



TEAM MATE

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**MOUNT PROSPECT
LIONS CLUB
And
MOUNT PROSPECT LIONS
CHARITIES, Inc.**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2012

- April 18 Festival Meeting
26 Program Meeting (Tell A joke Night)
- May 2 Board Meeting
4-5 Tootsie Pop Day
9 Senior Celebration Day at Arlington Park
10 Business Meeting (*Wear something Pink*)
16 Festival Meeting
18-20 MD-1 State Convention
19 Public Works Open House
24 Fair Sign-up Meeting (*President Elect Roast Night*) (*Bring a Food Pantry Item*)
- June 6 Board Meeting
14 Installation Dinner
20 Festival Meeting
28 Business Meeting (Melas Park)
- July 2 Festival Set-up
3-8 Lion's 73rd Village Festival
9 Festival Site Clean-up
4-8 International Convention

DONATIONS

- \$1100.00 Village Public Works Open House Refreshments
- \$1000.00 Memorial Day Parade (VFW)
- \$ 500.00 Relay for life Sponsorship
- \$ 100.00 LPCCI Raffle Book
- \$ 50.00 Special Olympics sponsored by the Lake Zurich Lions Club.



MEET YOUR 2012-2013 Club Officers

PRESIDENT	Barbara Laz
1st VICE-PRESIDENT	Tom Laws, PDG
2nd VICE-PRESIDENT	Mike Giblin
3rd VICE-PRESIDENT	Fred Steinmiller
SECRETARY	Jill Friedrichs
TREASURER	Rick Bowman
LION TAMER	Don Geisler
LION TAMER	Diana Valdivieso
TAIL TWISTER	Ric Dieschbourg
TAIL TWISTER	Carl Gach
Charities Inc. Liaison	Tom Porte

DIRECTORS

1 YR HOLDOVER	Pat LeBeau
1 YR HOLDOVER	Ed Murphy
2 YR DIRECTOR	Tony Baumstark
2 YR DIRECTOR	Rock Bork

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN	John Korn
MEMBERSHIP VICE-CHAIRMAN	Dan Moy
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE	Ron Tragasz

IMMED. PAST-PRESIDENT

Rob Habel

Kudos go out to the nominating committee who did an excellent job selecting our new officers for 2012-2013 Lion's year.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Club had another successful hunt this year. The weather was perfect, no rain. We had about 10 visually impaired children and numerous sighted children at this year hunt. The children looked for eggs for about an hour. After they exhausted themselves we divided up the various candies furnished by Walgreens and served them and their parent ice cream sundaes. As each child left they were given a stuffed musical toy. Lion Tony Baumstark would like to thank all the Lions and the Telephone Pioneers for their help and especially Michele Ambroizak for coordinating the hunt.

Tootsie Pop Day

May is Tootsie Pop month. Funds collected from the state wide Tootsie Pop drive are used through-out the state to support Camp Lions, screening buses and other detection, treatment, and rehabilitation of visual and hearing impairments. As an Illinois Lions Club, we join with all the Illinois clubs in the state to support this fund raiser. Since we are currently limited to 1 event soliciting funds on Village streets the Board of Directors have decided to suspend public solicitation. During the two meetings in May the 10th and 24th, we will be soliciting donations from the members for this worthy cause. Make checks payable to "Mount Prospect Lions Charities, Inc." in order to get a tax deduction. If you will not be at these meetings, please send a check to the Mt. Prospect Lions Club, P.O. Box 332, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056, Attn. Lion Rick Bowman.

SHORTS

On Thursday evening, June 14th at Manzo's Banquets we will be holding our Installation Dinner. 6:30 Cocktail and Hors d' Ouevres (cash Bar, 7:30 Opening ceremonies followed by Dinner. Cost to be determined.

Attached you will find a directory update sheet to be filled out and returned to Lion Tony Baumstark by June 30th. After this date the information that is in the present directory will remain unchanged. Also, I would like your correct e-mail address so that we can send out Club information via the internet and your cell phone number. I would like to receive an update sheet back from all members this year.

BIRTHDAYS

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Jerry Pospisil	Klaus Hindrich
	Mel Kusta
	Tom Laws
	Aaron Lehnert

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LIONS

SMILE

Why does the Easter bunny have a shiny nose?
His powder puff is on the wrong end.

Is it true that bunnies have good eyesight?
Well you never see a bunny wearing glasses, do you?

Why did the Easter egg hide? He was a little chicken!

Why is a bunny the luckiest animal in the world? It has four rabbits' feet

What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole? A hot *cross bunny*.

If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.

Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous? Because no one wants to quit.

Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.

HARRISBURG REPORT

Mary, my grandson & I met with Lions David Underwood, Sec; PDG Bob Haney; and 2 Lions members at the Harrisburg Lions clubhouse.

Here are some of the interesting things we learned. It appears that there were 2 tornadoes that started at the west end of town & merged into 1 about half way across

town heading north-east. 5 persons were killed & about 35 were injured. One of the deceased, a young nurse that was advancing rapidly in her nursing career, was found in a tree. This is remarkably small when you see the destruction. Hundreds of power poles were down blocking streets.

Once the power company cut the lines, the cleanup began by the local government. Within days the state crews & equipment arrived. About 50 homes were declared unsalvageable & leveled by them. The trash was hauled to 2 OVENS & burned with minimal pollution and a small pile of ash. We visited only 2 months after the tornadoes & virtually all the clean -up was complete.

There are a couple of significant problems, other than the obvious. If the building was a manufactured home & is replaced by a new one, the assessed value & property taxes go up substantially. Thus, they are trying to find manufactured homes that are over 10 years old for replacements. A national disaster is defined by the property \$ damage as compared to the property value of the whole state. An expensive "ritzzy" home there is worth about \$200,000. The damage there is considered too small compared to the property value of the state, including the Chicago area, therefore there is no FEMA support.

The Harrisburg Lions Club has been holding all contributions that they received. They are waiting to see what insurance covers & what government assistance will help. They are now beginning to discuss a system to determine who is the most needy. At present they have accumulated about \$50,000 in donations. some of the funds have many restrictions on their use.

PDG Bob Haney spent over an hour driving us around to view the devastation. I took about 50 pictures that I will bring to the next meeting. I will also present the club President & Secretary with the Harrisburg club & PDG Haney pins.

Lion Tom Porte



ONE OF THE FEW CONDEMNED HOMES THAT HAD NOT BEEN DEMOLISHED YET.



PREVIOUSLY THERE WERE 3 "RITZY" HOMES. NOW THERE IS A POOL & BRICK FOUNDATION.



ONLY THE PARKING LOT POLES REMAIN FROM A STRIP MALL SHOPPING CENTER



LIONS DAVID UNDERWOOD, SEC., CLUB MEMBER, PDG BOB HANEY, TOM PORTE & CLUB MEMBER



LION'S VERSION OF PATRONAGE WORKERS



EASTER EGG HUNT RUNNERS



PARTIALLY BLIND EGG HUNTER



WATCH FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IN MAY