

Notes of Interest:

- 2012-2013 Membership Dues are due! Contact Lion Rich if you have not paid yet.
- BASSET training will be held at the August general meeting on Wednesday, August 15th at 7 PM in the Lion's Den.
- The circus is coming and volunteers are needed. Contact Lion Don for more information.

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Vernon Hills Lions Club
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President's Letter

It's hard to believe the new Lion's year for 2012-2013 has been under way just a month ago, and as always, we've kept busy. What a great showing in the 4th of July parade with the newly designed shirts by Lion Laura. Excellent job! I appreciate all who endured the tremendous heat that day and was glad to hear that everyone made it safely to the end. I know the community looks forward to seeing us each year and as always, Vern the Lion is a crowd pleaser (in case anyone asks, that's his name, though we know who's under the mask!). Hopefully he can return for Fall Fest.

The weather couldn't dampen the spirits of opening night of Summer Celebration! Though it was threatening, the rain held off long enough to get the fireworks off and wow the crowd. The beer tent was hopping – Val, Mel, Sara, Mary & Marty can attest to that. Thank you to all our ticket booth people: Linda, Randy, Fey & John, Amber, Morgan & Maggie. Checking ID's was a lot of fun, especially

when I carded a young man, 7-18-91...legal by a day. Thank you to Don, Jim and Cliff for helping out. We hope to see them back at Ribfest.

Another successful blood drive was held on July 21st. Does anyone know what the final count was for donations? I'd like to thank Don for opening & closing the den, and to Gabe & Linda for taking over when I had to leave. The next blood drive is scheduled in September. Lion Gary will have those details.

The next few months will be particularly busy as we gear up for Ribfest, Circus & Candy Days. Please sign up for as many shifts as you can for Ribfest. Don will need a lot of help at the will call booth as we do internet ticket sales for the first time. This will be a great way to increase our ticket sales! Kelly Miller's Circus should be labeled as our "signature event" as it is a major fund raiser and is steadily our leading revenue maker for the club. I'm hoping we can all pitch in and put posters all over town to

help publicize the event.

Beverage Alcohol Sellers & Servers Education Training will be provided at the August general meeting. If you have not been able to attend in the past, please come and learn about how we can deter underage drinking in our village. Because we were light on ID checkers for Summer Cel, I thought this would be an excellent opportunity for the program to come to us on a regularly scheduled meeting night.

I'm looking forward to the year ahead, meeting more people, gaining recognition for our club in the community and continuing to serve those in need.

Hope to see you soon and enjoy the rest of your summer!

*In Lionism,
Your President -
Lion Kathleen ☺*



That's Entertainment

It is that time of year again, when we get to sell Entertainment to our friends, neighbors, relatives, and perfect strangers.

That's right! This year's version of the **Entertainment Books will be available in early August.**

Don't forget! We are doing people a favor by offering this opportunity to

save money for the next year on things they are already going to buy, do, or use.

I am sure the books will be available for our **August 15th** general meeting, so please come prepared to take some books home with you. If you are unable to make the meeting, call me, and I will get some books to you.

Lion Rich Leber

Your E Book Chairperson

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Lions Roaring at the VH 4th of July Parade

July 4th is always a big opportunity for us to share our presence with the Vernon Hills Community. This year's group made a big impression with their new, bright yellow t-shirts. Freezer pops and dog treats were given out by the walkers, while our lion was chauffeured through the parade route.

Do you see a Lion when you look in your mirror?



USAID and Lions Clubs International Announce Partnership

Oak Brook, Illinois, USA, June 26, 2012 —Today at the 95th annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Busan, South Korea, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Lions Clubs International (LCI) launched a new partnership aimed at promoting literacy around the world. This partnership will:

- Mobilize Lions club members to read to primary school children and to raise awareness about the critical nature of improving early grade reading;
- Recognize teacher excellence in promoting early grade reading through awards for schools, teachers, students and communities and other incentives;
- Promote reading among young children with disabilities, particularly people with visual impairments; and
- Assist USAID in reaching its target of improving the literacy of 100 million children in developing nations by 2015.

Eric G. Postel, USAID Assistant Administrator for Economic Growth,

Education and Environment, and Wayne A. Madden, the 2012-13 International President of Lions Clubs International, signed a Memorandum of Understanding setting a framework for joint activities at the final plenary session that was attended by 55,000 Lions members from around the world.

–USAID and Lions Clubs International share the belief that literacy is critical to the future of all children, and that literate children contribute to their society's stability, economy, health and growth. This partnership is a critical way to leverage both organizations' resources to this ambitious goal," said Postel.

–Lions' contribution to global literacy, while continuing to support those with vision and other impairments, will change the lives of millions of people around the world," said Madden. –This will improve their quality of life and earning potential."

USAID's Education Strategy is based on the premise that education is foundational to human development and critical to broad-based economic growth and poverty reduction. A key goal of this strategy is to improve reading for children in primary grades. Since early grade reading

competency is essential to success in later grades, children who do not learn to read at an early age will likely make limited educational progress throughout their lives. They will have limited economic and developmental opportunities as a result.

Working in more than 86 countries, USAID supports international development and advances U.S. foreign policy objectives by supporting economic growth, agriculture and trade, global health, democracy, conflict mitigation and management, and humanitarian assistance in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe and Eurasia. For more information about USAID, please visit www.usaid.gov.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs in 207 countries and geographic areas. In addition to its efforts toward conquering blindness, the organization has made a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world. To learn more about Lions Clubs International, visit www.lionsclubs.org.



Students testing in Rwanda
-from USAID website

"Lions' contribution to global literacy, while continuing to support those with vision and other impairments, will change the lives of millions of people around the world," said Wayne A. Madden, 2012-13 LCI International President.

This story was originally published on the LCI website. For more information, please visit www.lionsclubs.org or follow [this link](#) for more information on the Lions Reading programs.

Upcoming Vernon Hills Events

If you hear of upcoming Lions or community events you would like added to the newsletter, please contact Lion Amber.

Date/Time	Event	Location
August 1	Amber Martinez	Birthday
August 3	Jeff Fougerousse	Birthday
August 4, 8 AM	Board meeting	Lions Den
August 9	Gary Zabilka	Birthday
August 11, 6 PM	VH Lions Garden Party	Hook Residence
August 15, 7 PM	General meeting	Lions Den
August 24 & 25	VH 2 nd Annual Ribfest	Century Park
September 1, 8 AM	Board meeting	Lions Den
September 1	Steve Bloomfield	2-year Anniversary
September 14, 15, & 16	Circus	Westfield-Hawthorne
September 19, 7 PM	General meeting	Lions Den
September 19	Mike Meline	Birthday
September 21	Laura Jurey	Birthday
September 21	Andy Toth	Birthday
September 29	John Blackburn	Birthday

Other Upcoming Lions Events – District and Other Clubs

Date/Time	Event	Location
August 27, 6:30 PM	Dist 1F Candy Day Jamboree	LZ Lions Den
September 8, 3-7 PM	Gagewood Pig Roast	Jesse Oaks
October 26, 6PM	District 1F Pig Pen Derby	The Grove Banquet Hall

Lions on Parade

Despite the 90+ degree heat at 9 AM on July 4th, these Lions and friends do not appear to be wilting yet!



St. Mary of Vernon Teen Group Devoted in Pittsburg

Catholic Heart Work Camp is a place for teens to come together and serve others in the name of God. Teens from all over the country attend these camps and give their time to help those in need. This past week Saint Mary of Vernon participated in the CHWC located in Pittsburg, PA. Over 60 people from the parish attended the camp making it the largest group the church has ever taken.

While at camp, the teens were divided into groups and given a house to help fix up. Most of the houses were elderly couples, who could not do the work themselves. The residents were always so kind and grateful for everything the campers did. The campers helped in ways such as painting, weeding, cleaning out rooms, and fixing up various parts of the house that have been

worn out. Every day the teens went to see the residents and as days passed they grew closer and closer to them. Every day was begun with prayer and ended with prayer. Some residents opened up their day with the teens in their prayer, and ended the day the same way. Every house was different, depending on the resident.

Not all of the houses were elderly couples. Some of the teens had the opportunity to aid people with disabilities. There were very few groups in this position, but some teams worked with blind residents and also hoarders. It made the jobs a bit more difficult for the teams, but not as much as some would think. It was a new experience for the teens working with these residents, but over time they grew just as close

with their resident. They were given a new perspective of lives. Just as most residents they were just as kind. And when the work was done, they were extremely grateful.

When it came down to the last day of work everyone was sad to say goodbye to his or her resident. Special bonds are always formed at CHWC. So much time is spent with the residents that the teens get to know them very well. The residents are also upset to say goodbye. However, it was about serving others, and as the teens left they fulfilled their purpose to serve under God's name.

Written by Hannah Evers

Submitted by Lion Julie Knier

If you have any comments, suggestions, articles you would like to see or contribute, please contact Lion Amber.

GRILLED FISH WITH FRUIT AND CITRUS VINEGAR

Directions

Rub fish with oil. Place on a greased grill over a solid bed of medium-hot coals (you can hold your hand at grill level 4 to 5 seconds). Turn occasionally until fish is no longer translucent in center (cut to check), about 10 minutes.

Place fish on 4 plates. Top with mango, blackberries, cilantro, and half of the vinegar. Season with salt, pepper, and remaining vinegar to taste.

Nutritional Information (Per Serving):

Calories: 271, Protein: 36 g, Sodium: 93 mg,
Cholesterol: 54 mg, Carbohydrates: 14 g; Fat: 7.5 g
Diabetic Exchanges: 2-1/2 Low-Fat Meat, 1 Vegetable

Submitted by Lion Linda Starrfield

Ingredients -

1-1/2 lbs (1-in thick)
Pacific Halibut,
Sturgeon, or Swordfish

1 Tbsp salad or olive oil

1 C chopped ripe
mango

1 C rinsed, drained
blackberries

2 Tbsp chopped fresh
cilantro

1 C grapefruit, other
citrus, or chili vinegar

Salt and Pepper
