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South Elgin Lions "Roaring Rumors"

September 2009

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General Meeting—Wednesday September 2nd—Doors open 6pm
Meeting at 7pm
Board Meeting September 16th—6:30pm.



Aloha Lions,

As we enter into September and start our regular meetings, I would like to thank everyone who worked throughout the summer at our club's work parties. We always have many projects to do around the clubhouse and we were able to finish a lot of them.

River Fest has come to a close for this year and I would like to thank everyone that came out and helped. This year seemed to be a little more difficult due to our clubs' lack of volunteers. We received a great deal of help from our fellow lions at the Bartlett Lions club, which really saved our butts. I feel that Lion Kim Geske and Lion Joe Groth did a great job with the way they handled the whole week of River Fest.

Night out against crime went great. Lion Ray passed out our new flyers and said he had a good response with them.

In closing, it is time to think about Candy Day in October. If there is a chance you can volunteer to help, please see me.

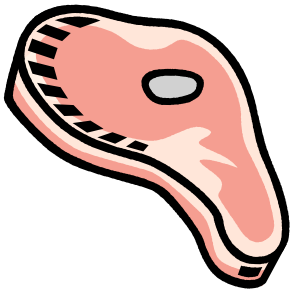
I hope this letter finds everyone in good health and enjoy the rest of the summer! See you soon – Aloha Big Ed.

Wear a Hawaiian Shirt (and your vest) to all General Meetings

Riverfest Volunteer Party

There will be a Riverfest Volunteers Party (for our club members and anyone who worked any part of Riverfest) at our clubhouse on Sunday August 30th starting at 1pm.

We will be providing food—and have a cash bar available.



Steak Fry

The Steak Fry is Sunday, September 6th from 4-8pm. Please do your best to sell the tickets ahead of time. I must have the pre-paid tickets no later than Sunday August 30th at the Riverfest Volunteer Party. We will be ordering the steaks early Monday morning. We will purchase “some” extra steaks, which we will sell on a first come—first served basis. When we run out of the extra steaks, then we are out. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be available for a small fee for kids or those who do not want steak.

Please turn in your sold ticket stubs to Lion Paul Groth

Luau

Our club will be hosting a Luau on Sunday September 27th. This is designed to be a fun afternoon with our club and other clubs in District 1J. Meals on Wheels will be roasting a Pig and there will also be pulled pork sandwiches available. This will also be a pot luck dinner, so you will be asked to bring a dish to pass.

Lion Al Shelton has all the details—please let Lion Al know if you would like to help and if you are planning on attending.

The Luau runs from 12—5pm.

Candy Day 2009

October 9 and 10



The following were actual letters received by the Lions of Illinois Foundation by children and parents that Lions have helped with Camp Lions.

Candy Day is 50% of the Lions of Illinois Foundation's income, so obviously it is very important. If you have ever thought that standing on the corner to sell candy should not be done, please read these letters and remember that if we donate just a couple hours out of our lives on candy day, that it can change the lives of the children we help—FOREVER.

"My name is Kathy Quetno, you helped my newpew Justin Richardson receive a much needed eye exam and glasses on January 30th through apex express.

I cried finding out there really is help out there for the unfortunate. Our prayers were answered when I heard of you, then after you helped him. I can't thank the Lions club enough for all of this happening.

My prayers and thanks are with all that made this happen.

Sincerely—Kathy Quetno and Justin Richardson"

"Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos:

Hi, My name is Kevin. I'm 10 years old. I want to be like other kids. I want to go swimming, horseback riding, maybe even play baseball. The trouble is, I'm blind.

If only I could go to Camp Lions, I'd be with other kids like me, and maybe someone would be my friend. Maybe they'd teach me how to swim or ride a horse. Maybe I'd meet someone that I could talk to. You see, the kids at school make fun of me because I'm different.

All I want is the chance to go to camp, so I can be like everyone else.

I know someone who went to camp last year. He was so happy that he got to go, and he had a great time. He even wrote a poem to thank all the Lions and Lioness for sending him.

Because of you, we've met new friends;

Because of you, our thanks never ends.

Because of camp, we've had a blast;

Because of you, our memories will last.

Because of camp, respect we learned;

Because of you, to a better path we've turned.

Please, give me the same chance that he had."

Rest assured, Kevin went to camp this year— but maybe next year we can send more like Kevin. Please help out however you can on Candy Day.

Lions Green Team

Our club has started a new program—we are selling Rain Barrels. The barrels are designed to capture rain water off your roof. The downspout off the roof will have to be cut or re-routed to empty into the rain barrel instead of the ground (this is done by the customer). We are selling them for \$65.00 per barrel which is the best price around. Kane County sells theirs for 80.00, Menards and Home Depot \$129.00 and up.

The barrels we have (13 total) are all 55 Gallon barrels and have come from local businesses that have them, and would normally cut them up and throw them away.

The board also approved that \$25.00 from each barrel will get sent to the South Elgin FUNDation—who will use this money to fund an environmental project in Lions Park. There were a few projects they had in mind, but the one we chose was to help fund a “Rain Garden” which costs approximately \$1000.00 for each garden.

I would like to find out more about where the city wants the Rain Garden in Lions Park, and there is another possibility we could even do a new program that International has called “Lions Crew at Work” by building the rain garden.

So far—5 barrels have been sold—I still have a few to put together. I know Lion Dave is interested in helping (I will let you know when I return from Gatlinburg when I would like to do this Lion Dave). If you are interested in helping out—please let me know. The work is very quick and very easy.

Lion Paul

Upcoming Events

8-30—Riverfest workers / volunteers appreciation party—open to all & and their families who worked at Riverfest.

8-31—Lions Night at Cougar Stadium

9-2—General Meeting (dinner included)

9-6 - Steak Fry at Lions Club

9-17—Central Region Meeting at clubhouse

9-18—Leo Club Spaghetti Dinner

Eye-glass Sorting Party

Once again, the Lions of Illinois Foundation is in need of our help. The combined total for the last two times we sorted eyeglasses was over 250,000 pair. Word is that there is well over 100,000 to sort again. We will be having an eyeglass sorting party here at the clubhouse again on Sunday, October 25th starting at 11am.

Please help me find volunteers—individuals or groups. If you ask a group, please let me know so I don't ask them as well. Let them know that I will hand out certificates for volunteer hours for all who need them.

Thanks—Lion Paul

North Aurora Lions—\$100.00 for their Golf Outing, and to support them for their 50th Anniversary.

Harvest Hustle—\$101.00 sponsorship

Bartlett Lions—\$200.00—donation to be determined by Bartlett Lion Ken Kusch for his help at Riverfest—he worked 3 out of the 4 Days. Many other clubs helped this year, including Elgin and Bartlett, but Bartlett provided the most help. Thanks Bartlett—you saved our butts this year.

The Leo Club is having a Spaghetti dinner in September—no information was given to the newsletter editor so I don't have any more to report. Please help the Leo Club and support their project. I'm sure they will report something at the general meeting.

Riverfest Recap

We don't have a final number yet, but here are some of the highlights. Attendance and money spent this year were definitely down. Our total gross sales were about \$1000 lower than last year even though we were selling more food items this time. We did show a profit, but the real numbers are not yet determined. On the bright side, we had 31 members who gave their time to help in the food booth for a total of 338 hours of service. We also were blessed by another 17 non-members who also helped us for a total of 107 hours, 45 of those were by Bartlett Lions. That 445 hours of service! Another 12 members worked at various positions for the Riverfest Committee for another 347 hours which means our club contributed approximately 792 hours of service for the event.



September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 General Meeting 6pm door open	3	4	5
6 Steak Fry 4-8pm	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30	17 Central Region Meeting	18 Leo Club Spaghetti Dinner	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Luau at club	28	29	30			

Riverfest Left Over Food Sale At General Meeting September 2nd

- 6oz Steaks—32 per case \$60.00 case or 8 for \$16.00
- Mozzarella cheese—25 slices (1.2#) for \$3.00 each
- Green peppers sliced (frozen) — 5lb bag for \$7.00
- French Fries (frozen) — 5 lb bag for \$3.00 each
- Small Hotdogs - (10 per #) — 50 for \$12.00
- Corn Dogs (Frozen) - 60 per case—\$24.00 per case
- Brats (cooked / frozen) - 40 per case—\$26.00 or 20 for \$14.00
- Italian Sausage (frozen / cooked) - 50 per case—\$28.00 or 25 for \$15.00
- Polish Sausage (frozen / cooked) - 50 per case—\$38.00 or 25 for \$20.00