

# Lions' Lines

# Grayslake Lions Club

February, 2011

P. O. Box 201, Grayslake, IL 60030

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47 Members



District 1-F Lions Convention March 4-6 in Northbrook will be the beginning of Fun Year 2011 of the Grayslake Lions Club. Let Lion Jim know when you will be attending. Yes, there are costs involved.

Fun will be intertwined with district business during the three-day event. There will be the Parade of Banners, a silent auction, races, brag boards and the famous hospitality rooms along with luncheons, dinners, breakfasts and entertainment. Added this year is a pin trading session for buying or trading Lions pins. Be sure to bring your pins to trade.

Of course, there will be district business that will include nomination and election of various district officials, speeches and several award presentations. Our own Lion Rich will be conducting the necrology service honoring deceased Lions during the Sunday morning breakfast. If you will be there, offer your services to help Lion Rich.

Grab a fellow Lion or two or three for that weekend of fun and enjoy.

Do you know there are several Civil War veterans buried in the Grayslake Cemetery on Lake Street near Route 120? Who are they? Also, who are Grayslake's sports heroes? How about Jay Hook, Jim McMillan, "Peg" Behning? Who else?

Answering these questions and telling us much more at our Feb. 8 meeting at Whitney's will be Dave Oberg, the new executive director of the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum. He will tell us his vision for the museum and talk about new exhibits that will be in the museum this year. One exhibit will be about Lake County's involvement in the Civil War as the country marks the 150th anniversary of that war that began at Fort Sumter, S.C.

Oberg will also talk about another exhibit: "Leave Nothing on the Field: Sports in Grayslake History"

He was hired by the village last year and previously held a similar position at the Geneva History Center. He also served in positions at Rockford museums and is former president of the Illinois Association of Museums.

Incidentally, he was a member of the Lions Club in Geneva and has expressed an interest in joining our club.

Here are a couple of dates to keep in mind other than our regular meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at Whitney's: Providing dinner for the PADS homeless at the United Protestant Church in Grayslake on March 3, the three-day district convention in Northbrook on March 4-6 and the Pancake Breakfast on April 10 in the fire station.

This is what we are all about:

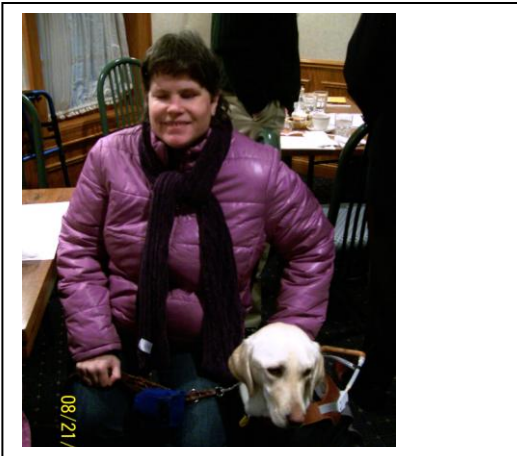
More than 400,000 people worldwide had their sight protected or restored because of Lions special emphasis on vision in October, according to Lions Clubs International President Sid Scruqq. Nearly 600 Lions Clubs in 61

countries committed 71,917 volunteer hours to 849 projects.

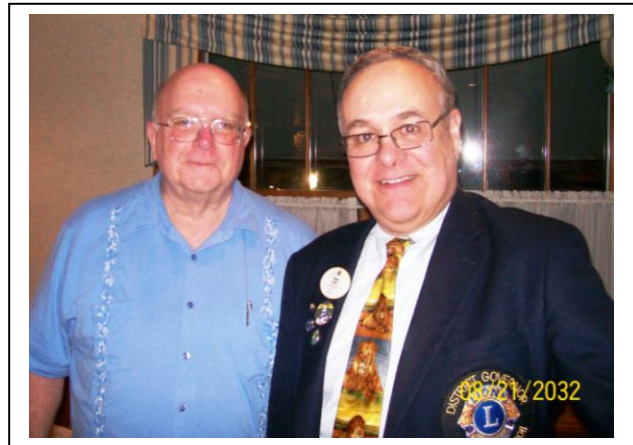
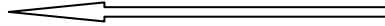
During October nearly 225,500 eyeglasses were collected. It would be a couple of hundred more because I haven't turned in the glasses I have gathered from our five collection boxes throughout the area and the hundreds more that are in the Lions trailer. But I promise it will be done soon.

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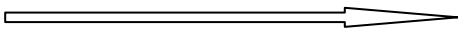
## FACES



Sheila and her new buddy, RHEA



Governor Hook and the Prez, Lion Chris



Guest speaker at the January General Meeting, Dr. Sue Battaglia, on a medical mission to Panama, put Lions-collected glasses on the faces of 400 Panamanians in just one week. This is an example of what our glasses collection program does and how Lions support international programs to help people see better!

**Convention news:** As Governor Hook pointed out at the January meeting, the convention this year returns to a three day schedule this year, March 4,5, and 6 at the Renaissance North in Northbrook, Illinois. Of interest to our more social members, the speaker at the opening session on Friday, March 4 at 7:00 PM is Coach Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern University. HOSPITALITY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS. You do need to register (\$15) to be hospitable. Registration forms can be found on the District 1F web site. As of this writing there are no known contentious issues to be voted on. Voting is from 8-10:00 AM on Sunday, March 6.

## A WORD OR TWO ABOUT DUES

For new members and some not-so-new members: Dues are “due” by the end of the Lake County Fair and, if paid by then, are \$65. After the fair, the dues are \$70. Of the money paid, the club pays International (\$39), Multiple District 1 (Illinois) (\$10), and District 1F (\$5), leaving \$10 for the club. What is important is that we are charged these other dues or taxes for each active member, even if they have not paid. Payments are made based on membership on June 30 and December 31 so timely payment of dues is important to the club.

### GRAYSLAKE LIONS CLUB BOARD MEETING JANUARY 11, 2011

President Brenner called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

**Members present:** Brenner, Rockwell, Dorfler, Lee, Dietz, Molek, Keating, Morgan, Revelle, Bitzinger and Rockenbach.

**Minutes:** Lion Dietz moved, and Lion Lee seconded approval of the minutes of the November 9, 2010 Board Meeting. Approved. (There was no Board meeting in December).

Lion Lee presented a Treasurer’s report and requested that it be placed on file. Approved.

**Correspondence:**

1. We receive two thank you notes from the families that we helped out with a Christmas basket
2. We received a Christmas card from the Luke Commission, a program we have previously supported.

3. We received a thank you note from the student that we supported at Camp Lions, Matthew Northwey.
4. We received a request from the Mary Bryant Home for support. We have supported the Home in the past since a Grayslake citizen was in residence and would do so again if that remained the case. We had heard that this person was no longer there. A decision was tabled pending investigation. Lion Dorfler has this for action.
5. Lion PDG Priscilla Hedrick announces her candidacy to fill Lion PDG Rich Walters' seat as Lions of Illinois Foundation trustee.

**Old Business:**

1. Lion Dietz (Don) made a final report and presented a year by year comparison. The numbers were previously reported in the last newsletter. The total cost was \$3,954.77. This includes providing breakfast at Whitneys for 126 students.
2. Bowling: January 30 at Bertram lanes.
3. Donation of \$100 on motion by Lion Rockenbach, seconding, Lion Molek. Approved.

**New Business:**

1. Lion Rockwell was concerned that we are paying district, state and international dues for 8 people who are not paying us. On motion by Lion Keating, seconding Lion Revelle, the Board approved and directed Lion Rockwell to de-activate the listed Lions. On payment, they will be reinstated with no further action by the Board required.
2. Lion Medel by email requested the Club establish an at-large membership category, with those paying no dues but participating in Club events. After discussion there was no motion to amend the Constitution and By-laws to create such a status. Volunteers at events are always welcome.
3. Pancake Breakfast. The pancake breakfast will be April 10, 2011. At Lion Dorfler's request, the Board approved an increase in ticket price to \$6, \$5 and \$4.
4. PADS. This meal at the United Protestant Church will be on March 3, 2011. There will be sign up at the February meeting.
5. James Finnely requested \$3400 for hearing aids. On motion by Lion Rockwell, seconding Lion Rockenbach, support was approved but only through the Lions of Illinois Foundation program (Club expense about \$350). Packers 21 – Bears 14.
6. Jacquiliene Galuskas requested financial support to attend a conference specific to her childs illness that includes albinism and possible loss of sight. On motion by Lion Rockenbach, Lion Molek seconding, the Board approved \$300 towards her expenses when confirmation of travel and attendance is received.

The next Board meeting will be on February 8, 2011 at Whitney's at 6:0 0PM. On motion by Lion Dorfler, seconding Lion Lee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

**GRAYSLAKE LIONS CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2011**

President Brenner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He introduced Doctor of Optometry Suzanne Battaglia and Lion Governor Don Hook. After the pledge of allegiance at a known and distant flag, Suzanne made an interesting report on a medical mission to Panama during which she provided Lions recycled glasses to about 400 people. The mission lasted a week and Panama is a dangerous and hot

place. Sponsored by the Methodist Church, the service she provided is absolutely consistent with the Lions mission and demonstrates the value of the Grayslake Lions eyeglass collection program. She is not a Lion.

Lion Governor Hook praised the Grayslake Club as a solid club and explained the new District Convention plan.

On motion by Lion Walters (Marilynn), seconding Lion Dietz (Don), the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Lee distributed a current statement of finances that had been approved earlier by the Board.

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8. We received a thank you note from the student that we supported at Camp Lions, Matthew Northway.
9. Lion PDG Priscilla Hedrick announces her candidacy to fill Lion PDG Rich Walters' seat as Lions of Illinois Foundation trustee.

**Old Business:**

1. Lion Dietz (Don) made a final Christmas Basket report. 538 boxes of food, 145 turkeys, 1400 pounds of potatoes, 145 bags of apples, gallons of milk and candy bags. **506 people served.** The total cost was \$3,954.77, which includes buying breakfast for 126 high school students who helped. Important donations: boxes from Ken Rogers at MT Boxes, Chicago; potatoes and use of a box truck from Grayslake Feed Sales (you now know where to buy your bird seed and lawn mower). One large stake truck from RAH equipment.
2. Lion Rockwell asked for those attending the District 1F Convention March 4-6 to contact him. As before, the club will pick up the Registration fee of \$15. At the opening session on Friday March 4, the guest speaker will be Coach Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern University, hospitality to follow. Voting will be Sunday morning, March 6. A Necrology service (Grayslake Lions Club will be held then. Lion PDG Walters (Rich) will need help running the service.
3. Lion Schroeder reminded about District Bowling at Bertam Lanes on Sunday, January 30 and solicited participation.

**New Business:**

1. Lion Rockenbach awarded the Lion of the Month "trophy" to Lion Dietz (Don).

There being no further business, on Lion Vleck's motion, Lion Keefe seconding, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be February 8, 2011.