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# South Elgin Lions "Roaring Rumors"

August 2008

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Work Party Meeting: August 6th, 2008  
Board Meeting: August 20, 2008 -6:30pm.



Hello Lions

We are about to enter one of the busiest quarters in our year, we have our Work Party meetings, Riverfest, Night Out Against Crime, a Smelt Fry, Candy Day, Turkey and Meat Spin, Black Friday daycamp... and of course Bingo. (If I didn't mention your project I apologize).

With all these projects we hope to see as many volunteers as possible helping out with these events. Help is needed at all events but especially at Riverfest. It's always hot and the days are long, but I'm sure the regulars would like to get some time away every now and then. It is open to anyone who wants to work so if you know of a friend or neighbor who is interested in becoming a Lion, this is a great way for them to get to know some of the members.

Some new project ideas have already been presented and I know there are many more out there—the club needs some new projects, so if you have an idea please don't keep quiet, come to a board meeting or let any board member know what the idea is.

This year the district is doing an environmental project contest—if anyone has any ideas for this please let me know, if you want to participate in the environmental photo contest—take your pictures before the December General Meeting. The main criteria for the environmental photos is that they do not have any man made items in them if possible and they do not have a date stamp on the pictures.

Finally—the board approved our building to be used as an emergency shelter by the village of South Elgin, we are not high on their list and if they need to use us, it probably means South Elgin has been leveled... hopefully they never need it.

Sincerely—Lion Paul Groth

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# Riverfest

Just two more weeks to go! Hopefully, we'll have better weather this year. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a "workers schedule" showing the different time slots that your help will be needed. Your advance sign up will make my job much easier and will be greatly appreciated.

We again will be setting up our booth on Wednesday evening beginning at 5:00 at the club house.

For clarification, so that all members and workers know, The Board of Directors approved at the July meeting that all Lions while working anywhere at the fest or on Saturday night at bingo and non members while working in our food booth can eat for free *with the exception of the steak sandwich which will cost \$3.00.*

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**Smelt Fry - Sept. 12**

Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, is the date chosen to host our first smelt fry as a fund raiser for our club. As I reported to the Board of Directors, most all of the preliminary planning has been completed. It will run from 5-8 & offer dine in or carry our service. Once again, your help is needed to make this successful! We also are keeping the club open with a DJ and music from 7 until closing. We'll need bartenders, cooks, cashier, food servers, etc. for the evening.

Advertising to get the word out is most important. We have "election type" yard signs as well as posters available. If you know of high traffic areas for these, please let me know.

In advance, I thank you for your help.

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55 Year Pin Design Contest—if you have an idea please sketch it and turn it in to Lion Ken Kohler. Final judging will be done at the December General Meeting. Pins must have the Club Name, District 1J and the Lions Emblem on them somewhere.



Joy—the board approved your Black Friday Project—I have not been able to reach you on the phone. Please let your committee know when the next meeting is.

Riverfest Beer Tent—Lion Ray Eaton has agreed to chair the running of the Riverfest Beer Tent. If you are interested in working the beer tent please let Lion Ray know. If the beer tent is overstaffed—we would appreciate it if you would see if the food booth needs help—that is where we make money for the club at Riverfest.

Lions Al Shelton and Angie DeLeon will be running an Adult Scavenger Hunt shortly before Halloween at the clubhouse—if you are interested in helping them with this project please ask them how you can help.

Although the Autism Draw Down was cancelled, it looks as though there will be a donation made in the name of Autism to the Alexander Leigh Foundation. As of this newsletter we do not have a final report, but will have one by the end of August and will report how much was donated. The money donated came from Lions members and the general public that told us to keep the money and make the donation with it.

The 2009 Raffle Calendars are printed and ready to go. The prize money was raised so that the minimum you will win is \$10.00 (cost of a calendar) and there are a few other changes as well. This was a great fundraiser for our club last year, this year there are 1000 calendars instead of 750—so lets get these sold.

Lion Gary Diehs is the clubs Lion Tamer—he will have an attendance book by the door when you walk in at club meetings, please make sure you sign the book. If you do not a tail twister just might fine you \$1.00.

The Candy Day Jamboree is coming up on August 19th. The club will pay for any member that wants to attend the jamboree provided you work at Candy Day. If you attend the jamboree but do not work you will be billed \$17.00.

From the Building Manager and the Building Treasurer

The board approved the purchase of new paper towel dispensers—these are the kind where you wave your hand in front of them and they dispense towels, this should cut down the wasted towels (we can adjust the length). The bank wants to put in an ATM machine, as long as there is no hidden fees and no cost to us the board approved it.

We had a special work party on July 23rd—thanks to everyone who showed up, we got a lot of the weeds pulled and even sprayed some weed killer. Who knows, maybe at the next work party we won't have to pull weeds all night. There still is a section that needs to be weeded and mulch put down., its not very big so it shouldn't take too long and probably only needs 2-3 yards of mulch.

The Building Treasurer says that this year has been on average only 1 degree cooler than last year and yet our electric bill is down 1/3 from last year. This is due to our diligence at turning off the air conditioning when we are not using the building. Please remember to check the thermostats after Bingo and other events and turn off the air conditioning if there is nothing going on in the clubhouse, if you are not sure please ask.

The water on the other hand, is up. Normally our bill is about \$50.00 per month, but the last couple of months we have been averaging \$130.00. We are going to have this fixed (might be done already) but in the meantime please be sure after you flush that the toilets do not keep running.

Thanks

Smoking Overhang for downstairs—the board approved building of a “smoking overhang” at the last board meeting. This area will give our Bingo players (and anyone else) a place to get out of the weather during the intermissions. Of course our club will find other uses for it as well. We are checking into the possibility of getting a beer garden license so we can use it, but have found that the beer garden license might have other ramifications that would make it unfeasible. We are still pursuing it and will keep you posted.

When it comes time to build this—Lions Al Horn and Willie Leman will need help.

Our condolences to Lions Leo Snyder and Kim Geske on the passing of Leo's mother-in-law.

The club donated \$500.00 to the South Elgin Food Pantry at the July Board meeting.

The Food Pantry is in need of more food—they are currently feeding 34 families from South Elgin. Please bring a food item to the Work Party or any meeting throughout the year and we will make sure it gets to the food pantry right away.

### Cookin' on the Grill Meat Spin

The Cooking on the Grill meat spin was a big success—thanks Lion Mark!

The project had a budget of 1300.00 and the total expenses came out to 1353.35. We sold every spin even with a smaller crowd. Next year hopefully it will grow and become an even bigger event. Even so, we made a profit of 649.65, if the crowd was bigger we might have sold more at the bar and we would have made a few more dollars on the prime rib raffles where we sold a different ticket for the drawing than the normal meat spin ticket, but those would have been the only areas where we could have made more. Thanks to all the Lions who helped on the event (19 Lions and 1 Leo).

## Leo Club Prez Sez

Hey leo's! just to let you know we have some upcoming events, there's night out against crime, the work party meeting, special needs night. dates: night out august fifth, work party august sixth, and special needs night i'm not sure of. we will be discussing these things at our work party meeting as well. Hope to see you all there.

Your President

Gabby

Lions—club dues are due in September. If you plan on paying for the entire year the cost is \$150.00. You can also pay for the first half if you want (\$75.00). The board last year approved that if you work bingo you get credit towards your dues—not to exceed \$75.00 during the year. If you are a meeting cook the same rules apply. The district and international has already billed our club and we have to pay our part now, please do not burden the club and pay your dues either early or on-time.

If you are behind on your dues please get caught up ASAP otherwise you could be dropped as a member, if you need assistance or need to arrange some kind of payment plan we can usually arrange something.