

Lions' Lines

Grayslake Lions Club

April, 2011

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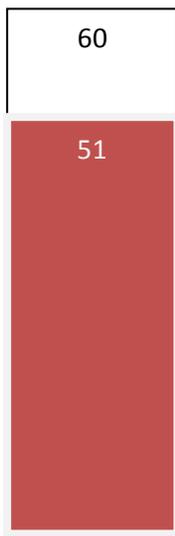
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Darlene Dorfler



PREZ SEZ: The busy season for the Grayslake Lions has begun.

It started with club members providing food and serving supper in early March to more than 50 people at the PADS facility at the United Protestant Church. Thanks to all who served and thanks to Lion Darlene for coordinating the Lions service. Activities will continue with the fund-raising annual **Pancake Breakfast** April 10 at the Grayslake fire station on Hawley Street. Everyone's help will be needed for a smooth operation. If you can help, let Lion Darlene know when you will be available that day. As always the work does not end with the final serving. There is the cleanup - Enuf said!

Planning is well under way for the annual **Steer Roast** to be held Sept. 11. Lion Jim has held at least one planning session. Things are pretty much in place to use the middle school again this year. A new challenge for the club this year is obtaining corporate sponsorship with the idea that the sponsor will purchase the beef and become an integral part of the Steer Roast advertising. As they say, mark your calendars for that date. And let's not forget the **Lake County Fair** to be held this year July 26 through July 31. No word has been received from the fair officials at this point, but that will change quickly as the summer heats up. We will keep you posted. As you know, there is an unwritten Lions Club rule that prohibits club members from traveling north (or any other direction for that matter) during the Pancake Breakfast, Lake County Fair and the Steer Roast. Just so you know.

The club's next meeting will be April 12 at Whitney's. Board meeting with start at 6 p.m. with the general meeting at 7 p.m. Speaker will be Jill Nerby, Lion Carole's godchild, who is the founder and executive director of the Aniridia International Foundation, which raises money to assist in the research and education of aniridia, a disabling eye condition. Aniridia is the absence of the iris and is frequently associated with a number of complications with the eye. Guests from other clubs are expected to attend Nerby's presentation. Jill Nerby was born with the genetic syndrome Aniridia and glaucoma and will talk about how her experiences led her to serve, inspire and make a difference in the lives of many low vision and blind people.

Also on the April 12 meeting agenda will be the induction of two new members: Matt Mulryan, who we all met at the February meeting, and Mark Harms, a friend and neighbor of Lion Pat. Doing the honors will be Second Vice Governor Bob Surovitz.

Lion Don and I are awaiting a nice, warm spring day to make our annual road trip to the Illinois Lions headquarters in Sycamore and drop off the eyeglasses and other recyclable items that have been collected this year. To date we have collected 516 pairs of plastic-framed glasses and 724 metal-framed glasses. Also collected since the last pickup a few months ago were 124 eyeglass cases. These go a different organization. I always enjoy riding with Lion Don in his pickup truck and listen to him backtalk that kind, gentle, patient woman who tells him where to go via the GPS gizmo on the dashboard. Sometimes, Don even ignores her!

(Prez Sez Cont) **What we are all about:** During the past few months Lions Club International has provided millions of dollars to aid those who lost loved ones and friends and their homes and possessions in devastating earthquakes in New Zealand and earthquakes and tsunamis in Japan. Immediately after the earthquakes and tsunamis in Japan, Lions International committed more than \$1.25 million for immediate relief. More help is on its way. Also, in January the Lions International Sight First Advisory Committee approved 18 grants totaling more than \$5.4 million including a grant to expand the Childhood Blindness project over the next two years to 18 additional centers in eight new countries or areas.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Lions Chris and Don, with occasional help from Lion Rich collect glasses from boxes and locations in Grayslake. They are sorted and driven to the Lions of Illinois Foundation Headquarters in Sycamore, Illinois. This is what the Foundation has to say:

Since 1994 the Lions of Illinois Foundation have distributed more than 5,000,000 pairs of graded, used eyeglasses. These recycled eyeglasses are given to people in need, with the help of various medical missionaries, in Central and South America. When the eyeglasses arrive in these countries, doctors and technicians conduct eye exams and provide a free pair of prescription eyeglasses that are as close as possible to that person's sight needs.

How are eyeglasses collected?

The collection of eyeglasses is simple. Donation boxes are available from the LIF to place in local stores or use at a Club & community function. When the boxes are full they are picked up by local Lions/Lioness members and dropped off at collection depots. The public can also support this program by donating used eyeglasses to your local Lions/Lioness Club.

What can be donated?

Any type of eyeglasses and visual aid is welcome. The program can use sunglasses, telescopic, magnifying, and prescription eyeglasses. Eyeglass cases cannot be redistributed due to sanitary issues and health guidelines.

Who receives the glasses?

Recycled eyeglasses are typically sent out of the U.S. due to the legal constraints concerning the dispersal of prescriptive devices, and the shipment of certain types of metal, glasses are sorted and restricted frames are sold. Funds from the sale of restricted metal frames help pay for the program and other humanitarian services of the LIF.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 10, 2011 AT THE
FIREHOUSE – PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 6, 7. ALL OVER TOWN
TOOTSIE POP DAY

On the Beach

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GILBERT R. BOUCHER II/gboucher@dailyherald.com
Joe Holtz as the Tin Man and Chuck Foy as Dorothy come out of the water at Lake Front Park in Fox Lake. The two are police officers with the Grayslake Police Department and the whole group dressed as characters from "The Wizard of Oz."

Cause: More people taking the polar plunge this year, organizers say

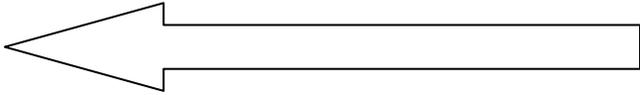


Above, Lions Holtz and Foy are on the Beach in February. To the left, Lions Walters, Dietz and Rockwell are on the Beach in May. Which group of Lions is more dedicated, and which group of Lions are better dressed, and which group of Lions can hear better?

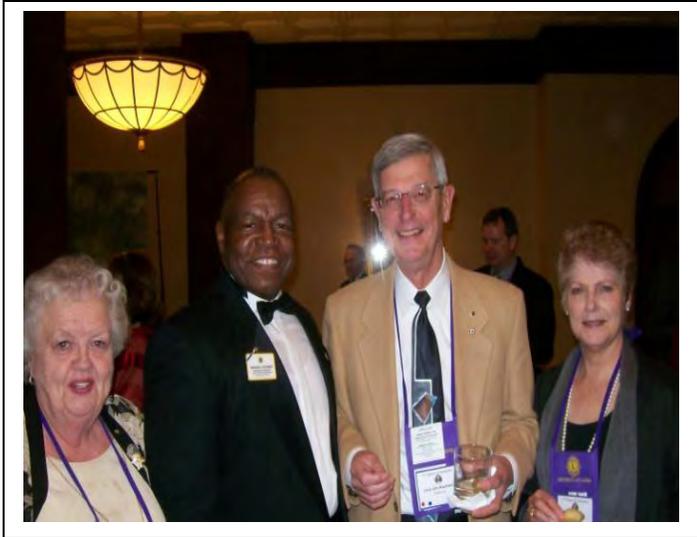
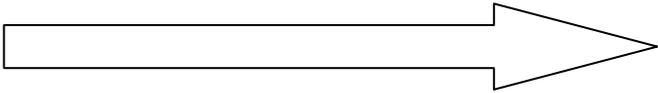
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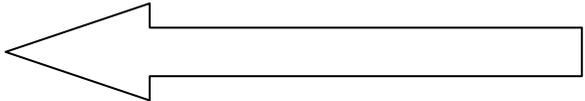
Lion Karl Molek hams for the camera with former Mayor Tim Perry at the March Meeting. Tim presented informal remarks about economic development in Grayslake



Lion President Chris Brenner presents Lion Treasurer Cynthia Lee with the International Lions Membership Excellence Award. (It is the small pin in her hand).



From left to right, Lion Carole Frank, International Director Doug Alexander, Lion Jim Rockwell and citizen Nan Rockwell spotted at the District 1F Convention. They look happy because they are consuming adult beverages and have not yet had dinner.



March 8, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lions Brenner, Dietz (M), Patterson, Rockwell, Dorfler, Lee, Townsend, Keefe, Bitzinger (K), and Molek. A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

Minutes: On Motion by Lion Townsend, Lion Lee seconding, the minutes of the February Board Meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Lee reported and distributed a current Statement of accounts. The report was accepted and placed on file. Payment of \$63 for the cost of PADS dinner was approved. Payment of \$478.68 to Village Vision for eye exams and eyeglasses was approved.

Correspondence: Thank you notes and letters were received from PADS, Lions of Illinois, Mary Bryant Home, the Gould family, the Keefe family, and the Galauskas family.

Old Business:

1. Payment of a donation in Memory of Ede Powell was approved.
2. Lion Mary was appointed to draft a hearts and flowers policy to guide the Board on when and how much to spend for flowers in the event of death or illness. She will report at the next Board meeting
3. Lion Darlene made a PADS final report. We fed 45 people at a cost of \$63. Lion Terry donated 40 pounds of ground beef. Fifteen other Lions donated juice, apples, icecream, gravy, bread, cookies and cherries. Thirteen Lions and friends worked. Citizen Frank Dorfler again cooked all the meatballs.
4. Lion Jim made a initial Steer Roast.

New Business:

1. On motion by Lion Townsend, Lion Rockwell seconding, the purchase of new yard signs for the Pancake breakfast was approved.
2. Lion Darlene made a Pancake Breakfast report. She has secured sausages from Marvela's. Lovin Oven is donating and mixing batter. Therefore we will not have to use the middle school kitchen this year and save the rental cost. This will add to the bottom line.
3. Lion Karl opened discussion of a social event for Lions to have fun. We used to do that. We don't anymore. He suggested a baseball outing to a Lake County Fielders game. Placed on the agenda for the April meeting.
4. There was discussion about the Lions of the Month award. Because of the unattractiveness of the trophy, it has become something of a joke. On motion by Lion Keith, Lion Mary seconding, the Lion of the Month award program was terminated and the award retired effective in March.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 6:39 PM.

GRAYSLAKE LIONS CLUB

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

March 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Lion Brenner. Lion Schroeder led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Frank shared a devotional reading.

On motion by Lion Dietz (M), Lion Dorfler seconding, the minutes of the February General Meeting were approved as written. A Treasurer's report was distributed.

Reports:

1. Lion Townsend made a report on **Sight and Sound** sweepstakes tickets. Members should contact him for more tickets. ALL unsold tickets and cash/checks from the sale of tickets ARE DUE AT THE END OF THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND NO LATER THAN THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING ON APRIL 12.
2. Lion Dorfler made a PADS final report. Thanks to donations, we fed 45 homeless at a cost of \$63.00 and the time of about 13 Lions and friends.
3. Lion Walters (M) made a report on Mother's Day gifts for residents of Winchester House. On her motion, Lion Townsend seconding, the membership approved a gift of \$5 cash to each resident. (Normally, expenditures are approved and business conducted by the Board, not the general membership. Lion Walters (M) could not make the Board meeting however, so this was an exception to this general practice).
4. Lion Rockwell made a preliminary Steer Roast report. We are looking for a corporate sponsor to purchase the beef (about \$2K) and perhaps the vegetables (about \$1K).
5. Lion Frank made a report on the recent District 1F convention, stating that the programming was much better organized and presented this year.
6. Lion Molek suggested the possibility of a social event.

Guest Speaker:

Mayor emeritus Tim Perry gave an interesting and reflecting talk on the state of the Village of Grayslake and its governance. He discussed his focus on economic development and the beneficial effects to the taxpayer and taxpayer supported local institutions with specific reference to the development of the central range (sewer, water, power, etc) as shovel ready for light business and commercial use. The building of the new FEDEX ground transportation facility just west of Route 83 and the dump was mentioned. (Secretary's note: a letter request to FEDEX at the corporate headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee inviting sponsorship of the steer roast has been sent.) We thank Tim Perry for his time and his interesting presentation.

President Brenner reminded that we have **the Pancake breakfast** coming up on **April 10** and Tootsie Pop days are May 6,7. A work signup sheet for the breakfast was circulated by Lion Darlene. She should be contacted to schedule work.

Lion Cynthia Lee received a *Membership Excellence Award* from Lions International for her sponsorship of new members in 2010. Lion Karl Molek was awarded the last-ever Lion of the Month Award by Lion Dietz (D). Lion Frank won the taitwister raffle, pocketing \$40.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM