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## BETWEEN THE LIONS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays fellow Lions!

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving and survived "Black Friday" if they dared to go shopping.

The holiday season is upon us and there is so much to do and think about. Have you already made your "to do" lists? Shopping lists? As adults we don't think too much about what will be under the tree for us, or tell people what we wish to receive. As Lions, our thoughts turn to those who need. Those who need services for vision and hearing, or those at the Women's Shelter that have only the clothes on their backs and whatever they could grab on their escape out of a horrible domestic situation.

This year we will continue our tradition of providing gifts for the children and women of our local domestic abuse center, A Safe Place. On pages 3 & 4 you will find their holiday wish list as well as the general needs list. It lists so many items that we probably take for granted. I would ask everyone to be as generous as their means will allow. Someone once said "Give until it feels good", but really, that's what Lions do everyday.

We will have our traditional holiday party at the den on Saturday, December 10th. I hope everyone has RSVP'd to Lion Don's evite and indicate if you will be bringing an appetizer or dessert. We will be playing some type of game that is sure to be fun, rest assured it will not be naked Twister LOL.

Our next board meeting is coming up on Saturday, December 2nd. If you have not already turned in money and/or Entertainment books, please come to the board meeting and "settle". We need to wrap up this service project before the holidays.

We've had a great first half of the Lion year and I'm looking forward to the 2nd half. I wish you and your families a Peaceful, Healthy, Happy Holiday Season. Safe travels to those visiting friends & relatives out of town.

*Yours in Lionism,  
Lion Kathleen*





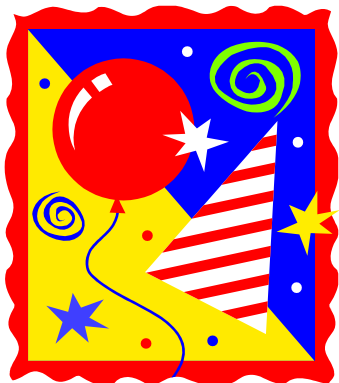
Happy Belated November  
Birthday to:  
Kathleen Marusich  
Nov 6th

December Birthdays:  
Karen Dahl—Dec. 6th  
Gabriel Cotton—Dec. 10th

Happy Lion  
Anniversary:

November:  
Rich Leber—19 yrs.  
Jeff Fougrousse—2 yrs.

December:  
Laura Jurey—6 yrs.



## U PCOMING EVENTS...

### December

3rd Board meeting 8 am  
10th Club Holiday Party  
No General meeting this month

### January

7th Board meeting 8 am  
18th General meeting 7 pm  
21st Blood Drive 8am—3pm

These events are all at the Larry  
Laschen Center, 294 Evergreen Dr.,  
Vernon Hills

### Support your Local Lions Clubs:

#### Libertyville Lions

(our sponsoring club!)

Annual Pancake Breakfast w/Santa

Libertyville High School

Sunday, December 11th

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

\$6/person, under 5 yrs. is free

#### Gagewood Lions

Christmas Tree Sales

Sat. Nov. 26th thru Dec. 23rd

Route 120 & Route 45

Grayslake (next to McDonalds)

# *A Safe Place Holiday Wish List*

## **Gifts Items for Children & Teens**

- ◆ Building Blocks & Toys
- ◆ Scooters
- ◆ Art Supplies
- ◆ Craft Kits & Science Kits
- ◆ DVDS (non-violent family movies)
- ◆ DVD Players
- ◆ Digital camera
- ◆ Video Games (non-violent)
- ◆ Game Systems (Play station, Wii, etc.)
- ◆ Hand Held Games
- ◆ Roller Blades
- ◆ Skate Boards
- ◆ MP3 players
- ◆ Basketballs, Soccer Balls, Softballs, etc.
- ◆ Gift cards (Walmart, Target, K-Mart, etc.)
- ◆ Puppets (adult people, children, animals)

## **Clothing:**

- ◆ New winter attire & outerwear in all sizes: Infant, child, teen sizes (boys& girls), women's.
- ◆ New shoes, boots & slippers for women, boys & girls—all sizes
- ◆ Pajamas, Robes—All sizes

## **Other Holiday Items:**

- ◆ Wrapping paper, tape, bows
- ◆ Tags, gift bags, gift boxes
- ◆ Laundry baskets, large plastic storage tubs, hangers

**\*Note: Please do not wrap the gifts**

## **Gift Items for Women**

- ◆ Blankets & comforters (twin size)
- ◆ Pillows
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Perfume
- ◆ Digital camera
- ◆ Bath products & toiletries
- ◆ Toaster
- ◆ Coffeemakers
- ◆ Curling Irons, Hair accessories
- ◆ Towels, wash cloths
- ◆ Shower curtains, liners & hooks
- ◆ New pots & pans
- ◆ Gift Cards (Walmart, Jewel, Walgreens, Dollar Tree, IKEA, MasterCard, Visa)
- ◆ Kitchenware (glasses, flatware, dishes, etc.)
- ◆ New bras & underwear
- ◆ Candles
- ◆ Decorative items

## **Food**

- ◆ Gift certificates for Jewel, Aldi, etc.
- ◆ Pasta, rice & stuffing mixes
- ◆ Pasta sauces
- ◆ Macaroni & cheese
- ◆ Dessert mixes
- ◆ Cereal (hot & cold)
- ◆ Frozen turkeys (must be kept frozen upon receipt)
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Gravy
- ◆ Cranberry Sauce



# General Wish List

## General Household Needs

Cell Phone  
Dish Soap \*  
Gas Gift Cards \*  
Laundry Supplies  
Liquid Hand Soap  
Paper Towels \*  
Bed sheets- twin size only  
Pillow cases  
Pillows \*  
Plastic Eating Utensils  
Plastic Tumblers  
Toilet Paper \*  
Towels and Washcloths  
Trash Bags (large sizes) \*  
60W Energy Saving Light Bulbs  
Hand held vacuum

## Office Supplies

1 or 1.5 inch binders \*  
White out \*  
Tape  
Copy paper  
Astro bright copy paper  
Scissors  
Computers/Monitors  
Flat Panel Computer Monitors  
Legal pads

### Books

Adult novels  
Young readers books (ex: Harry Potter)  
Spanish adult novels  
Spanish children's books  
Spanish young readers books

### Children's needs:

Diapers—especially sizes 5 & 6  
Baby formula  
Baby wipes, lotion, powder, shampoo  
Diaper rash ointment  
Vaseline  
New Underwear  
New Socks

### Women's needs

Deodorant\*  
New Bras\*  
New Underwear\*  
New Pajamas & robes  
New Socks  
Ladies Shaving cream

### Art Supplies:

Fabric paint/fabric markers  
Glitter  
Pipe cleaners  
Foam shapes  
Plain white t-shirts (adult & youth)  
Votive holders  
Tea lights  
Empty lipstick tubes

### Play & Art Therapy supplies:

Puppets (adult people, children, animals)  
Play sand (in 10# bags)  
Under the bed storage containers  
Dollhouse figures  
"Happy Meal" toys



*A Safe Place*

TRANSFORMING LIVES AFTER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



# Lions on the International Scene ... what's going on in the rest of the world



If you go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and click on the yellow banded area "News & Events", go to Lions News Network And click on Videos. There are several videos that are very inspiring and remind us of why we became Lions.

We tried to play this at the November general meeting, but experienced technical difficulties. please cut & paste this into your internet browser: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/Inn/video-view.php?c=1&id=50>

### The Million Tree Planting Campaign

As of November 28th, there have been 5,952,945 trees planted. Why don't we plant something in the next planting season?

### Lions Measles Initiative:

This year a goal of providing US\$15million for measles. To leverage support & help even more children, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is matching every US\$2 that Lions raise with US\$1 for a total of US\$5 million. This is the largest single donation in LCIF history!



Believe  
That  
One  
Person  
Can  
Make A Difference

It starts with You!

**International President Wing- Kun Tam**

