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South Elgin Lions "Roaring Rumors"

October 2008

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General Meeting:,October 1st 2008
Board Meeting October 15, 2008 -6:30pm.

Prez Sez



Hello Lions!

We have an opportunity to help bring back the Fox Valley Oktoberfest—provided D.A.N.K. is willing to let us help them—their meeting is Sunday October 5th. I plan on attending that meeting with Lion Tom Reichhold where we can ask their club if they would like our help. We had a very productive meeting with the President of DANK and with John Blazek of the South Elgin Chamber. We were informed of the amount of work that would be required not only running the event, but leading up to it. This would be a MAJOR project of the club, but the payoff could be bigger than any project we have done in the past.

To do this, we would need approximately 8-12 dedicated volunteers that could attend meetings starting in January and would be willing to help raise major funds by whatever means they can. I will be asking at the general meeting to volunteers for this that can give us that kind of commitment and hopefully we can go forward with this project.

Lion President
Paul Groth

Poinsettia Sales

Poinsettia Sales— Enclosed is an order form for Poinsettias and other flowers. The money raised from this will be used by the club. Please consider asking your church or any other place where you often see flowers around the holidays if they would consider buying the flowers from our club—chances are if you ask now, they might.

See Lion Leo for more details.

Beer Tent

Burlington Village Festival—Our club was asked by the Village of Burlington to run the beer tent at their village festival after their local club and local bar Motts told them that they did not want to do it. We had a very good day and kept the beer flowing until the festival was over, when it was all done we raised \$747.00 which will go towards building the overhang on the lower level.

Club Dues

It's that time of the year again... Dues are due if you have not paid them already. Please do not burden the club by not paying your dues, a 1/2 year will cost you \$75.00 and the full year is \$150.00. If you need to make payment arrangements you can do so with Lion Kim Wascher.

The board also decided that our club's Life Members would not have to pay 1/2 years dues. Last year we thought we might have to do it (and we might have to in the future) but for now, that is not the case. This will be discussed / voted on next year and I'm sure a lot will depend on how the club is doing.

Publicity

Just a reminder that I am happy to get the word out for club projects.

The last one you did was good. Would need info about 6 weeks prior to event, I like to get the press releases to the media about 4 weeks prior to the event.

Lion Linda Scham

Texas Holdem

Big thank you Lion Tom!

Lion Tom went to the Texas Holdem at the Anderson Animal Shelter last year and found out that they were giving away gift cards, we checked into it and have a letter from the State Gaming Commission saying that you cannot use a visa check card because it is too much like cash (the state is funny that way) - and you cannot do a shopping spree. What you can do is gift cards for specific items, which in this case we will do for gasoline at one of the local gas stations. It does matter if it is Thornton's, CITGO, Amoco etc as long as they cannot redeem them for cash and the number of places is relatively limited.

The board approved running the Texas Holdem Tournament again and we will again be partnering with the Parks and Rec Fundation. We are hopeful that we will have all the licenses etc done in time to have a tournament at the end of February 2009.

Candy Day

Candy Day is October 10th and 11th.

It's coming up real soon, we will need as many volunteers as possible to make this a success. With the weak economy it is real possible that the Lions of Illinois Foundation will need the money more then ever this year and it is up to the clubs in the state to make this Candy Day a success.

Lets see if we can top last year. Last year our club raised approximately 3000.00 at Candy Day, our best "recent" year was over \$5000.00 a few years ago.

Lion Ed has a lot of places lined up, and if you do not want to stand on the street, bring a chair to sit on (if you need one) as he will have places lined up where you can help out.

The garage on our property needs to be knocked down, the foundation underneath has eroded away to the point that it is no longer fixable. We have a trailer in there that we no longer need, if you are interested in purchasing it, please let me know and we will bring your offer to the board of directors at the next board meeting.

Andy Shannahan has extended an offer to our club to use a storage bin at his facility at 1/2 price. This is a much better deal for us and the board passed that we do this. We need to determine what is in there that we want and what we do not soon (before it gives way).

If you have any offers to make on the trailer in the garage—please see me—Lion Paul Groth.

Bingo Events and Wooden Nickels

The board passed that Bingo / Raffles can have 1/2 Price Bingo on October 25th and December 20th. We will also have a special all \$500.00 night on New Years Eve, so extra help will be needed at all the events.

It was also passed that if you are working Bingo you will be allowed to eat and drink (if you get drunk we will cut you off) but you will no longer get the wooden nickels. The wooden nickels also have an expiration date on them of December 31st, 2008. After that they are no good.

ATM Machine

At a previous board meeting we approved the installation of an ATM machine at our building. We have since found out that this “Totally Free” ATM could possibly cost us for a new telephone line and installation. Our board has decided to try to get the bank to cover those costs and tabled the motion to accept the machine or not. Chances are if the bank picks up that cost we will get it, but if they make us pay a monthly phone line and installation.... Stay tuned... the vote will be

Who invited Pepe Le Pew?

The club has a skunk living either close by or at the club...possibly under the front step! The board unanimously passed that we should have a professional trapper come out and catch it. Hopefully by the time you are reading this the skunk will be gone.

Lions Adult Scavenger Hunt

Lion Al Shelton is arranging an Adult Scavenger Hunt which is open to all Lions in the district. This is a fun activity that anyone in the club or other clubs can participate in.

Date: Friday October 24th

Cost: \$5.00 ??? (Check with Lion Al)

Time: 6pm

Hope to see you there ! It should be a lot of fun.

Stamp Out Blindness

Did you look at the stamp on your envelope (for those who get the newsletter mailed) ? The stamp used is a special commemorative stamp and we are collecting as many of these as possible. Please turn in the entire envelope and when we get enough to do a drawing we will. Last month Lion Dan had some very unique pins that he awarded as prizes for the drawing. For each commemorative stamp turned in Lion Dan is making a donation to the Lions of Illinois Foundation as well.

Lets support Lion Dan and the Lions of Illinois Foundation by helping with this collection. The hard work is done, the stamp is already on the envelope, please bring them to the clubhouse at the next general meeting (or any time).

Leo Club Prez Sez

Calling all Leo's, we have some projects coming up, we are going to help the food pantry, were gonna collect eyeglasses and contribute them to the Lion's club, were helping at the harvest hustle, were helping the lion's with candy day, were hosting a scavenger hunt for leo's all over our district, and were planning on helping at the Almost Winters Day. the leo's are also helping to sponsor a kid for camp lion's. Please plan on coming to our next meeting so we can further discuss these event's. your prez, gabby.

Newsletter E-Mail

Please send all news items to:

newsletter@southelginlions.com

2009 Calendar's are ON SALE.

This year our goal is to sell 1000 calendars.

Prize amounts have risen. Pay-outs have increased.

(Christmas Day & New Years Day pay-out are \$100.00 Also, Holidays & special event day pay-outs have increased. Saturdays - \$20.00 Sunday's \$15.00)

Regular days for 2009 will pay-out \$10.00 each day, instead of \$5.00 for 2008.

Thanks, Mary Holton

This is a fundraiser for our club so please sell all 1000 calendars. The money raised helps us with building maintenance and other improvements.

Smelt Fry

Five thousand six hundred and thirty two smelt and we still didn't have enough! Was the smelt fry a success? YES! My thanks to those Lions who came down last Friday to help make this another successful South Elgin Lions Club event.

We served over 250 dinners plus all the extras and probably could have accommodated another 25 – 50 customers. We profited about \$540.00 from this event, but the next time that we do this (next March or April), we will not have to pay for signs to advertise it and will then expect to profit in the area of \$ 1300.00 to 1500.00!

My thanks to all of those who helped by volunteering some time last Friday, but especially to Lions Bill Holder, Gary Deihs, and Bob Traub. (Sorry, but the a/c wasn't working out there) and to Lion Mark Dobrozynski for providing the music.

Did we have anything left over? Yes,.24 dinner rolls, one bottle of tarter sauce, one case of French fries, and some hungry Lion Club members who didn't get any smelt to eat!

My thanks again to all who helped make this a HUGE success!!

Lion Joe

**South Elgin Lions Club
Poinsettia / Flower Sale**

Flowers available for pickup between Thanksgiving and Christmas

Quantity	Description	1-11 pots	12-47pots	48+ pots
___ 4 ½	Poinsettia – 1 Branch 3+ flowers	\$8.50	\$7.50	\$7.20
___ 6 ½	Poinsettia – 1 Branch 5+ flowers	\$16.00	\$14.50	\$14.00
___ 6 ½	Poinsettia – 2 Branch 8+ flowers	\$29.00	\$26.50	\$25.00
___ 7 ½	Poinsettia – 2 Branch 9+ flowers	\$35.00	\$33.00	\$31.00
___ 8 ½	Poinsettia – 3 Branch 11+ flowers	\$46.00	\$44.00	\$42.00
___ 10"	Poinsettia – 4 Branch 14+ flowers	\$60.00	\$58.00	\$56.00
___ 12"	Poinsettia – 5 Branch 18+ flowers	\$87.00	\$85.00	\$83.00
___ 12"	Poinsettia Tree (No Cortez Burgundy)	\$100.00	\$95.00	\$92.00
		1-11 pots	12-47 pots	48+ pots
___ 4 ½	Azaela	\$13.00	\$11.00	\$10.40
___ 4 ½	Cyclamen	\$8.30	\$7.50	\$7.00
___ 4 ½	Kalanchoe	\$7.00	\$6.20	\$5.50
___ 4 ½	Mum (3 cutting)	\$6.70	\$6.00	\$5.50
		1-14 pots	15-44 pots	45+ pots
___ 4"	Christmas Cactus (Zygo)	\$8.50	\$7.50	\$7.00
___ 4"	Ivy – English	\$5.70	\$4.90	\$4.90
___ 4"	Pine – Norfolk	\$8.50	\$7.50	\$7.00
___ 4"	Spath (Peace Lily)	\$7.30	\$6.50	\$6.50
		1-5 pots	6-17 pots	18+ pots
___ 6 ½	Amaryllis	\$19.00	\$17.50	\$17.00
___ 6"	Azalea	\$25.50	\$23.70	\$23.30
___ 6"	Cyclamen	\$8.50	\$15.00	\$14.00
___ 6"	Holly	\$25.00	\$23.50	\$22.50
___ 6"	Ivy Wreath	\$25.00	\$23.50	\$22.00
___ 6"	Kalanchoe	\$16.50	\$15.00	\$14.00
___ 6 ½	Mum (5 cuttings)	\$14.50	\$13.50	\$13.30
___ 6"	Paper White (4 bulbs)	\$11.90	\$9.90	\$9.50
___ 6"	Pine – Norfolk	\$18.50	\$16.50	\$16.50
___ 6"	Christmas Cactus (Zygo)	\$18.50	\$16.50	\$16.50
___ 6"	Spath (Peace Lily)	\$17.90	\$16.00	\$16.00
		1-2 pots	3-8 pots	9+ pots
___ 8 ½	Cyclamen	\$25.50	\$23.50	\$22.50
___ 8"	Paper White (8 Bulbs)	\$19.90	\$18.50	\$17.50
___ 8"	Pine – Norfolk	\$29.90	\$17.00	\$17.00
___ 8"	Spath (Peace Lily)	\$33.50	\$31.00	\$31.00

More on back—please duplicate this sheet if necessary

Customer Name: _____ Delivery Date: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Poinsettia varieties: Cortez Burgundy, Freedom, Peterstar & Prestige. Poinsettia colors: Red, White, Pink, Marble & Monet.

25% Restocking Fee applied to all orders cancelled 24 hours prior to pick up or delivery.

All prices compiled on a per shipment basis. **\$20.00 minimum freight charge on all orders.**

All orders will be picked up at the South Elgin Lions Club, 500 Fulton St. South Elgin, IL. 60177 (847) 888-9575

All sales must be paid in advance.

Amount Ordered: \$ _____

Shipping: \$20.00

Total Amount Due: \$ _____