

Lions' Lines

Grayslake Lions Club

February 2012

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Prez Says:

By now, Lion Sheila, Rhea and three friends will have successfully participated in the Ski for Sight Weekend in DeKalb/Elburn. Thanks to Lion Sheila for representing the Club and our thanks to Lion Terry (and certainly to Marge) Rockenbach for arranging the transportation.

If any one of our Members is interested in becoming a District Trustee for the Lions of Illinois Foundation, please contact me immediately.

General Membership Meeting: February 14 at Hillside Restaurant, Rt. 83, 7:00 p.m.

Our Board meets there one hour prior at 6:00 p.m. All members are welcome at both meetings.

For dinner, we will be ordering from their menu (including retro-priced Anniversary Specials!), separate checks, cash or credit cards are accepted.

Our speaker will be our own Lion Mike Ellis, who is also our esteemed Village Manager; Mike will be giving us the latest word on happenings in our town.

Coming Soon:

Lion Steve Schroeder reminds Bowling Team Members to be ready to rock n' bowl on Sunday, February 12, at 12:30pm at Bertrand's Lanes, Washington Street, Waukegan.

The District 1F Convention will be held on March 2-4, 2012. Registration forms will be available at our February Meeting, or call me and I'll get one to you.

Lion Karl

District 1F Convention Delegates. Our club is entitled to one delegate for each 10 members, which means we are allowed 5 voting delegates. In addition, Lion Rich Walters is a standing delegate by virtue of the fact that he is a Past District Governor. Lions Deitz, Walters (M) and Frank have indicated their willingness to be delegates. This means we have two slots available. Contact Secretary Jim Rockwell if you are interested.

LAKE COUNTY FAIR NEWS. As you may know, our members selling admission tickets at the Lake County Fair for minimum wage generates the bulk of the funds we spend in any year to support the sight and hearing-impaired. The Fair Board has announced a number of changes for 2012. The Fair will be five days long, not six, beginning Wednesday, July 25th and running to Sunday, July 29th. **SAVE THOSE DATES!!!** Additionally, there will be no rodeo on Saturday evening. They intend to replace the event with a monster truck show. Finally, for those of you who just love to make change, the admission price will be \$8, not \$10, Wednesday through Friday. There is no word yet on coupons. For information, you sold 88,000 tickets last year, compared to 106,000 in 2010. For additional comparison, we sold 204,000 tickets in 2004. *[Source: Daily Herald, January 27, 2012]*

On a sad note, we have learned long time Grayslake Lion Howard Mampe, active in organizing bowling for the blind, has passed. He had moved to Michigan. Our condolences to his family

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Lion President Karl Molek mugs for the camera with Vice President of Claims, Allstate Insurance, Marcie Molek at the January General Meeting. Vice President Molek gave an excellent presentation on claims fraud and the efforts of her company to combat it. She shared the cost to other consumers of claims fraud and some tips for us on how to avoid being the immediate victim of fraud. Thank you Marcie.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

**Grayslake Lions Club
January Board Meeting
January 10, 2012**

Lion President Molek called the Board meeting to order at 6:01 PM

Members present: Lions Lee, Brenner, Rockwell, Jarvis, Kane, Molek, Dorfler, Dietz (M), Dietz (D), Bitzinger and Rockenbach.

Minutes: On Motion by Lion Dietz (M), Lion Bitzinger seconding, the minutes of the November 8, 2011, Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Lion Lee reported \$7,012.10 in immediately available funds and provided a written report which, on her motion, Lion Jarvis seconding, was placed on file.

Correspondance:

--In response to a request from Canine Companions, Lion Rockenbach moved, Lion Bitzinger seconding, to make a donation in the same amount as last year, the donation actually to be made in April.

--In response to a request from Foundation for Fighting Blindness, there was discussion about a further donation. Since the last donation was made in May, action was deferred.

--In response to a request for support from the Illinois Eye Bank, by consensus, no donation was made.

--Mary Bryant Home requested further assistance. On motion by Lion Bitzinger, Lion Jarvis seconding, a donation of \$100 was approved.

--The Luke Commission requested further assistance. On motion by Lion Rockenbach, Lion Dietz (M) seconding, a donation of \$100 was approved.

--There was correspondence from the Guild for the Blind. The club last made a donation in 2009. After discussion, there was no motion. No action taken

--The Winthrop Harbor Lions requested Club support for their annual Steak and Egg breakfast. Lion President Molek made tickets available for purchase by the Board members and will do so at the general Meeting.

--THANK YOU LETTERS: We received thank you notes from Pack 672 (Wildwood Presbyterian Church), the Grayslake Kiwanis (Shop with a cop), the Senior Center (Christmas party support), the Dozer family, Zach Friedman writing for the Public Service Practicum (PS) at Central High for our support and assistance with their food drive and Christmas Basket Program.

Reports: Lion Dietz (D) made a report on the Christmas Basket program. We helped 157 families, up slightly from last year, although those families represented 1,071 people, almost double those assisted last year, at a cost of \$5024, about \$1000 more than last year. We need to do something about how the families are identified. Using the school, our printing and postage costs exceed \$500. Lion President Molek said that this would be a good thing for a small group to evaluate and see if there are practical alternatives.

Lion Molek reported that he had heard nothing from the Village about another drinking fountain so we would pass that subject.

Lion Lee reported that the Shop with a Cop program helped 34 kids. There were 25 volunteers. Each kid was given \$200 to shop. Our donation was \$200.

Lion Kane presented the costs of the purchase of Club sweatshirts for use in the fall and winter months. There was unanimous interest. He will obtain samples so we can decide on weight, etc.

Lion Schroeder announced the District 1F bowling tournament.

Lion President Molek asked if there was interest in considering a change in meeting day and time. There was no interest in changing from the second Tuesday of the month.

Lion Dorfler announced that the pancake breakfast would be on April 22 and asked for ideas on a portable sign for in front of the firehouse. She also announced we would be conducting the PADS dinner on March 1

Lion President Molek reported that the Village was requested two replacement Lions logo signs for the Village signs. Lion Rockwell was authorized to order them from International Club supplies.

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM

**Grayslake Lions Club
GENERAL MEETING
January 10, 2012**

Lion President Molek called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Guests: Lion Molek introduced Marcie Molek, Vice President, Claims, Allstate Insurance
Lion Molek led all in the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Frank shared devotional thoughts.

Minutes: On motion by Lion Walters (M), Lion Lee seconding, the minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting were approved.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed and a thank you note from the kid we sent to Lions Camp was shared

Guest speaker: Ms. Molek shared information on the prevalence and cost of insurance fraud in the United States. Allstate dedicated 540 people to reviewing and pursuing fraudulent claims. For the company she and her people try to balance customer service with catching the bad guys, since fraudulent claims cost the consumer of insurance products in increased premiums.

Lion Molek announced that the February guest speaker will be Village Manager Mike Ellis. Lion Dorfler asked if, for the March meeting we could forego a speaker and instead have a white elephant sale. All agreed.

Lion Dietz (D) made a report on the Christmas basket program and the fact that, although the number of families provided baskets was up slightly this year, the number of people impacted was up 40%. The cost and difficulty of identifying families to serve was discussed as was the cost of providing breakfast to the participating high school students (160). President Molek commented that a review of the program is just the thing for a small working group to consider.

Lion Schroeder announced the details of the upcoming District 1F bowling tournament and determined level of interest in participating.

Lion Lee reported on the Shop with a Cop program. Our donation of \$250 provided the opportunity to shop for one of the 34 children who participated.

Lion Kane presented details of the purchase of club sweatshirts. There was overwhelming interest. He will bring samples of the sweatshirts to the next meeting for final decision.

Lion Dorfler announced we would be serving a PADS dinner March 1, and the Pancake Breakfast would be April 22nd.

Lion Rockwell announced that the District Convention would be March 2, 3, and 4 at the Renaissance Hotel and he had registration forms and needed to know who would be Club delegates.

Lion Townsend won the 50/50 raffle and donated his winnings to the club. Lions Brenner, then Schroeder shared anecdotes for the good of the club.

On motion by Lion Frank, Lion Runkle seconding, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.