choose from, the better the newsletter will become.

Our club has a digital camera— we need someone to take pictures at meetings and events. See Lion Paul Groth for more details.

The club is currently looking to fill the following board positions.
 Building Fund Treasurer
 Tail Twister
 Bingo Chairman

September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 General Mtg 7pm	6	7	8
9 Leo Club Meet- ing 5pm	10	11	12	13 Central Region Zone Meeting 7pm Gaslight Manor	14	15
16	17	18	19 Board of Direc- tors Meeting 6:30	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 1/2 Price Bingo Night
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We Serve!



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